

January 29, 1931

Dear Mr. Brunyate:

I can quite believe that Mr. Borglum would be enthusiastic over your picture. To me it is something different from what I find in any other photograph previous to 1860. I am delighted that Mr. Borglum feels as he does about it.

Now as to the reproduction - it is altogether too late for the Times Lincoln celebration. They prepare these things several weeks ahead. What I think now that I better do is to write an article - short to be sure - but giving the history of the picture and my own feelings about its origin - the reason for it - and impressions the picture, itself, has made on a man like Borglum. This I think, indeed I am sure, can be placed. I am badly driven and shall be for some time but I am sure I can get it done by the end of the year and have something substantial. Whether the picture is published before or not does not matter so much, though it would be better of course if it were not published. What I would like to do would be to get down all that we know about it and all that I think about it with the first publication. But of course you must follow your own inclinations about having it reproduced. I am deeply sorry, as I told you, that I did not succeed in placing it as I thought I had for this year.

No, I think there would be little hope of putting the thing in Fortune. I know their inclinations there and they are for contemporary business leaders. Certainly they do what they do quite magnificently.

Thanking you for your letter and hoping that you will continue to send me anything that may turn up on the portrait, believe me my dear Mr. Brunyate

Very sincerely yours

P.S. I meant to say above that I am leaving next week for a month's work in the University of Arizona, probably shall not be back in New York until the end of March. Any communication, however, will be forwarded.

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