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Abraham Lincoln to Edwin Stanton, January 5, 1865

Executive Mansion,
Washington, Jan 5, 1865.

Hon. Sec. of War
Dear Sir,

Since parting with you, it has occurred to me to say that while Gen. Sherman's "get a good ready" is appreciated, and is not overlooked, time, now that the enemy is wavering, is more important than ever before. Being on the down-hill & some what confused, keeping him going. Please say so much to Genl. S.

Yours truly, A. Lincoln

Source: *Speeches and Writings, 1859-1865: Speeches, Letters, and Miscellaneous Writings, Presidential Messages and Proclamations by Abraham Lincoln*, Don Edward Fehrenbacher, 1989.