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Miss Ida M Tarbell:

My Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am a high school boy of eighteen years and am a great admirer of Abraham Lincoln. I have read all of your fine biographies of Lincoln and wish to tell you how much I admire them.

In the past few years I have been trying to get together a collection of material consisting of books and pamphlets and pictures of Lincoln. I have been appealing to more experienced collectors such as yourself for assistance.

Have you any old books, or any pamphlets, or any pictures that you would consider donating to my collection? I have received material from Dr Louis A Warren, Dr Otto Eisenschiml, Dr Lester O Schriver, Dr M L Houser and many others. Most of this was old books and pamphlets that they have had on hand. But several have been so extremely kind as to send a copy of their latest book and even autographed it.

For their help I am very grateful

I realize how terribly busy you are but could I hope that you would assist me in this same way?

Please excuse my poor typing as I am one of the "hunt and peck" typists.

Please let me hear from you in the next few days.

THANK YOU SINCERELY !

Very truly yours.

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