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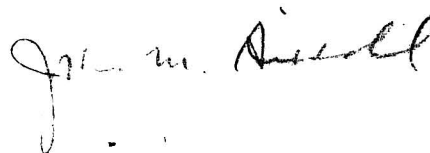
Miss Ida M. Tarbell  
120 East 19th Street,  
New York City.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

Many thanks for your letter. I won't expect to hear from you for two or three weeks yet.

Do not bother to return the enclosed letter, or even to acknowledge it. If the clipping is of any value to you, file it among your papers. I absolutely mean it when I say you need not bother to write me a line about it. I am making this woman chase all over Illinois to try to find out which route Lincoln came East by to make his Cooper Union speech -- whether he came by Philadelphia or by way of Albany. As I understand it, you could make the trip either way even in those days. It is going to do her good to discover what a terrible lot of digging one has to do in order really to get to the bottom of a thing and establish it. She is a very good sport and is taking the thing in the right spirit.

Very sincerely yours,



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