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Dear Miss Tarbell:

You will be amused at the run-around I have been given on the Lincoln telegram. Furst, I wrote Mr Perry at the War Department, as you suggested. After a time I received a form letter stating that all such material was now in the National Archives, and that my letter had been referred to that office. Another wait, and then a post card acknowledgment of the receipt of my letter -- from the National Archives, of course. Another and longer wait, and then a communication to say that the telegram is not in the National Archives. So there I am. But I think that in the next printing -- this summer -- I shall make the change from New Hampshire to Vermont, considering the later telegrams you give.

There should be a complete collection of Lincoln's papers, letters, notes, and telegrams, and some symbol to show where each is. I understand that someone is working on the collection, but I am afraid the symbols won't get in.

Thank you once more for bothering about the matter,

Cordially,

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