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Dear Miss Tarbell,

I am a little doubtful I may say in reply to your letter of the 1st as to whether it would be possible to publish Jones' book on LINCOLN at this time, manufacturing difficulties being even greater than they were when the manuscript was first submitted to us.

Our feeling about the book at that time was that the manuscript lacked distinction and that while the book would probably find some sale, it would not be much of a credit to its publisher.

Of course if you were to edit the book, if you found time to do this, and would then issue it with a Preface or Introduction of your own, we should very gladly take it but not I think in the form in which we originally saw the manuscript.

Yours very truly,

George P. Brett

Miss Ida M. Tarbell.