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Petersburg Ill
June 14th 1984

Miss Ida M Tarbell
120 East 19th St
New York

My dear Miss Tarbell:

Do you remember of my
selling you a photograph of a Lincoln
letter - the "thank you to Govt" letter ~~the~~
written to Abraham Balz?

I never learned in what way that
you used it.

I have a little article "New Salem
In After Years" & would like to use
my letter. Would you become
partners in the right of pub. of the
letter for about half of what you
paid me - \$15.00?

My little article is very modest
but has a few important facts.

I loaned this Lincoln letter
our year to Thomas P. Reep of this
place to exhibit at Chautauque and
told him not to photograph or use it
in any other way as I had sold the
right of pub. to you. When his history
came out there was the letter.

Now he has taken some means,
not very honorable, ^{trying} to obtain a
picture of my letter for some kind
of movie. Hoping to hear from you
soon I remain yours truly
(Miss) Ida Balz
For reference refer you to
C. C. Frackelton, ind. banker of this place