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October 20, 1938

Dear Ida Tarbell:

I should like to use in my final volume of the Wilson biography the President's letter to you of May 23, 1918, in which he says:

"Your letter of the eighteenth has interested me in a very unusual degree. It apprises me of things that are happening which I was not in a position to realize, and I rejoice as much as you do that they should be happening. If there is any way in which I can help, please do not hesitate to call on me because you think me overburdened, because I know you would not call upon me to do anything except what was thoroughly worth while."

But your letter to him seems to be lacking. He probably referred it as was his custom to some cabinet secretary or other official who would be interested

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in it. Have you any copy of the letter you wrote him or do you remember what it was about? I should like to identify it if possible.

I had your beautiful letter. It is an inspiration to see how you go forward with your work and how fresh your interests remain.

Yours, with affection,

Ray Stannard Baker

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I am approaching the end of the Wilson task -- thank Heaven!

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