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Dear Mrs. Blair:

Thank you for your letter. Why can't you come in Thursday, either for lunch at one o'clock or tea at four - National Arts Club, 15 Gramercy Park? Then we can have a talk. I hope you are free and that is not an awkward day, but if it is I shall try again - possibly next week.

Now as to the inquiry of Mr. A. T. Z. I am afraid I can be of no help to him. I never have interested myself in the music, sermons and odes which were produced in numbers at the time of Lincoln's assassination and funeral. Not that I am indifferent to them but that they seemed less important than other things to which I was giving all my time. I know, however, that there are collectors of such items. If I were the owner of this manuscript I think I should go first to the Public Library. There are special departments of manuscripts, music, etc., which might be able to give information. If there is no satisfaction to be had there you might write to Dr. Louis Warren, Lincoln Historical Society, Fort Wayne, Indiana. They have a large Lincoln collection there and money with which to buy items to which they are interested, but whether that includes music I do not know.

I am sorry I can be of no more direct help to Mr. Atz.

Hoping to see you Thursday. If it is more convenient to answer by telephone you can get me in the forenoon at Algonquin 4-6674.

Very sincerely

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