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Dear Mr. Thomson:

As I told you over the telephone I am just about to leave town for a few days, no time to write you a letter on Lincoln's Mother. But I am offering you a substitute which is far more moving and eloquent than anything I could write. It is a set of verses from "A Book of Americans" by Rosemary and Stephen Benet. Nancy Hanks came back as a ghost and wonders what has become of her boy. And an answer that came to her was published by F P A in "The Coming Tower."

I have asked my secretary to make you a copy of the Benet verses and to send you the only copy I have of the answer. I shall have to ask you to return the latter.

I hope you will like the substitute I am suggesting.

Very sincerely yours

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