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July 31, 1956

Professor James W. Silver Department of History University of Mississippi University, Mississippi

Dear Professor Silver:

I am frankly not sure at all that it will be possible for me to attend the December session at St. Louis, but if you are willing to settle for the use of my name, with a chance that I might not be in a position to go through with the plan, I shall make no objection. I am deeply interested in the field and in the Foundation and of course it would be a simple matter to preside at the session if circumstances make it possible for me to attend.

I should hope that Elwood Maunder would be one of the speakers.

I am sorry to be late in replying to your letter of July 22, but once more I have been buried in the University Self Survey and I emerge only now and then from this uncomfortable spot.

With good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Theodore C. Blegen

Thus - Alex

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