Newton ILLS May 12th 1858

Mr. A. Lincoln
Dear Sir,

I see by the Chicago Tribune, that the citizens of Chicago are expecting a visit from you on the 8th June, proximo. We have called a Republican meeting at this place for that day. Could you not do us the honor to pay us a visit at that time, and make us a speech? We are in great need of a speaker to stir up the people here and set them right.

If you could arrange your business so as to attend our meeting on the 8th, it would be a great favor, and I feel certain you would do much good.
To get here you would come by way of Sandoval to Alvar by R.R., thence 90 miles by back to this place. You could make your speech at noon Monday and we could send you to Alvar that evening in time to take the train going west, which reaches Alvar at 11 by 10 clock, which would take you to Carlisle about midnight Monday night, so you would be there Tuesday morning.

I hope you will do me the favor to come if so please drop me a line and I will let the people know that you are coming.

Very truly and sincerely yours,

R.G. Ray

(Son of Daniel Ray of White Co.)
P.S. If you cannot possibly come perhaps you could send us a letter of the matter.

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Mr. A. Lincoln
Springfield

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