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Dear Mr. Gumm:

You are right, I think, about Mr. Shawhan's proposition in regard to "He Knew Lincoln." At least I would not want to consent to it unless I knew exactly how it was to be presented. I would want to see the presentation which I expect is impractical and certainly there looks as if there would be nothing in it from the point of compensation side.

I do think, however, that it might be possible to push the book, but that would have to be done by Macmillan. Is there any reason why I should not write to them suggesting that their Chicago representative look up Mr. Shawhan, or better perhaps those in charge of the Lincoln center.

Very sincerely yours

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