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Miss Ida M. Tarbell
120 E. Nineteenth Street
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My dear Miss Tarbell:

I have just returned to the office and am very happy to find your interesting letter of the 23rd. It will be a genuine pleasure to discuss the present social security program with you and I shall be glad to come over to see you at any time convenient to yourself.

I ~~believe~~ there is only one state in the Union - New Mexico - that does not have a poor law system which imposes a legal obligation on the part of children to support their parents. This obligation has been imbedded in our relief system for over three hundred years since the Elizabethan poor law system. Of course there is no federal law in this respect. Only a federal relief system can avoid this restriction under present conditions.

Trusting this gives you the information you desire, and looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you at your convenience, I am

Very sincerely yours,

A. Epstein

Executive Secretary.

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