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Miss Irene T. Ricker
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Dear Miss Ricker:

It has been impossible for me to take up your manuscript "Lincoln's Friends", considered from the point of view of its publication, until this week.

I am sorry that my commitments are such that I cannot give the right of publication. The dramatic rights to "He Knew Lincoln" were tied up several years ago, and although a satisfactory play has never been worked out, I am inclined to think that the time will come that one may. Anything such as you propose would be an infringement of understandings to which I am committed.

I am very sorry for this, but I am sure you will understand my position.

Sincerely yours