West Hartford Sept-2 1917

10 x 6
re photo of

Miss. Ida M. Tarbell -
132 East 19 St.
New York.

Miss Tarbell -

I have a large daguerreotype 5" x 8" or the size of this page, of Niagara Falls and showing in the foreground what looks to me like Mr. Lincoln. There are other figures in the picture but they are off to the left.

This seems to me to prove that the object was to photograph the President

The history of the picture is lost except that it was found in a second hand store, in Hartford, conducted by a Polish man. However it came from a section

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near where Secretary Wells lived
So there is a possibility of it
having belonged to him.

I would like to submit it
to you for identification and if
you can identify it as Mr
Lincoln to extend to you the
use, if you can make any
use of it in your forthcoming
work. I have heard the
Expression "Niagara Falls fiasco"
during the Civil War". Perhaps the
picture bears some relation to
that. If it has any interest
for you will be glad to
forward if you will advise
where.

I am Sincerely
George W. Tunis

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West Hartford Conn.

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