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Professor William E. Dodd  
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My dear Professor Dodd:

I am afraid that you think me a very rude person. If I had been at home your letter of the 8th inst. would have been promptly answered, but I have been down in Kentucky on a Lincoln investigation and only returned Saturday night. Your letter followed me but I was too busy to consider it. And to consider the matter favorably I should have to do a good deal of considering and figuring for I am loaded up with work and seriously behind with all my contracts.

Frankly, however, Mr. Julius Rosenwald appeals to me as a subject. I should like to do the work if there was no immediate hurry for it, and if it could be made to bring me what I should have to sacrifice in journalistic work if I undertook it.

When do they want the book? Do they propose to publish it themselves? Will you not tell me more about the project, or put me in touch with someone that can do so? Above all, do pardon my delay in replying to your letter.

Sincerely yours