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"a great honor and a great labor" A. Lincoln, October 26, 1863

PROJECT RECEIVES RECORD $1.4 MILLION GRANT

The Shelby Cullom Davis Charitable Fund recently awarded the Papers of Abraham Lincoln a five-year grant of $1,412,993 to support the search for Lincoln documents at the National Archives in Washington, DC. The Abraham Lincoln Presidential Library Foundation will administer the grant for the benefit of the Papers of Abraham Lincoln. This new funding will allow the project to hire four additional researchers in Washington to expedite the searching and scanning processes.

The National Archives in Washington, DC.

The National Archives holds tens of thousands of documents written or signed by Abraham Lincoln or written to him. Since June 2006, a small team of researchers has been combing records from the State, Treasury, and Interior Departments at Archives II in College Park, Maryland. This grant will augment the research there and allow the project to begin work on the more numerous records at the National Archives in downtown Washington. When the research at Archives II is complete, all researchers will focus their attention on the records in the main archives on Pennsylvania Avenue.

"This grant represents an unparalleled opportunity for the Papers of Abraham Lincoln," according to Director Daniel W. Stowell. "Together with other funding sources, it provides us with the personnel necessary to complete the search of the largest repository of Lincoln documents in the world."

Over the next several months, the Papers of Abraham Lincoln will hire new researchers to join the existing team in Washington in the fall of 2008.

NHPRC ENDORSES THE PAPERS OF ABRAHAM LINCOLN

In May, the National Historical Publications and Records Commission (NHPRC), a granting agency of the National Archives, formally endorsed the Papers of Abraham Lincoln and awarded a $75,000 grant for the next year.

The NHPRC has provided funding for the Lincoln Legal Papers and the Papers of Abraham Lincoln annually since 1990, but this award is the Commission's first endorsement of the expanded Papers of Abraham Lincoln project. During the past eighteen years, NHPRC has awarded a total of $1.3 million dollars to the project. The money has paid staff salaries, funded travel, and supported the digitization and transcription of Lincoln documents within the project's scope. The project appreciates the Commission's continued support and new endorsement of its efforts to document the life of Abraham Lincoln.

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