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Washington, Oct 20, 1864

Major General Sheridan.

With great pleasure I ken. dev to you and your brave army, the thanks of the Nation, and my own personal admiration and gratitude, for the months of service in the Shenandoah Valley, and especially for the splendid work of Oct
ber 19, 1864.

Your Obi. Serv.
Abraham Lincoln.