

February 2nd, 1931.

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
120 East Nineteenth Street,  
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:-

Again I thank you for yours of the 29th. I am quite contented to leave the matter in your hands, and I shall not reproduce the picture, until you have had the chance to use it a year hence.

I have had another expression of opinion from Dr. Holland, and I am writing to Mr. Borglum, asking if he cares to express his opinion in writing, which I think he will no doubt do. I wish I might induce him to permit the quotation of an expression he used orally, namely, that the picture quite conclusively proves that which he had always thought, namely, that in acquiring a great statesman, the nation lost an American Shakespeare. In other words, Lincoln was essentially a great poet. If you wish to write Mr. Borglum, you can address him at his forwarding address, Hotel Menger, San Antonio, Texas.

I was somewhat amused at your reference to Fortune, "They do what they do quite magnificently." They are rather garish, but they at least can reproduce a picture.

If I hear more, I will assuredly write to you, and I trust you enjoy your trip south.

Cordially yours,

WLB P

