

Springfield, Dec: 14. 1854

Wm: C. B. Washburn

My dear Sir:

So far as I am concerned, there must be something wrong about W. S. Senator, at Chicago - My most intimate friends there do not answer my letters, and I can not get a word from them - Wentworth has a knack of knowing things better than most men - I wish you would pump him, and write me what you get from him - Please do this as soon as you can, as the time is growing short - Don't let any one know I have written you this; for there may be those opposed to me, near about you than you think -

Very truly Yours &c.
A. Lincoln

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Mr. E. B. Washburn
My dear Sir

Do for as I am concerned
 than must be something wrong about it. I don't
 at all charge - My next intention further than
 as not known of letter, and I can not get
 a word from them - Mr. Washburn has a book
 of knowing things better than most men - I wish
 you would furnish him, and not me what you get
 for him - Please do this as soon as you can, and
 I will be very glad - I don't let any one know of
 I have written you this, for then you will know
 my own name over you than for that -
 Very truly yours
 A. Washburn

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