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Abraham Lincoln to James Conkling, August 27, 1863

Private

War Department, Washington City, D.C.
August 27, 1863

My dear Conkling

I can not leave here now. Herewith is a letter instead. You are one of the best public readers. I have but one suggestion. Read it very slowly.

And now God bless you, and all good Union-men.

Yours as ever, A. Lincoln

Source: *Abraham Lincoln: His Speeches and Writings* by Abraham Lincoln, Roy P. Basler, Carl Sandburg, 2001.