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Dear Mr. Brunyate:

Please pardon me for my long delay in replying to your letter of September 15th. I have only just returned from a little Western trip and before I could get away my time was so occupied that I had to put off all my correspondence.

You ask if I am making any effort to publish a memo on the Lincoln daguerreotype this coming February. What I am trying to do is to find out if it is possible the connection between your ambro-type and the Schneider portrait. I have had no new information but am taking up the matter now with Dr. Lewis Warren, the head of the Lincoln National Life Insurance Collection of Fort Wayne, Indiana. Dr. Warren and his associates are the most aggressive body of Lincoln students now at the work of collecting and verifying. I am hoping that he can give me some data on the Schneider portrait which will make yours even more interesting historically.

As to its value as a portrait there can be of course no question. It is most characteristic - a veritable treasure. After I hear from Dr. Warren I shall write you again. If he can give me nothing further I shall try with what I have to make a memo and secure if possible a publication in the New York Times supplement. They do things so well there.

Very sincerely yours

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