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To Ida Tarbell,
120 East Nineteenth St.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Dr. Tarbell:

Last year (March - April) I had some correspondence with you relating to the recently discovered Elizabethtown painting of Abraham Lincoln. I have made a study of that painting and written it up which I am publishing in brochure form. It is not a lengthy study—some twenty pages typed.

I am wondering if you would be so kind as to read the manuscript — and if after you read it write a brief foreword to it? If you would I would appreciate it very much. It would mean so much to me to have so great an authority as you are on Lincoln to indorse it by writing a foreword. Scribners are considering it for publication.
If you are willing to read the manuscript upon hearing from you I shall send it to you at once.

I hope you'll be able to give me your support.

Very sincerely, I am

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