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**LINCOLN LOG**  
*ON THIS DAY,*

JUNE 30, 1858

Republican U.S. Senate candidate Lincoln writes to members of the German 7<sup>th</sup> Ward Club, of Chicago, and declines an invitation to attend a July 5 Independence Day celebration. Lincoln explains, “My engagements are such that I cannot be with you.” He offers a “sentiment: Our German Fellow-Citizens: Ever true to Liberty, the Union, and the Constitution—true to Liberty, not selfishly, but upon principle—not for special classes of men, but for all men.”



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