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My dear Mr. Calley:

I do regret the long delay in writing you about the Springfield-Kentucky Lincoln pictures you so kindly let me see, as well as about the data on Colonel James Wright. When it was received I was away getting a much needed vacation and everything that I would liked to have attended to was held here, while that that I had to attend to came to me in Vermont. I did not get back until early September and then to plunge into a piece of work in connection with this Mobilization for Human Needs. I have only finished my bit, or have about finished it, and now am having a chance to look after my desk.

These Springfield pictures are very good. How much I should like to go over the ground with you. About ten years ago I did spend a week in Kentucky, driving over the whole Lincoln country with Indiana and Kentucky friends familiar with the legends, the sites and having many acquaintances in the territory. It was a delightful experience and I have full and informal notes of what we saw and heard. My conclusions of the whole matter I put into a book which you may or may not have seen - "In the Footsteps of the Lincolns" published in 1924 by Harper Brothers. If you have not this book I should like the pleasure of sending it to you.

We took many pictures on the trip but nothing so good around Springfield as these stereopticon views which you send and if you have a duplicate set I should like to have it for my files.

And now about the sketch of Colonel Wright. You have made it vivid, but I think it would have to be pointed up, as they say in the office, a little for publication. The pictures are excellent. I ought to find a place where it would be welcome, though these days people are so much interested in the NRA, the codes, and all that they mean, that it is hard to get a hearing for anything so remote as a still living.

say almost contemporary of Abraham Lincoln. But I shall see what I can do and if it brings something I shall send you the check for Colonel Wright.

I am sorry that I was not in the vicinity ^{the} when you were down on Long Island. I should liked to have seen you there as you suggested. Now that I am back, or practically back, another week will end my gadding about I think, I want to get in touch with [^] Fitzpatrick. ^S

What you wrote me about the Kentucky oil fields is very interesting indeed - very reasonable your comments on the control of production. The oil code has just come to my desk today, but I have not yet read it. I shall be very much interested to know how you are feeling about the completed plan. If production can be kept down to something like normal consumption needs certainly the oil business ought to mean a livelihood at least for those who engage in it. An extraordinary undertaking, this NRA, isn't it? But we have all the elements to work it out and with patience it seems to me it can be done. I am inclined to think the people as a whole are going to be patient about it and that they realize more and more the difficulties.

Now, dear Mr. Galey, do forgive me for the long delay in this matter of replying to your letter and at your convenience write me. In the meantime I shall see what I can do with your friend Colonel Wright.

Very sincerely yours

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