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My dear Miss Turner:

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I hope you will forgive me for not having replied more promptly to your letter of September 16th. I have been unusually ~~part~~ the last fortnight and one of the things that has been neglected has been my correspondence.

Your letter interested me. I am always keen to hear of new Lincoln letters.

I am afraid that I cannot tell you much about what it ought to bring. A document of this sort will have only the value that the would be purchaser places upon it. If there are two or three buyers competing they will run up the price. The most reliable man that I know is Mr. Oliver Barrett of Chicago. If he wants the letter very much he might, if he thought there was a competitor, raise his offer, though I do not know that this is so.

One person with whom you might consent, if you have not already done so, is Dr. Lewis Warren of The Lincoln Association of Terre Haute, Indiana. They are buying large quantities of Lincoln documents and I think their valuation would be fair, at least I have confidence in Dr. Warren's integrity.

How nice to know that you remember my visit so long ago to Antioch College. It left very deep memories with me. I have never been back. Your kind reference to my visit makes me wish that I could do so.

I might say in passing that if you hear of new Lincoln material anywhere out your way I should be glad to have my attention called to it. I haven't money to put into original letters but once in a while a book comes along that is rare and that I can afford; and if I couldn't afford the thing possibly I could pass it on to somebody that could.

Thanking you again for your letter, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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