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Dear Miss Tarbell:-

It is extremely good of you to have troubled about my inquiry regarding Hammond's History of the General Electric. I am overcome with confusion, because I find that, after all, we did have the chance to consider this manuscript some time ago, and that, for various reasons, we found it inadvisable to make arrangements with the General Electric for publishing it. I am sorry, indeed, to have worried you in the matter, but it had entirely escaped my memory that we had ever corresponded regarding this manuscript, much less seen it.

Thank you for sending over the photograph of Mr. Coffin. You may be sure that we will take the utmost care of it, and return it to you as soon as possible. The same assurance, of course, holds good for all the originals that you have been kind enough to provide.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
120 East 19th St.,  
New York City, N.Y.

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