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Miss Ida Tarbell,
120 E. 19th St.,
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:-

It delighted me very much to have you say in your letter of October 31st that you would make it a point to come to Indianapolis, possibly next spring or summer.

I sincerely trust you will organize your plans to do this and do Mrs. Holcomb and I the honor of staying at our home. I am sure you would be pleased to see what we have done at Lincoln City and I am indeed anxious to have you view it and give us your opinion.

I have not read the book that you wrote for the Boy Scouts but will see if I can buy one here in town and am going to take the liberty of sending it to you to ask you to autograph it for me.

I note what you say about Dr. Warren having in preparation, a book on "Lincoln, the Hoosier Lad" and of course would be glad to read it but I feel confident that I can say in advance that whatever he writes, there would still be opportunity left for you to handle this subject and with all due respect to Dr. Warren, I feel confident that if you would do this, you would do it in a way that would be greatly appreciated by your contemporaries and I do not believe there is anything else you could do that would have a greater beneficent influence on the lives of the boys of the future.

If someone would just take the boyhood life of those early pioneer days, that I suppose were the same all thru this western country, and weave it around the known facts regarding a character that stood for so much in the life of this nation as Lincoln, and whose name and influence is certain to grow greater throughout the coming years, they would build a book that would not only be popular but educational, instructive, character-building and lasting.

Looking forward to your visiting us in Indianapolis

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whether or no the treatment I have given in that book to the period in which you are interested has any interest to you.

Please believe, dear Mr. Holcomb, that even if I never am able to carry out your plan or we find that it is unnecessary to do so, I am gratified that you think I could do what you want done.

Very sincerely yours

Mr. J. L. Holcomb
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