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Miss Ida M Tarbell
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My Dear Miss Tarbell:

As a teacher of American History who has made frequent use of your books I am writing to express my hearty appreciation for them and at the same time to ask you a question or two.

Just recently I had the pleasure of reading your splendid Life of Abraham Lincoln. As a student of History and Government I am naturally greatly interested in Lincoln and his political ideals. Do you know of any book or books which attempt an analysis of Lincoln's political theory if such may be said to have existed? If so I would be interested in knowing about them.

I write to you in this instance because I know that you are very familiar with bibliographies of Lincolniana and would be most apt to know if such a book as I am looking for is actually in existence or not

Very truly yours,

Royal J. Schmidt Jr.
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