Springfield Ill Jan 19th 1849

Dear sir I wish to inform you that the friends of Benj Bond have recommended him to the President Elect for the appointment of Marshal if you would lend your influence to secure his appointment you would be only carrying out the wish of the whigs of Illinois I have known Mr Bond long and well and pronounce him a Gentleman and qualified it is not worth my while to attempt to give you the news here as you will get it in advance of anny thing I could write I have never received a document or letter from you since you was a member of congress will doubtless resign or obey instruction I would be glad to receive a few lines from you with sentiments of respect I remain your friend

Hon A Lincoln

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