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Washington, Feb'y 5th 1887

Gentlemen:

Accept my cordial thanks
for your invitation to attend the
First Annual Dinner of the
Republican Club of the City of
New York, to be given on February
12th 1887, the anniversary of
Lincoln's birthday.

I deeply regret that my
engagements prevent my being

present, otherwise I would certainly avail myself of your hospitality on an occasion which will call up memories at once so sad and so triumphant.

I congratulate you, that for the party love-feast you propose to institute, you have chosen a day and invoked a name which symbolize the perfect harmony of party aspiration with patriotic achievement. Working in Lincoln's

spirit and faith, it may be your
privilege as it was his, to help
Republican Clubs grow into nation-
al majorities, and transmute Re-
publican doctrines into beneficent
and perpetual reforms in
national politics.

Yours truly

Wm. V. Nicolay

James P. Foster & others
Committee