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President-elect Lincoln writes to fellow Illinoisan U.S. Senator Lyman Trumbull regarding rumors that outgoing President James Buchanan will “surrende[r]...the Forts in South Carolina.” Lincoln continues, “I can scarcely believe this; but if it prove true, I will, if our friends at Washington concur, announce publicly at once that they are to be retaken after the inauguration. This will give the Union men a rallying cry, and preparation will proceed somewhat on their side, as well as on the other.”



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