

April 29, 1940

Dear Mr. Higgins:

I wish I could be sure of putting you in touch with the best possible buyer of a valuable autographed Lincoln letter. It is more or less a gamble, depending on the interest and the pocket book of a collector. I should say that the following are as likely to understand the value of the letter as anyone I know.

Mr. Paul Angle
Illinois Historical Society
Springfield, Illinois

Mr. Oliver Barrett
310 S. Michigan Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

Dr. Louis Warren
Lincoln National Life Insurance Co.
Fort Wayne, Indiana

In no case would I send the letter on, though if any one of these three ask for it, send a photograph. The date and character of letter and the relation of Mr. Hoyt to Mr. Lincoln can be stated in your letter.

I wish I were in the market to buy myself, but my funds for Lincolniana have come to an end.

Hoping that you will be successful with the sale of the letter, believe me

Very truly yours

Mr. Ames Higgins
Wakefield, R. I.