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Rev. Paul Weyand
117 Spencer Av. Carnegie. Pittsburgh Pa
Dear Mr. Weyand:

I have only just had an opportunity to go over the material which you sent me on the first Republican convention held in Pittsburgh in 1856.

Of course it is quite unnecessary for me to tell you that I found the material interesting. It is a chapter of importance, that convention, and I wish that I had time to take the material as you suggest and make an article - with you, of course - you have done the work; but I cannot see my way to it now, dear Mr. Weyand. I am over-loaded with work of various kinds and must not take on another thing until all that is out of the way. Making a picturesque article of material of this sort is a difficult literary task. It has to have in these days something more than the historical appeal - particular interest, a revival of some kind, on which to hang it. Otherwise the popular magazines will not touch it.

I have, however, a suggestion which I would like to make to you in regard to the material. To explain it I will have to tell you a project of my own which I have not yet talked about to anybody except Dr. Beebe of Allegheny College.

In the course of my years of Lincoln work, I have gathered a good many pamphlets, books, letters, notes, pictures, that, taken as a whole, have a value. They are in no wise complete and not properly catalogued. I am undertaking to put them in order and have arranged to have them turned over to Allegheny College as the nucleus of a Lincoln collection. I have hoped that when the material was in such shape that I could talk about it, to go to the Alumni, asking their help in building out weak places. I have no doubt that there are a good many of the Alumni that have books, pamphlets, possibly letters that would be useful in such a collection. Of course your material would fill in an important weak spot in what I have. What would you think about giving it to the College for a Lincoln collection - putting it in your will, that this would be the final disposition. In the meantime it might be that you would find somebody that would write the article that you want written, or possibly you could do it

I am sending back the documents which you sent me, by registered post - sending them back with regret for I never get my hands on things of this kind that I don't immediately want to go to work on them.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours

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