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Miss Ida M. Tarbell

919. I. St. N. W. Washington D.C.
My dear Miss Tarbell -

Yours of 28 is at hand and I
wasten to say that I shall be very
willing to aid you in securing a
copy of our old Lincoln portrait -
There certainly will ^{be} no charges from us.
I have an impression that in order
to produce a reasonably good copy
of what the lithograph ^{was} is, it will be
necessary to make a photo. and retouch
it in half tone, owing partly to the
yellow back ground, and also to the fact
that the drawing was not marked very
heavy originally. But your photo
artists will understand all this when
they receive the picture.

Lithography was quite in its infancy
in this country when this picture was
made, and a power lithographic
printing press was unknown ^{in this country at least}. Each

impression being nicks and "pulled" by
hands - Soon after we had this
print on the market photos of Mr.
Lincoln with full beards began to
appear and that killed our little
venture, but that our old hand
press has been superseded by several
large steam presses which do much
better work and very many times
as much in a day -

Excuse these reminiscences which
the matter brings to mind.

Yours truly
Milton Bradley