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November 13, 1963

Dr. James H. Silver Department of History University of Mississippi Oxford, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Silver:

We are pleased that you can come to address our members and their friends on Saturday, November 30, 7:30 p.m. The session will be at the Auditorium of the Arkansas Education Association.

As soon as your travel plans are determined we would like to know. As I indicated we hope you can be here for dinner at 6:00 p.m. and that you will spend the night here.

As promised, I enclose some evidence of the state of things in Little Rock and Arkansas. While we have made some concessions to speeding history those in control still move on the assumption that Negro Americans will be satisfied some leagues short of full participation in American life. In Little Rock business men and church men seem to be in the state of mind where they must confront and defer to the concept of an open society before new decisive changes will be made. So, our request that you use your deep comprehension of the present for projection of changes ahead for the South.

We are grateful to you for what you have done and for coming to Arkansas.

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as I indicated, we are glad to take come of all travel expenses.

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