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The New York Times
Times Square

October 21, 1957

Dear Mr. Silver:

I am sorry to have delayed so long in replying to your letter of October 1, but I wanted to take the time to explore a few suggestions on the matter of lending some assistance in obtaining some back microfilm files, the need for which I can well appreciate.

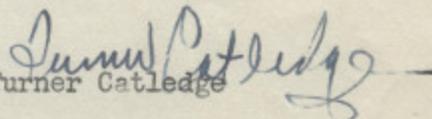
I regret to say that there is nothing The Times can do directly. However, it has been suggested that if you, or perhaps the librarian of the University of Mississippi, could determine what foundations make funds available for educational purposes, possibly some arrangement for assistance could be made.

Another suggestion which deserves some consideration -- if it has not already been given thought by the university librarian -- is to determine whether the university library is eligible for a grant from the Association of College and Reference Libraries. Last year The New York Times gave its second and final grant of \$5,000 to the Association for the purpose of providing back files of microfilm to non-tax-supported colleges and universities with four-year liberal arts programs. The Association makes the determination of the grant to about ten or twelve colleges annually. Usually they make the grant to colleges that have little or no back files, and, in addition, colleges that have budget resources sufficient for current subscriptions to the microfilm files. The Association's address is 50 East Huron Street, Chicago 11, Illinois, should you want to pursue this proposal further.

How do you feel about the use of actual bound files of The Times? Often, these are obtainable merely in return for payment of transportation costs. Mr. Robert MacDougall of the Library Services Department here at The Times maintains a list of institutions that wish to dispose of their bound files. If you are interested, I suggest you get in touch with him.

As I said above, I certainly appreciate your desire to have a complete microfilm file of The Times available to your students. Nothing would please me more than to learn that one of the suggestions contained in this letter has been of some assistance in helping you attain that goal.

Sincerely yours,


Turner Catledge

Mr. James W. Silver
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The University of Mississippi
University, Mississippi

P.S. -- In the thought they might be useful, I attach some microfilm price lists.

The New York Times

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November 2, 1957

Mr. Robert MacDougall
Library Services Department
The New York Times
Times Square, New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. MacDougall:

I have a letter from Turner Catledge in which he suggests that I get in touch with you to see about the possibility of the University of Mississippi acquiring back files (bound copies) of the New York Times from some library which may be abandoning them because of the use of micro-film.

We are in desperate need of a back file of the Times. For about three or four years we have subscribed to the microfilm edition but for the future there seems to be no prospect of our getting the necessary cash for the complete back file. Inasmuch as this is unlikely, it seems to me that if we could secure the actual bound copies, it would serve our needs. I'm reasonably sure that I could get the money to pay the freight on such files.

In the history department here we have less than a thousand dollars a year to buy books and periodicals. Which, I suppose, is about enough to keep up with the current output on the Civil War alone (not that we spend what we have on that). I have tried time and again to get up the necessary \$5000 for the back files, microfilmed, of the Times but have never had any success.

I would appreciate it very much if you would let me know about the possibility of acquiring the actual bound files. I can't think of anything that would be of more real help in our efforts to do acceptable research in a large number of fields.

Sincerely,

James W. Silver
chairman, history department