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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th St.,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Believing that in all the discussion on housing you will be interested in a factual approach to the subject, I enclose for preview a copy of the Housing Market Study which will be released to the press on December 13th. Until that date it is to be considered confidential. I trust you will give me your opinion as to how this important information can be used to accomplish the most good.

This realistic approach to the housing problem has not before been made and, as you see, results in the most far-reaching conclusions. Where is the market for houses? In what areas? At what prices? This study furnishes the answers. It is a very conservative report, but the facts disclosed would indicate the necessity for a reorganization of the building industry.

If you cannot immediately read the report, may I direct your special attention to the list of important persons who made the study for the National Housing Committee (page 2); Summary (page 5); Table V, housing shortages (page 20); and Table VII, current needs (page 21).

Very sincerely yours,

John A. Ryan
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Enclosure