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DUMBARTON OAKS
GEORGETOWN
WASHINGTON D.C.

March 9, 1938.

Miss Ida Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Just what you think of me for not having followed up my letter to you of September 8 I hate to contemplate. I have excuses of illness and other things but what is the use of going into all that? I can only ask your indulgence.

A short time ago I went to the State Department and had one of the officials go over the files of 1918 to see whether there was any evidence to show that you had been accredited to the American Delegation to the peace conference. All I could find was that Mr. House had cabled recommending that you be sent over to Paris but there was nothing at all to indicate that you were to be accredited to the American Delegation. In fact this recommendation of Colonel House occurred just after the Armistice. It may be that you were assigned to the Red Cross as a means to provide a suitable reason for your going to France.

I hope some day that we may have the pleasure of seeing you in New York or at Dumbarton Oaks where we should be most glad to welcome you.

With kindest regards, believe me,

Yours faithfully,