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December 14, 1959

Miss Charlotte Capers  
State of Mississippi  
Department of Archives and History  
P. O. Box 571  
Jackson 5, Mississippi

Dear Miss Capers:

I enjoyed very much meeting with you and Drs. Betterworth and Silver last Saturday, and discussing possible arrangements for publishing **MISSISSIPPI IN THE CONFEDERACY**. I believe a very readable and interesting documentary history will result, one which will add significantly and creditably to the colorful annals of Mississippi history.

In the next day or two I will draw up and send you a tentative Memorandum of Agreement incorporating the terms we discussed: two volumes, jacketed and boxed, of 320 pages each (including front matter and index), plus sixteen pages of illustrations per volume, handsomely produced using quality materials throughout.

The authors are to provide manuscripts of approximately 375 pages, using Elite type, lines six inches long, twenty-six lines per page. (This is as the manuscript pages are presently.)

I know it is a hard thing to cut back any manuscript, especially when you must delete good material; but there are compensations to be gained in conciseness, impact, readability, and in sustaining reader interest.

One thing we did not discuss but which we should all be thinking about is the title, or more accurately, the subtitle for the two volumes. We need a concise and uniform phrase to convey the idea of "during" and "after" to **MISSISSIPPI IN THE CONFEDERACY**.

With best wishes to you all, I am

Yours sincerely,

*Don*

Donald R. Ellegood  
Director

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cc: Dr. John K. Bettersworth  
Dr. James W. Silver