

BALABAN PRESENTS ORIGINAL DRAFT
OF LINCOLN'S EMANCIPATION PROCLA²
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WASHINGTON PRES. EISENHOWER SEES LINCOLN DOCUMENT UNVEILED

Washington's New York Avenue Presbyterian Church to which many presidents have belonged.

But it's most widely known as Lincoln's Church -- for here he worshipped during hours of great trial. Today, in the church's Lincoln Room, a significant event, attended by President Eisenhower, new member of the church, and Barney Balaban, who makes a valued contribution. Dr. George M. Docherty, pastor of the church, describes Mr. Balaban's gift: an original document in President Lincoln's handwriting setting forth Lincoln's first proposals for his Emancipation Proclamation. (Talk)

Mr. Balaban, Paramount Pictures President, purchased the document (proclaimed to be the most important Lincoln manuscript in existence) from a well known collector.

Originally it had been retrieved from among waste papers, where it had been discarded by Lincoln in the military telegraph office of the War Department in 1862.

And so the nation's 34th president is witness to a moment for history in the church attended by the first Republican president. For all to view for as long as this church shall stand is one of the most valued documents in our history.

In the words of Doctor Docherty, "it is no musty document of the past, but the pulsating heart of democratic freedom for every land in every age."