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Dear Professor Schlesinger:

I regret so long a delay in replying to your letter of February 20th, as my Secretary wrote you I was away when it was received. I have only just returned.

As to my volume in the History of American Life, which I practically promised to you and Professor Fox by this time, it is not ready, nor can it be before late next Fall. I have not been able in the last year to controll my time as I hoped and expected to do when I wrote you. The obligations which have prevented me doing the work earlier have multiplied rather than divided, as I had reason to suppose they would. This does not mean, however, that I have done no work on the volume. My present expectation is to settle down to it late this Spring and give it my exclusive attention until it is off my hands.

I hope it is not necessary to repeat what I have already told you that I am really humiliated by the delay. Believe me dear Professor Schlesinger, there is nothing than I want to do more than to complete this book - not only in order to discharge my obligation to you and Professor Fox, but also because I am deeply interested in the task.

Hoping for your continued kindness in the matter, believe me

Very sincerely yours

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