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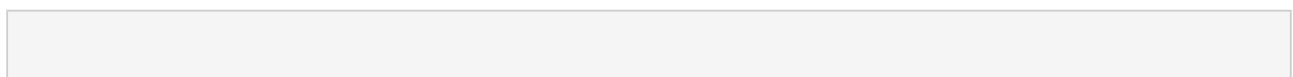
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For this revised edition, Professor Strozier has incorporated new sources—most important, the writings of William Herndon, Lincoln's long-time law partner—to update and expand his psychological portrait of our 16th president.

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