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December 13, 1962

Dr. James W. Silver  
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Dear Jim:


Since you have already committed me so far, I think participation in the program next November is a very good idea. I am sure that barring some major problem here that I will not have any trouble getting away. Asheville is not very far anyhow--they might make me commute.

I don't like the word "discussant". See if you can figure out a better one for that.

One of the pleasures of my present position is that I don't have to read the Jackson papers. Somebody ought to be reading them for the purpose of sociological study, but I don't propose to do it.

We want you all to come up here sometime soon. The trip is just 400 miles, and we even live on the Oxford side of Knoxville. I don't think it would be too good for me to be visiting Ole Miss without some more official reason for the time being. There is a lot up here that I would like to show you about this operation as well as get in a visit.

Cordially,

  
Frank E. Smith  
Director

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