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Dear Miss Tarbell:

Dean Skinner tells me that she has reserved a room and bath on the second floor of the Venango Inn. She says it is the same room you occupied once before. If, for any reason, it was not a satisfactory room, please let me know.

The American Magazine is very much interested in your coming and may send a photographer to take some pictures. I hope you don't object.

Dr. Julius Miller is getting more and more enthusiastic about the murals for the Lincoln Room. He feels strongly that we ought not to let anyone but students do the work, even if it takes some time. Apparently the students share his enthusiasm and are busy with all sorts of research, blueprints, and plans.

On Saturday, May sixth we have several hundred high school students here taking competitive examinations for scholarships. Because of the number of teachers and parents who come with them we ordinarily have one or more public lectures. I know there are definite limits to your strength and you may not feel that you want to make any appearance before the group. It would mean a great deal to all of us, however, if you felt well enough to speak informally either to the high school students or the group of parents and teachers.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely yours,

William P. Tolley

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