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Mr. F. Lawiston Bullard,
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My dear Mr. Bullard:

In looking through a file of Lincoln correspondence the other day I came upon a letter of yours written in September, 1915 - a letter about your little book on Tad Lincoln.

That letter reached me when for various reasons - the War in Europe one of them - my mind was in a state of considerable confusion. I have no recollection of receiving the book, a copy of which you say in your letter you are enclosing, of reading it, or of writing you; and yet I may have done all three.

My interest in everything that refers to Lincoln - particularly anything so personal as his relations with "the tadpole", is so keen that I immediately bought a copy of the book, read it, and now I am writing. I am sure you will forgive me if the letter comes on the top of an earlier one which was - and certainly should have been written.

I found the book very sympathetic and understanding. No one could read it without being sincerely touched. I am most glad to add it to the Lincoln books that I keep. What an captivating boy he was!

Did you ever happen to see an article written by John Hay in the Independent at the time of Tad's death? I have it among my clippings, and if it has never come to you I will be glad to have a copy made and sent on.

With the hope that you will understand what I have been trying to say in this letter and take it in good part, I am

Very sincerely yours,