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

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Many thanks for your good letter of January 31. I shall certainly send you whatever further comments I may make on anything relating to Lincoln, even apart from the question of the Atlantic or Cleveland. What you say about Cleveland is interesting and suggestive. I hope that you will let me know if he is still alive. Not that I want to persecute him, but I want to size him up to see how far my judgment of him may be correct or otherwise. The question of spurious Lincoln material is widening and I am rather surprised to note the questions that are coming in relating to matter which has been accepted without any doubt and yet when the question is raised the doubt becomes strong. As a public man he seems to have suffered from this form of attack, and as a rule we can trace the origin of the document to the vanity of the manufacturer.

Sincerely yours,

Worthipson e. Ford

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