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The Woman's College
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Office of the Chancellor

May 16, 1963

Professor Jim Silver
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Dear Jim:

Please excuse my delay in replying to your note of April 26, but I have been trying to locate a copy of the article to which you referred. So far, I have not been able to do so. I fear it might have been lost in the transition from Texas to North Carolina. Just on chance that it might still be in Austin, however, I have written to my ex-secretary and have asked her to search the files. If she locates it, I have asked her to send it directly to you.

I doubt that it will be of any help to you in your particular paper. The article was dedicated to the proposition that Mississippi, as did a number of other states, employed the race riot as a specific political technique during Reconstruction. The burden of that paper shows that, rather than a default of leadership, that there was very active leadership. The difficulty was that the leadership was dedicated to the wrong proposition. I am sure you remember very well the leadership of J. Z. George during the period prior to the difficulty in Yazoo City, in Vicksburg and in Clinton.

At any rate, it seems to me that you have a very fertile topic and I look forward to hearing your paper in November. In the meantime, please accept my best wishes. I hope all goes well with you in the embattled state of Mississippi. If you decide that you want to come back to North Carolina, I hope you will let me know. Perhaps, we could interest you in joining us at what will officially become on July 1, The University of North Carolina at Greensboro.

Sincerely,


Otis A. Singletary
Chancellor

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