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Dear Mr. Black:

When I returned from Detroit I found your thoughtful note and the copy of the Independent for the 6th of February - the Lincoln number. Your article on the assassination was certainly interesting. The entire family enjoyed it, including my niece of eighteen who will accept history in no other form than interesting magazine articles.

I still feel that now that you are specializing on this subject, you are likely to strike a gold mine in that bunch of old papers in the attic at the War Department to which Mr. John B. Randolph can direct you. I am sure that nobody knows what is included in that bushel or two of old papers and I have had neither the time nor reason for going over them.

Very sincerely yours,

W. G. Shepherd

WGS/s