Springfield, Dec. 14, 1854

To: C. B. Washburne

My dear Sir:

So far as I am concerned, there must be something wrong about Mr. S. Senator, at Chicago. My most intimate friends there do not answer my letter, and I can not get a word from them. Wentworth has a knack of knowing things better than most men. Write you would pump him and with me what you get from him. Please do this as soon as you can, as the time is growing short. Do not let any one know I have written you this for they may be thrown opposite to my views about you than you think.

Very truly, your, etc.
A. Lincoln
Dec 14th

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