

120 EAST NINETEENTH STREET

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Mr. Oliver H. Barrett
310 So. Michigan Boulevard
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Dear Mr. Barrett:

The first thing that I did Monday morning was to call up Newhall and ask him to make a search for "The Elements of Character." He tells me that it will all be a matter of luck whether he gets it or not. There is a copy in the Ford Collection of our Public Library, and a look at it makes me very keen to get hold of a copy and have Mr. Lincoln's underlining put into it. If you can advise me about a bookseller anywhere who would be more likely to find it, I should greatly appreciate the information.

I am not quite certain whether in our talk about the copies that you were willing to send me, we decided on the copy of the Seligman letter. I should like to have it to couple with one or two other similar documents which have come into my hands. Of course if you feel that I am asking too much of you, please warn me, my dear Mr. Barrett. You have been very generous and I do not want to abuse your kindness, but I must say that I am always in danger of becoming very greedy when it is a matter of information touching Abraham Lincoln.

I wrote to Judge Horner as you advised about the Maryold Lincoln letter in the package of fac simili you loaned me. In writing him I spoke of what you had said to me about Mr. Rosenwald's biography, and asked him to give me a little more information about the project, - when they wanted the work done, its length, etc. The more I think of it the more convinced I am I should like to do it if I could possibly arrange to carry it and other work to which I am already committed. If they are really serious in wanting me I suppose I better run out to Chicago and talk it over, a little later when I am freer. I think I should want to talk with Mr. Rosenwald in any case before deciding.

I am sending Master Roger Barrett a copy of my Boy Scouts' Life of Lincoln, which I hope he will accept, with my compliments.

Thanking you again for all your courtesies, dear Mr. Barrett,

Sincerely yours

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