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Miss Ida M. Tarbell,  
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New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Tarbell:

I imagine you received a letter from Mr. Brainard, about which we talked at the National Arts Club last week. It seems to me that he has stated the situation clearly.

I can assure you on two accounts that we should regard "In the Footsteps of Lincoln" as about the most important thing that has come to us in some time -- that it would not share in our affections with any other Lincoln work.

First, the book: We see it as a splendid volume, *or two volumes,* not only with the series of biographical portraits which you indicated, but with a mass of documentary and other facsimile and photographic illustrations running through the work from beginning to end.

Second, the magazine: I talked with Mr. Wells after seeing you, and suggested to him the possibility of two or three articles which might be roughly called "In the Steps of Tarbell," those quaint, human, and delicious experiences you have had in following up the Lincoln material. Mr. Wells liked the idea very much. This would be in addition to some magazine articles from the Lincoln material itself which, it seems to me, would be very important both to you and for their helpfulness in stimulating interest in the ultimate book. I think these magazine articles would have more direct influence on book buyers than the newspaper syndication.

When you are ready to talk the matter over again, I shall hold myself at your disposal.

Cordially yours,

*William H. Briggs*

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