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Dear Miss Tarbell:

I tried to get you on the 'phone. It seems to me that if I could interest the Times or the Tribune in these Lincoln letters, that they would be more apt to publish them if you were willing they should send a man or a woman up from the paper for an hour's interview with you, in which you would tell him or her about the man from whom you got the letters. This, it seems to me, would give the article some unity and wouldn't take a great deal of your time. As it is now, I think the letters don't give one any sense of unity and I think an article of this kind rather needs it.

Would you be willing to telephone me tomorrow morning if you will do this? I don't believe, probably, that a paper like the Times or the Tribune would pay more than one hundred dollars (\$100.) for such an article if they were interested.

Yours sincerely,

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