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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Madam:—

The National Civic Federation, through its Industrial Economics Department, has decided to undertake a national survey in these three respects:

- (1) The progress made by this country in the last several decades, socially and industrially.
- (2) The grounds for the Socialist demand that private ownership in the means of production and distribution of wealth be abolished.
- (3) The differences in the fundamental aims and methods of the labor movements, as conducted by the trade unions, the Socialist parties, and the Industrial Workers of the World.

I enclose copy of the announcement of this survey, drafted by a committee on plan and scope, of which Dr. Talcott Williams is chairman. While the work in detail will necessarily be done by a corps of trained investigators, it is very desirable to have a representative Advisory Council the sympathy and aid of which can be invoked in this important work. The council will be composed of leaders in the world of labor, of agriculture and manufacturing; representatives of the press, the church, the college, finance, law and medicine, as well as officials of national organizations familiar with many of the specific problems covered by the inquiry.

It is believed that there could be no better time than the present to make this national inventory of social assets and liabilities. How far has the general movement of our Republic been toward progress, and what steps can be taken to establish it firmly on the way to further progress? With regard to good or imperfect performance, doubtless much will be found on both sides of the ledger, and of a certainty, with a satisfactory knowledge of the assets, Americans will be encouraged to meet their remaining liabilities to the cause of human advancement.

Will you accept membership on this council?

Very truly yours,



President.