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My dear Miss Tarbell:

I believe that the enclosed represents a political platform that the up-to-date American would like to see adopted -- for the average American is thoroughly sick of paying billions in taxes for politics of the business-destroying type in addition to the Hague type.

The enclosed platform is based upon my book, THE COMMONWEALTH OF INDUSTRY, in which I tried to set forth a philosophy of public service for practical application to American industry. This platform is against the business-baiting politician -- against those in business who are fakers and destroyers of other people's money. This platform supports government -- not "ward" politics; and industry -- not business buccaneering.

This platform opposes the idea that government should conduct business. If the government is to run business, it must first show how it can and will do a better job than the present business management is doing, and what is the record of success of the men selected by government to run American business.

If you have any observations, suggestions, or criticisms to make concerning this platform, I should greatly appreciate hearing from you.

Yours sincerely,

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