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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,
120 East 19th Street,
New York City.

My dear Miss Tarbell:

I think my voice must have communicated to you the other night some want of vitality - at least several people who know me well have written in to say that my voice sounded tired. It is not physical exhaustion, but some considerable misgivings of moral conviction on this whole program on which we are embarked. I accept it as an alternative to something worse. I supported it on that ground, but that does not necessarily generate great enthusiasm for it. I speak of this only to give you warning that I may not be a helpful antidote to your "battered morale."

The most discouraging feature of our whole situation is this unrestrained over-reaching on the part of everybody, the apparent break-down in sense of obligation, including the obligation to restrain one's self, and the general subordination of most of the things which you and I have thought worth while to others which we have not believed in.

Certainly I will be delighted to welcome you in this new office of mine at the corner of 51st Street and Lexington Avenue. The subway stops in the basement, so you can come up town to see me instead of going down. Miss Morrison will be glad to arrange a time

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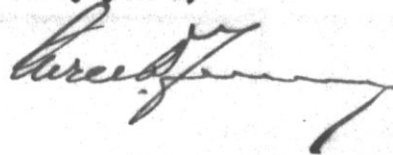
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when it is convenient for you.

I am glad you liked what I said the other night, and I thank you for taking the trouble to tell me so, because your approval means so much to me.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Lucie Fleming". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed closing "Very truly yours,".

P.S. I enclose a press release of my radio talk in case there is anything to which you might wish to refer.