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Mr. G.S. Bryan,
Pelham, N.Y.

My dear Mr. Bryan;

I regret the delay in replying to your letter regarding the drawings by General Lew Wallace and related to the Benn Pitman Lincoln Trial Record. It would seem to me that there is some valuable materialin this personal opinion by Mr. Pitman. I submitted a copy to Miss Ida M. Tarbell,whose Lincoln Collection is to come to her Alma Mater, and she believes it should be incorporated into an article.

Thru several inquiries along thesame line as yours,we have felt it necessary to establish a policy with regard to his material that,while not inteneded to be selfish,is protective because some of our own faculty are planning to do work on General Wallace and also on Lincoln. Consequently at present I am obligedto say that we are not at present releasing any of it. Later it might be possible to do so. I note that your splendid record of authorship and writing in newspapers makes it a compliment to receive the inquiry.

I regret that my reply has to be what it is but there may be some change later.

Sincerely yours,

Edith Rowley

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