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Dear Dean Furman:

Please do not think that I have been indifferent to your cordial invitation to the Taylor celebration on December seventh. Nothing would give me greater satisfaction, but that week of December was fully mortgaged some three months ago. The best that I can possibly do is to try and get over for an hour to Mrs. Taylor's reception.

However, I have arranged to do a little piece on the Sunday before the celebration which if you do not object I shall go through with. The Herald Tribune in its Sunday Magazine will publish, say twenty five hundred words. I should like to make it an appreciation, writing particularly what I believe to be the truth that Mr. Taylor's work is the greatest single contribution to industrial stability and industrial co-operation that has come to us in the last fifty years.

What do you think of this idea? Have you other points that you would like emphasized?

Do you prefer that there be nothing said in advance of the celebration?

Of course if I am to go ahead I should like to have material about what you are going to do, what you are going to have in the way of exhibits that you can send me.

How about it?

Very sincerely yours

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