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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
The National Arts Club
15 Gramercy Park
New York City

Dear Miss Tarbell:

When you were last here to see the Herndon collection you were kind enough to say you would write a letter urging any one interested to realize the desirability of the collection and the importance of keeping it intact.

It so happens that we have at present someone interested in its purchase, as a memorial to a member of the family -- to be given, we hope, to the Congressional Library.

If it would not be asking too much we would appreciate a letter from you stating in general terms the meaning of the collection to the student of Lincoln's early life and career, etc.

I can assure you that such a letter from an authority of such standing as yourself might well enable us to place the collection where it belongs, in the National Library of course.

Believe me to be,
Faithfully yours,

David A. Randall