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Mr. F. L. Black, Business Department, The Dearborn Publishing Co., Dearborn, Mich.

My dear Mr. Black:

Under separate cover, I am mailing you a copy of the American Legion Weekly of February 12. It contains a Lincoln article of mine which may, or may not, interest you and to which I am asking your attention for a specific reason.

This article was submitted first to your editorial department. Mr. Donaldson wrote me in due time asking if he might retain it longer so that he might refer it to you for an opinion, you being, he said, the Lincoln student in the organization and being away from the office at the time. In the same mail (late August) with his letter came my manuscript with, attached, his note to you. I suspected that the office boy had bungled by shooting back to me (what have I done to incense that office boy!) instead of delivering to your desk. That, it developed, was the case.

Mr. Donaldson invited return of the manuscript in order to place it before you, but I had sent it out again and it sold on that second trip.

You may recall my Lincoln articles in The Dearborn Independent — in February, 1923, and February, 1925 — the one on the books he read as a boy and the other on his stepmother. My field is largely the boyhood of Lincoln, interpretative, seeking to stress the springs of action that made him what he was.

Yours very truly,

Thomas & Malone!