Copy to Miss Ida Tarbell.

May 5, 1932.

Mr. Fritz O. Lund, Art Director,
The Macmillan Company,
60 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

Dear Mr. Lund:

It was thoughtful of Miss Tarbell and kind of you to send me the proposed jacket for the book on Mr. Young. I think it is first rate except for the picture, which I have never liked. I don't think it is characteristic, and to my mind it is too formal anyway. Such a picture as the one I enclose seems to me much more engaging, and being informal and unposed, decidedly more appropriate for the jacket. Of course it is really none of my business, but since you have me the opening I thought I would let you have my views for what they are worth.

Incidentally, I think it might be possible to find a better copy of this photograph, because I have seen prints which were much clearer. If my ill-concealed hope that you may decide to use it were realized I would be glad to ask the photographers for a new print, or you could undoubtedly get one from them direct, whichever you prefer.

Very truly yours,

Everett Lang

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Assistant to Mr. Young.

(The photograph is one taken on his return from the Dawes Committee, showing head and shoulders, in soft hat, black overcoat, and smoking a pipe.)

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