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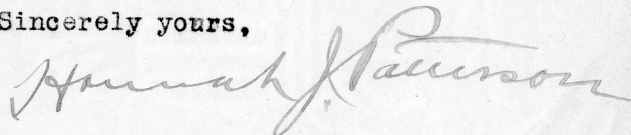
Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
132 East 19th St.,
New York City

My dear Miss Tarbell:

When we formulated the report to the Council of National Defense both Mrs. Lamar and I had understood from Mrs. Shelby that she had taken up direct with Mr. Gifford the needs of the Publicity Department and the plan which the Department wished to follow. After the report had been submitted to the Council and I spoke to Mrs. Shelby again, I found that this had not been done.

Since we have asked that the budget under which we have been working shall be abolished and that we be permitted to put in our requests as our work demands, we feel that there is no special necessity, however, for urging anything upon the Council with regard to the Publicity work. Only matters of policy need go before the Council, and I am sure that if our statement to the Council is accepted by the Director he will authorize any requests we make for additions to our working force. I spoke to him when we took our statement to him about the necessity for the additional writer or editor in the Publicity Department, and of the additional clerks which you desired. I am confident that we will have no difficulty about the matter.

Sincerely yours,



Resident Director

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