

To Grant
Lincoln's
assassination

Rochester N.Y.

April 17th 1865

Lieut General U.S. Grant

My dear Grant,

While the whole people are plunged in the deepest grief at the death of our wise and most excellent President there is mingled with it a feeling of thankfulness that you, for whom the same blow was intended, so providentially escaped.

If our hopes of the recovery of Secretary Seward are also realized the Nation will soon arouse itself from its almost stupor of grief, and forebodings of other calamities to follow in the train of this will give place to confidence in the ability of those at the head of our affairs to bring about the peace and National

prosperity which seemed so well
assured before this sad event.

The people hope not less from you
in the future than you have accomplished
for them in the past, and I speak
therefore not in the name of personal
friendship alone, but in that of the
Nation, when I ask you to take all
wise precautions to guard against
the assassins who may be watching
their opportunity to strike at your
life.

With the most earnest wishes that
your life may be long spared
to your family and to the Nation
I remain

Sincerely your friend
J. F. Quincy