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THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS
DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
AUSTIN 12

March 12, 1958.

To

James Silver
George Carbonne
Bill Doherty
 Moore

Fellow Immigrants:

First, I want to express my appreciation for all the courtesies extended to me during my stay in Mississippi. I am especially indebted to George Carbonne for a conducted tour all over the state. If my remarks at Columbus cause you any trouble, I am sorry.

Second, you may be interested in what happened at Memphis after Mr. George took off. The plane was on time, and about when we were all ready to embark the hooded hostess came and said there would be "a little delay." All through passengers disembarked, and in a short time the police and other officials were swarming all over the plane. All baggage was taken off and returned to the office where, I am sure, it was searched. It leaked out that somebody had phoned in that there was a bomb on the plane, a report that suggested many possibilities. It cost me a dollar because I took out \$25,000 insurance, thinking somebody might as well have a profit on the transaction. After two hours we took off, and as you may surmise, made it to Dallas two hours late. I spent the night there, and got to Austin Sunday about 11 o'clock.

Third. As a small and inadequate expression of my appreciation of your hospitality, I am sending in care of one James Silver samples of one of the few distinctive products of Texas. These samples are intended primarily for the younger members of the respective families, and on that score Bill Doherty fares best. If the tags come off the boxes, the biggest goes to Bill and I don't want nobody giving Bill any argument. I trust the younger generation will be reasonably ~~generous~~ generous to their elders.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

W. P. Webb