

2129 Florida Avenue,  
Washington, D. C.,  
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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I am informed by Beecher Stowe, of Doubleday, Doran and Company, that he has sent you galleys of my new book, "Washington, Lincoln, Wilson; Three War Statesmen."

I am delighted that you are going to look them over, but in doing so please bear in mind that he is sending you a set in advance of my final corrections.

I hope you will be interested in my treatment of the allegation that Lincoln interfered with his generals. My conclusion is that he is indeed to be criticized for his interference - not because he interfered, but because he did not interfere five months earlier. If he had followed his hunch to interfere in October 1861, instead of waiting until March 1862, it is doubtful if even Lee could have revived the Confederacy which was on the verge of collapse when Grant took Fort Donelson in February of that year. In short, Lincoln's war burden was heavy because Washington's legacy of sound military policy and sound military education was not transmitted to him.

Very sincerely yours,

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