

February 24, 1939

My dear Allan Nevins:

Do forgive the delay in replying to your note of the fourteenth. I have been snowed under with work.

Of course I shall be glad to give you a letter to Grace Emery. I doubt if she is in Bradford now, more probably in Nassau, but possibly Shanghai. I shall tell her that she can trust you as much as she would me which I am not sure is overmuch.

I would like very much to talk with you about the Rockefeller enterprise. Don't think for a moment that I have any doubt about your integrity in the matter, but don't expect much from me. I have paid no attention to the years I covered in the History of the Standard Oil Company since the book was finished, that is up to a recent attempt in some recollections to cover the method I follow.

Now about a time for our talk. I suppose you are out of town on Saturday - you ought to be - but if not and you could come to the National Arts Club, tomorrow, the 25th, I can be there.

If that is not convenient why not come to lunch with me at one o'clock on Monday, the 27th, or four o'clock if that is more convenient, although I should prefer lunch as we would have more time. I shall not be free again until Friday, March 3rd.

If you wish to make an appointment by telephone my number is Algonquin 4-6674 and I can be found up to twelve thirty.

Apologizing again for my delay in writing and assuring you that I shall be glad to talk with you.

Very sincerely yours

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