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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
AUSTIN 12

August 30, 1957.

Dear Mr. Silver:

The date March 2-7 is satisfactory at this end of line.

I understand that I am to meet four seminars, one dinner meeting. (My parents came from Miss. and dinner meant the noon meal--does it still?) And then we are to go to Columbus ~~Miss. and~~ for the meeting of the Miss. Hist. Soc. on Friday. I can not find in your letter evidence that I am on that program, and I see no reason why I would be. If not, I might want a day to visit around Aberdeen, home of my mother and father. This we can talk about when I arrive.

Will you want a printed program with lecture topics?

I will give one performance that would be of interest to citizens, particularly Democrats and Republicans. I have made a statistical study of what happened to the South between 1930 and 1950. I have measured the wealth of the South, and the other two sections, at these dates. The results are amazing, and very heartening for the South. Purely by accident, of course, the dates correspond with the New Deal Years, but we won't mention it. The South needs to know these facts. Put this lecture at the time you would expect the largest audience, and the most representative.

I take it there is no compulsion for written lectures. I probably will give two, and certainly one, but the others to students I might do better off the cuff.

I am looking forward to this stint, and will be primed to swap some cowboy stories with the Professor of Logging.

Carbone is already a Texan.

Very truly yours,

W.P. Silver