808 West ~~State Street~~
Trenton, New Jersey.
August 17, 1931

Mme. Ida M. Tarbell
120 East 19th ~~Street~~
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mme. Tarbell:

Knowing you to be President Lincoln's greatest biographess (or biographer), I want to relate to you what happened to me today:

"Mrs. Harvey Hill who lives near us was eight years old when Lincoln was nominated. She lived in Springfield, Illinois and she said that at the time Lincoln was nominated that he was playing ball with some boys in the fields. Also — that Lincoln used to cross the street many times to their house and ask to play with the baby (Mrs. Hill) and

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he used to toddle her on his knee while her sister would sing some old Southern songs for them. She said that she vividly remembers Lincoln crying when her sister would play one of the songs. I forget whether she said "Dixie" or "way down upon the Swanee River" — anyhow it was one of those. This was all before he was elected. She said once when her father was invited to the White House for dinner that James Buchanan also was there. A cat came in and Lincoln fed it with his own fork. When questioned he said, "What is good enough for you and I is good enough for the cat."

Cordially yours,

Frank J. Wetzel, Jr.

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