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My dear Mr. Barker:

I hope you will forgive the very long delay in taking up the matter of which you wrote me the end of January, that is, the series of Lincoln articles which you had in mind and my opinion as to its availability and practical way of finding a publisher, etc.

As my secretary wrote you I have been ill. It was a longer illness than I expected for I am only just back at my desk.

I have read your article this morning. I find it interesting. Of course it is not what we call new material but it is very well arranged and if you an do as well, and I think you might even do better with the remaining articles, I think you will have a series that might be placed. My advice would be to finish at once these articles and then put them into the hands of an agent here. If they are to find a publisher in time for next February when there is always a demand for Lincoln material they should be in an agent's hands very soon, as soon as you can get them into shape. If you have never dealt with agents I can put you in touch with a woman here that I think would take an interest. She has been an editor herself - a fine serious person - and she would probably place them as well as anybody.

There is one subject which I feel sure that you could treat effectively and which would find a place in one of the weeklies or monthlies which pay better than a ~~magazine~~ which would probably take the series which you have in mind, and that is the story of your own experience in gathering Lincolniana. You have been at it so long you must have had some interesting, human tales. Did you ever think of trying to put the material into readable form?

I am sorry, dear Mr. Barker, there has been so long a delay in this matter. I shall be glad if I can be of any assistance. It would have to be done through an agent as I, myself, have no editorial connections, or at least very distant ones.

Very sincerely yours

Mr. H. W. Barker