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Major Charles B. Going,
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Washington, D.C.

Dear Major Going:

Pardon the delay in replying to your letter. As a matter of fact, I thought I had answered it, and I am ashamed to find it in a belated grist.

No, I have not turned up a single thing upon the relations of A.L. and D.W. I have looked, but to no purpose. However, I have still a rather big package of unclassified notes, and there is a bare possibility of there being something among them. I am hoping to get at these next week. If anything results I will let you know promptly. Anyway I hope you will develop the tradition.

I am publishing now in a newspaper syndicate a series that I call "In the Footsteps of the Lincolns," - possibly I told you this before. When I get to 1848, I shall of course want to speak of Lincoln's relations to Wilmot, and if you have any personal incident that you would like to have introduced in such a narrative and credited to your book, I would like to work it in. Also, when I come to the cabinet making period, I would like to speak of the Wilmot tradition.

I suppose you and Mrs. Going are off for the country before very long. I am beginning now my week ends and look forward to them with a keenness of which I hardly thought myself capable. I probably shall be in Washington for two or three days within the next month or so; and if you are still there, I am going to look you up.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,