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Miss Ida Tarbell,
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Dear Miss Tarbell:

It gave Mrs. Bliss and me so much pleasure to hear from you. It has been so long a time since we have seen you, that we hope you will carry out soon the suggestion of coming to take tea with us some afternoon in Washington, even though there seems little prospect now of the "confusion" clearing up for many months. You would find at Dumbarton Oaks no evidences of what makes you unwilling to cross the doors of devastated Washington!

But if you put off for too long a time coming to the capital city, perhaps you would let us go in and see you some day in New York for a quiet talk and perhaps a reminiscence of old days.

Your letter was forwarded to me here, otherwise I would have carried out, before answering it, the course which I propose taking on my return to Washington, that is, to see if I can find any trace in the State Department archives, as to your being accredited to the American Delegation. I suggest this because my memory of the matter is so hazy that I really cannot give you any definite opinion about it.

It is our present plan to be settled again in Washington about the second week in October and I shall make it my business, as soon as possible after reaching there, to delve into the records at the Department.

I hope that this delay will not be an inconvenience to you. The recollections that you are writing of those overcharged months in Paris will be of great interest to the public and of particular moment to those who were in the thick of the turmoil and who had the privilege of seeing you at that time.

My wife charges me with many cordial messages and shares my hope that it may not be long before we have the pleasure of seeing you again. With kindest regards,

Yours faithfully,

RWB/EMF

Robert Woods Bliss

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