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Hon. Henry Ford
Detroit, Michigan.

My Dear Sir:-

I know that your mail is filled with crank letters; but I trust that this one will go through the line.

I own the Butler portrait of Lincoln, painted from actual sittings, in 1860, by Wright, one of the leading portrait painters of that period.

The work is well preserved - on good canvas - and without a speck or flaw - pronounced by all acquaintances and friends of Lincoln - John W. Bunn, William Jayne and many others, as absolutely perfect.

A friend of Lincoln's, a feeble, white-haired old man (ten years ago), after laboriously adjusting two pairs of glasses and gazing spell bound a few moments, exclaimed, "My God! That's Lincoln, raised from the dead."

It is the only record of the color of Lincoln's eyes.

I also send a photograph, taken this week in my unfinished office room.

The accompanying affidavit speaks for itself.

You can have this portrait for $100,000.00. The figure may startle you; but when you see it, you will take it and send me a Lincoln car as a bonus.

Very respectfully,
E.W. Payne

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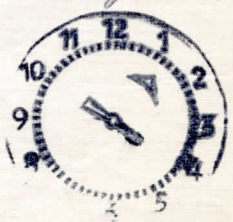

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