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Dear Sir

Yours of March 18th addressed to me at Chicago, and regarding my photograph is received. I have not a single one now at my control; but I think you can easily get one at New York. While I was there I was taken to one of the places where they get up such things, and I suppose they got my shadow, and can multiply copies indefinitely. Any of the Republicans here would then can show you the place.

Yours truly
A. Lincoln

“They got my shadow,” Lincoln wrote, “and can multiply copies indefinitely.”

ON THE LEFT is the most famous of the beardless poses, taken by Mathew B. Brady on Monday morning, February 27, 1860, only a few hours before Lincoln delivered his Cooper Union address. That speech and this portrait, Lincoln afterwards said, put him in the White House.