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Dear Mr. Langsam:

I hope you have not concluded that I have utterly wiped out of mind our pleasant cooperation of a few years back. As I think I wrote you, possibly in 1929, dire <sup>yearly</sup> circumstances made it utterly impossible for me to go on with the Volume in The History of American Life. For the last six years I have been stealing a week <sup>or</sup> two or three times a month for the Volume. It made further cooperation with you quite out of the question. Finally the book is done and in the hands of Dr. Schlesinger who is good enough to say that he and Fr. Fox were "greatly impressed by it." But also to require considerable re-arrangement and re-editing by me.

As you know the matter of footnote references is carefully guarded by the editors of this series, and I have found in several cases that the references you gave me and which you assured me had all been checked up - I have taken that for granted - were not quite full enough to satisfy them and I have not been able to put my hands on the authorities which you quote. Here is a case in point - Dr. Schlesinger's secretary writes that ~~a quotation that xxxxxx~~ made from W. S. Morgan's "History of the Alliance and the Impending Revolution" are not to be found in the edition which she has. Now you give the title of the book "History of the Alliance and the Impending Revolution" - St. Louis, 1891 the author. The Harvard edition was published at Fort Scott, Kansas in 1889. That is, I take it that Morgan revised the earlier edition. Now can you give me the exact title that he used. Did he call his 1891 edition "History of the Wheel and Alliance and the Impending Revolution?" Also, can you give me the page on which he said, as you quote him, "The farmers would have to educated to co-operation before the movement could be successful." I have used this remark credited it to Morgan but could not give the page as you had not included it.

Will you be good enough to look this up for me.

Again, in speaking of the reorganization of the Sugar Refineries Company into the American Sugar Refinery Company I have quoted, or given my authority for what I say, from paragraphs which you credit to the "Story of the Sugar Trust" as told by John E. Searles, Secretary and Treasurer of the American Sugar Refining Company. Where did you find this "Story?" We have not been able to put our hands on it. Was it by chance a report submitted in an investigation? If so what and where?

I will be greatly obliged if you will straighten these matters out for me.

The collection of materials which you made as well as the bibliography have been of great help in preparing my Review. I want to include in the Critical Bibliography which as you know is a feature of these books a paragraph in which I will explain what you did. In this I should of course want to refer to your Academic work and Academic position. I started out in my ~~xxxxxxxxxx~~ footnotes to crediting the "Langsam Collection" explaining what it was, but Dr. Schlesinger preferred, and he was right of course, that the reference to your work should be made in some other connection - and probably the bibliography is the best place for the paragraph. I should like to have your suggestions to this and would like to have them as soon as convenient.

Pardon this long letter.

Possibly later we can have a talk.  
It will be a pleasure to see you again.

Very sincerely yours

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