June 29, 1923

Messrs. G. P. Putnam's Sons,
2 West 45 Street,
New York City.

Gentlemen:

I have your letter of June 26, saying that you find you have no authority to give me permission to reproduce the bust of Abraham Lincoln by Max Bachmann, which appears in Vol.II of the Federal Edition of the Works of Abraham Lincoln.

I am sorry, but the letter comes too late for me to recall the picture. In my talk over the telephone with your Art Department, I was assured that there would be no objection to my using it if I gave proper credit, but that an exchange of letters was necessary to keep your files straight. Accordingly I sent the picture out.

I see nothing else for it now but to await developments. If Mr. Bachmann or his representative objects I shall exonorate you of course and do my best to explain the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Digital Images, 2011. The Ida M. Tarbell Collection, 1890-1944, Allegheny College Pelletier Library.