132 East 19th Street, New York,
January 17, 1918.

My dear Mr. Brett:

Your letter of January 10th followed me to Washington and back again to New York. I understood of course that the proposed book on national monopolies was abandoned, at least for the time being.

I am glad the new book seems increasingly important to you. Perhaps the best thing that I can say is that it seems to me an increasingly interesting thing to do, and I have an increasing impatience with the multitude of things which are pulling me away from it just at present. However, I find that my present experiences are full of suggestion for the book. Last week in Washington gave me many points. I have my first chapter pretty well in hand, half of it at least on paper, though that is not saying that it is a half which will survive second thought. I want as soon as possible to get this first chapter into shape to submit to you and Mr. Phillips; and with it I shall submit an outline of the book. Then, if you will give me the help of your criticism and suggestions, it will be most useful.

So far as I can see, there is little doubt but that I can have it ready for publication in the coming fall.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. George P. Brett,
The MacMillan Company,
64 Fifth Avenue,
New York.

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