Letter written by Abraham Lincoln, addressed to James H. Hoes of Friendship, Wisconsin. It is dated from Springfield, Illinois, 10 April 1860.

It reads:

James H. Hoes, Esq.
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If you have revised it, as is probable, I shall be much obliged if you will send me a copy.

Yours very truly,

Autograph:
This letter may have been written while Lincoln was in Wisconsin, for it is postmarked Friendship, April--the date being blurred, and no Springfield postmark. (It is also possible that the letter was re-mailed at another date from Friendship)

Springfield. Ills. April 10. 1860

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