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**Abraham Lincoln to Francis P. Blair, January 18, 1865**

Washington, January 18, 1865.

F.P. Blair, Esq.

Sir:

You having shown me Mr. Davis's letter to you of the 12th instant, you may say to him that I have constantly been, am now, and shall continue ready to receive any agent whom he, or any other influential person now resisting the national authority, may informally send to me, with the view of securing peace to the people of our one common country.

Yours, etc.

A. Lincoln.

Source: *Lincoln in the Telegraph Office: Recollections of the United States Military Telegraph Corps During the Civil War* by David Homer Bates, Alfred Whital Stern Collection of Lincolniana (Library of Congress), Warren C. Crane, 1907.