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.
    My dear sir:

    I have read in the newspapers your speech recently delivered (I think) before the Friendship Club, or its assembled members.

    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)
I have been in the newspaper business recently and I think that's the way to make a living.

If you have anything I can help with, I would be happy.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

[Address]

[Date]
Springfield, Ill., Apr. 10, 1860

James H. Ross Esq.

My dear Sir:

I have received the newspapers from you recently delivered (altered) before the友 

ship Club or its associate members. 

If you have received a copy as desirable, 

I shall be much obliged if you will send me a copy.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

[Note: The handwriting is difficult to read due to faded ink and wear on the paper.]