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My dear Sir:

Mr. Hatch tells me
you write rather in a discouraged
tone as to your own election— That
won't do— You must be elected—
Must is the word— Make known
to the Committee at Chicago the
amount and nature of the help
you can make available, and
I expect they will furnish it—
But by all means, don't say "if
I can't"; say "I will"—

Yours truly
A. Lincoln