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Addendum notes:

The peril as seen by the key disunionists in the decade of the 1850s.

1. Border States: Due to slave drain or weakening of the institution of slavery a Lincoln presidency was a potential disaster for the slave regime because Lincoln could use patronage to build a southern wing of the Republican party in the border states. Ultimately he could ween away these states from the slave system. Slavepower was conscious that only 1 voter in 8 in the border states was a slaveholder.

2. Added to a weening away policy in the border states the Republican party now in control of the White House was a party that had announced its national purpose was to contain slavery where it already existed--no slave state expansion.

3. In time as free states entered from the national territories and the border states were lost to the slave regime, the slave states would contract in numbers over the years. This would allow the dominant national party to outlaw slavery by constitutional amendment. (It would have the 3/4s vote to get such an amendment passed).