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Dear Mr. Lovejoy,

Please excuse the informality - I've been in bed for nearly four weeks & am still there, the result of a coronary thrombosis which at least has kept me alive - In affairs that I am unable to throw any sidelights on the life of Mr. Eastman as my acquaintance with him was only slight, it's discourteous upon a man's character, one must know him well & intimately - He was always courteous to me as he was to all his guests but I was only "run of mill" you might say, & did not really come in contact with him to know him -

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If I could help you, it would indeed be a pleasure to do so for any honors which can be paid to the memory of one who has done so much for his city & his country, is deserving of a never to be forgotten gratitude - Wishing you all success in your most worthy efforts, believe me

April 26, 1940

Very sincerely yours  
Mr. W. E. Sloan  
1250 East Avenue  
Rochester, N. Y. May 23/40

Colonel Solbert

My dear Mr. Sloan:

The possibility is being considered of the appearance of a book about Mr. Eastman's life in which his interesting human qualities would be illustrated to a greater extent than in the previous biography. As you know, the first biography was an authentic and rather formal history of Mr. Eastman's achievement as he wished it restricted, and published during his lifetime.

I am approaching a group of persons who had some contact with Mr. Eastman with a view of having them set down, if possible, for our records as many sidelights and impressions of Mr. Eastman's life and character as possible. This material would form a principal source of material for stories in our house organ as well as for the book, if and when it is written.

The project is being kept confidential for the present, and we would appreciate it if you would help us do that.

We are interested in stories, incidents, sayings, actions, sidelights and impressions of Mr. Eastman that illustrate his character, disposition, humor, and all his human qualities.

We hope you will be willing to write me quite frankly any remembrances you may have of George Eastman. We are interested in getting impressions of his reaction to people, business deals, social life, sports and exercise, travel, art, music, books, scenery and, in general, his way of life as you observed it when you dealt with him.

How did his cultural side appeal to you, his conversation, his dress, his refinement? Did he make friends easily and keep them? What of his loyalty to those he dealt with? Your own estimate of him as a man and a personality will add to these specific impressions that you may have experienced.

Yours very truly,  
F. W. Lovejoy

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