November 3, 1932

Dear Colonel Moss:

I have your letter of November 1st, telling me of the book you are preparing on the Flag of the United States to be used by boys and girls.

Of course you should have something from Abraham Lincoln expressing his faith in the people. My own judgment is, that the finest thing he ever said is embodied in the Gettysburg address. He so believed in the ability of the common people to rule themselves that he was willing to go to war to preserve the Government that they had set up. I know nothing in all his writings better than his expression, "government of the people, by the people, for the people," and his plea to the people that "such a Government "should not perish from the earth." That is, I think you will find the answer to the question you put to me in this address. A little parphrasing and explanation will clear the matter up - make it beautiful for your purpose. At least if I were doing such a book you have in mind I should certainly try to adapt the Gettysburg address to the purpose.

With all good wishes, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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