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My dear Miss Tarbell:

This small publishing firm makes a specialty of issuing guides to the appreciation of important photoplays, for the use of schools, clubs, etc.

We are now preparing such a guide to the forthcoming photoplay YOUNG LINCOLN, which will be issued by Twentieth Century-Fox, under the directorship of John Ford and with an excellent cast. It is likely to prove one of the important motion pictures of the year. It is not, incidentally, a dramatization of Robert E. Sherwood's play, ABE LINCOLN IN ILLINOIS.

Would you be willing to write a brief foreword to our guide? We should very much like to have you write an introduction of 200 or 300 words, giving your own impression of Lincoln as a young man; or, if you care to do so, you might base what you say on the movie script, which we'd be glad to send you. For this foreword we can pay a fee of \$25: I am sorry we cannot make it more.

Will you be good enough to let me know whether you can do this? We should esteem it a great honor if you accepted the assignment. Copy would be due in a week or ten days.

Sincerely yours,

Max J. Herzberg

Miss Ida M. Tarbell

I had the pleasure recently of reviewing your autobiography for the Newark News, of which for some years I have been the literary editor.