

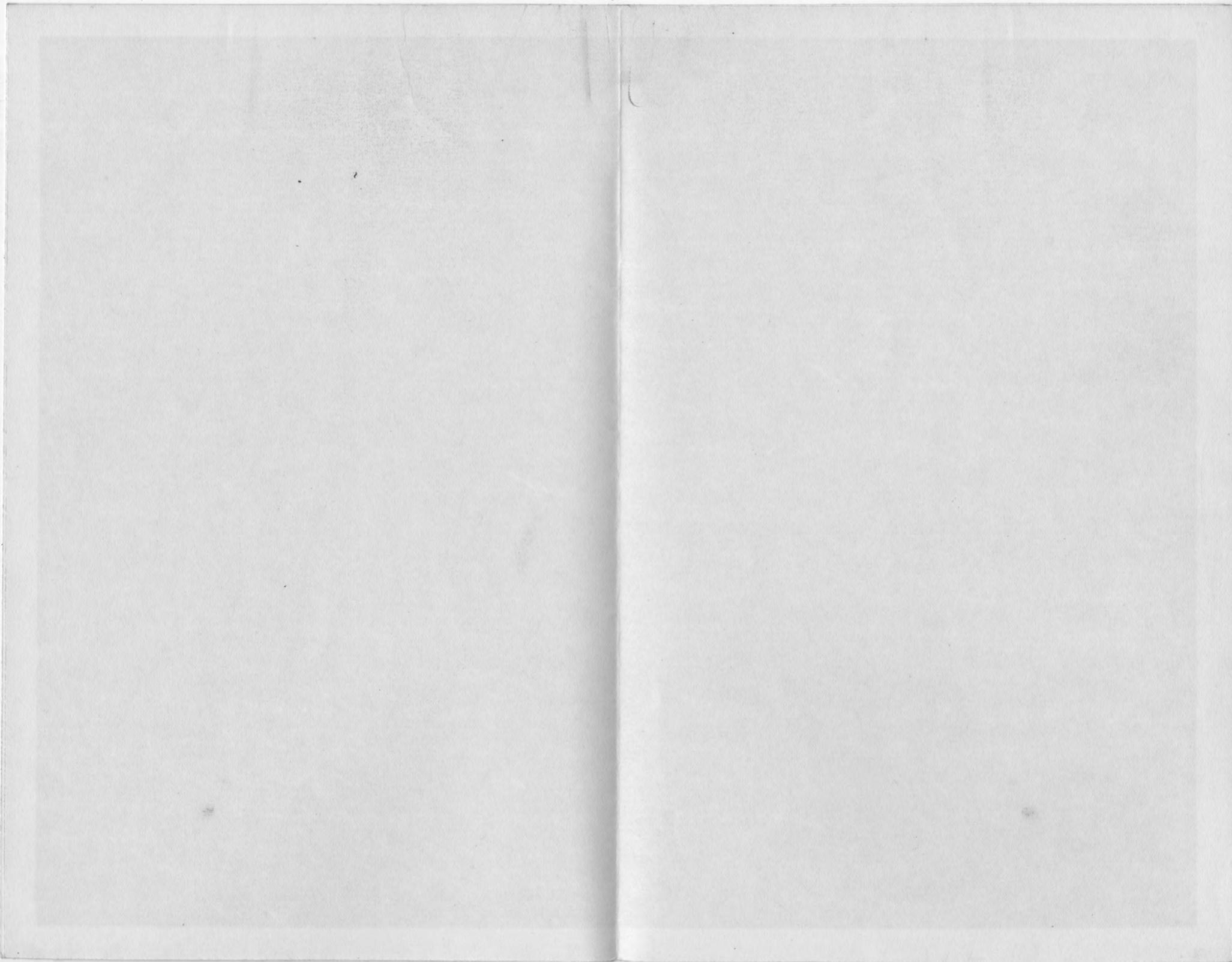
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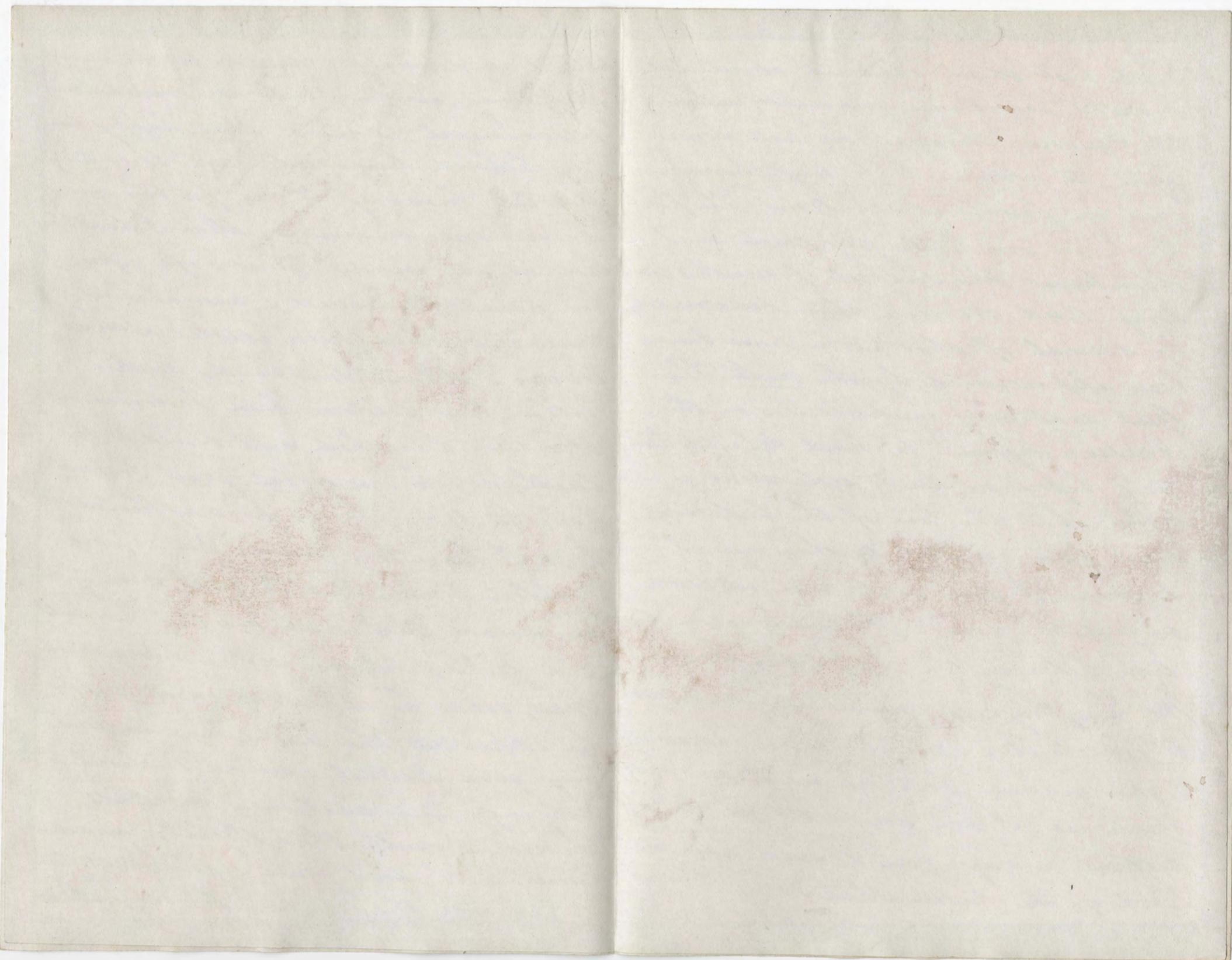
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LINCOLN, Mary Todd. Wife of President Lincoln. A.L.S.
4 full pp., 8vo. Chicago, Dec. 4, 1865. To Dr. Joshua
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A LONG AND EXCEEDING INTERESTING LETTER written by Mrs. Lincoln less than a year after the death of her husband, on heavy mourning stationery, containing a remarkable characterization of Lincoln as a husband and father, and referring at some length to the circumstances leading up to the Lincoln-Shields affair. It reads in part:

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Holland tells her story on pages 436-437

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Mrs. Lincoln did not like ladies reporting extended and personal conversations with
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