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Miss Ida M. Tarbell

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Dear Miss Tarbell:

A few years ago you were kind enough to answer a questionnaire on muckraking for me. I am wondering whether I might not elicit another response on the same subject from you. My book on muckraking will probably go to the press within a few months, but the publishers want some additional material about the personalities of the muckrakers and the editors. They want to know what sort of men (or women) they were; also how they obtained their material, and with what interesting experiences they met in this work, etc. In other words, they want my book to have some of that same dramatic appeal which the movement itself had. This

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does not mean that we are disregarding historical truthfulness.

I am, of course, acquainted with your books and magazine articles, but I have not run across much material about yourself. Have you not among your papers some good "write-ups" about yourself that you could send me? (I shall be glad to return them to you in good condition, if you wish.) And could you not send me a few pages of your experiences in this work which would convey a sort of personal touch.

I dislike very much to incommode anybody with my affairs, but in a way it is also your affair. I am trying to place you properly in this interesting movement. Perhaps you know that I started this piece of work under Professor Schlesinger's direction, with whom, I think, you are acquainted.

Any help you may give me in this matter will be highly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

C. C. Regier.