

Springfield, July 29. 1858

Hon. S. A. Douglas
Dear Sir

Your of the 24th in relation to
arrangement to divide time your address; the same
address, is received, and, in apology for not
sooner replying, allow me to say that when I sat
by you at dinner yesterday I was not aware that
you had answered my note, nor certainly, that
my own note had been presented to you. An hour
after I saw your answer in the Chicago Times,
and, reaching home, I found the original awaiting
me - Protesting that your insinuation of attempt-
ed unfairness on my part was unjust, and with
the hope that you saw not very considerably
made them, I proceed to reply - To your statement
that "It has been suggested recently that an ar-
rangement had been made to bring out a third
candidate for the U. S. Senate who, with yourself
should canvass the state in opposition to me." I
can only say that such suggestions have
never been made by yourself, for certainly now

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