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My dear Mr. Villard:

Will you help me in a little research that I have on hand? It concerns a review of a book of mine of which you may have heard, "The History of the Standard Oil Company." The review appeared in The Nation on January 5, 1905 and later was scattered over the country in large numbers bearing the legend, "Reprinted from The Nation of January 5, 1905 by permission."

What I want to know is, who wrote it? There were various suggestions at the time. I should, of course, have taken pains to find out but I was rather "fed up" on the Standard Oil Company at that time and thought the review was utterly unsound in its ethical as well as its economic position and let it go. Now, however, I would like to have the name of the writer. If you know, is there any reason why you should not give it to me? If you do not know, could you suggest where I might go to find out?

I shall be grateful for any help you can give me.

Very sincerely yours

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