



Lincoln and an Urgent World Problem: Fourth Annual Lincoln Lecture, Cooper Union, N. Y. February 12, 1943 (Classic Reprint)

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