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229, North Grand Avenue
Los Angeles
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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120, East 19th Street,
New York City,
New York.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

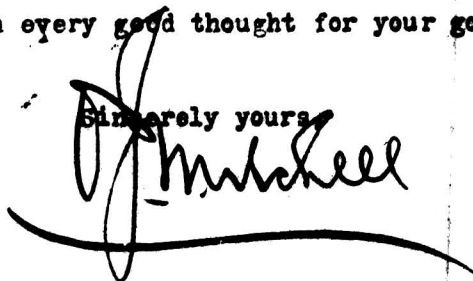
You are most gracious to send me your exceedingly good letter of April 5. It is with especial pleasure that I receive and read it.

I am delighted to learn that you found my bit about the origin of the name "Lincoln" and of "Hingham" worthy of noting. Indeed you have my permission to use this information in any way you may deem fit. In this use, it is superfluous to tell how highly complimented and signally honored I shall feel.

Every week, to indulge in a word or two of Coué, your "Lincoln" in "The Los Angeles Times" magazine part is getting better and better, more interesting, and most generously instructive. Really, it is a genuine treat to all lovers of Lincoln. You have the knack of redaction and of literary worth that very few writers have. In the future, there will doubtless be other writers on Lincoln, as there have been others preceding you; but the work of Ida M. Tarbell about Lincoln will ever remain as something genuinely great about a genuinely great man. I shall always be in your debt. Lincoln was a man of and for the people, and your writings on Lincoln will long be the standard on which people will estimate and learn and love Lincoln.

Believe me, with every good thought for your good health and increasing success,

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "O. J. Mitchell". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.