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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
132 East 19th Street,
New York, N.Y.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

As the official biographer of Grover Cleveland, I am at present engaged in the work of reading systematically the manuscripts which he left on file. Among them I find a very interesting letter dated June 21, 1904, and bearing your signature. As Mr. Cleveland did not keep copies of his own letters, I am writing to ask whether you could let me see his reply, and such other letters from him as may happen to be in your possession.

Any material which you send will be carefully preserved in a fireproof building and returned to you if so desire. I shall also make suitable acknowledgement in the biography of the courtesy which you extend.

The book is to be published by Harper and Brothers and is to be preceded by a series of syndicated newspaper articles.

I need hardly say that both Mrs. Preston (formerly Mrs. Grover Cleveland) and I will deeply appreciate any contributions which you are able to make to a work which we hope will enable the people of this country, through a consideration of Mr. Cleveland's own papers, the better to understand his greatness. We feel certain that those who were admitted to his confidence and friendship during his life will be glad to assist the work of interpretation so necessary to insure his permanent place in the history of the nation.

Very sincerely yours,

R M McElroy

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