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DEARBORN, MICHIGAN

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Miss Ida M Tarbell  
120 East 19th St  
New York City

Dear Miss Tarbell:

It was delightful to hear from you again. We have often spoken of your visits to our plant and offices years ago and hoped that we would see you again.

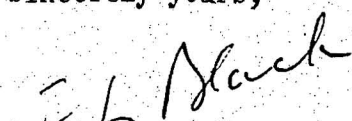
Your letter affords an avenue to find out something I've long wanted to know. You, of course, know that the movement for the peace conference in all its ramifications and developments had no connection with nor in any manner was handled by the Ford Motor Company or any of our organizations existing at the time. It arose spontaneously, overnight, and, although sponsored by Mr Ford, it was handled by others who, it appears, had no time to create office routine and, apparently, no files were kept. From this, strange as it may seem, it happens I have never yet been able to procure, or see, a copy of the letters and telegrams sent out in connection with the project.

Your letter shows that copies are still in existence. Would it be too much to ask of you that you have photostatic copies made, at our expense, of both the letter and telegram sent you? I would be more than grateful to you.

Several years ago a newspaper man who covered the story told me that a question arose about the reported acceptance of Jane Addams, Thomas Edison and John Wanamaker, and after the first few invitations were sent their names were deleted from the wires.

In view of this uncertainty it probably would be unwise to publish the telegram before we have all the facts.

Sincerely yours,

  
F L Black

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