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My dear Miss Pitman:

When you and Miss Agnes presented the Lincoln material to the Reis Library it was my belief that the statement made by your late Father about the trial was an unpublished document and as such the Library Committee has reserved the use of it until such time as Miss Tarbell or one of our college historians could make suitable use of it in an article. (You will recall that Miss Tarbell is giving her collection to the college.)

A gentleman investigator, Mr. David Rankin Barbee, of Washington, D.C. made a request to examine this Mss. and the book your father's personal copy, of the report of the "TRIAL". Due to a ruling of the Library Committee when the gift was received, the Mss. and sketches by Lew Wallace were reserved. Mr. Barbee writes that he believes the "Opinion" was printed in the '70's in a Phonographic magazine published at Cincinnati. He believes it was also in the New York Herald in 1873. If this Mss. has been published then of course it can be freely used. If not, our reservation will, I feel sure, be maintained by the Library Committee. Can you or Miss Agnes enlighten me on this. Perhaps an inquiry at the University Library, or City Library by phone, will solve the question quickly. I am sorry to make you this trouble but we wish to clear it up for the request of this man and for our own rulings.

If you can get this information to me at an early date, I shall greatly appreciate it. With many thanks for your trouble at this busy time of year for you, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Edith Rowley