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Oct. 2, 1962

Dear Jim,

Just a note to say that I have been thinking much of you in recent days. My chief reaction has been sadness to the human mess. Emotionalism about our yesterdays seems to create a closed mind toward the future.

I recall that you mentioned in a seminar on "The new South" in 1946 that North Carolina would probably be the first to accept a negro student - and Mississippi the last.

I wonder who taught the American history class James Meredith attended. I thought you would be able to handle the situation.

I am taking 2 courses ^{in Ed.} evenings at Michigan State this term. I hope to finish course work this year - get started on the dissertation & take prelims.

The proclamation of the Florida Baptists in re Bible and negroes reminded me of "Propaganda in the Confederacy"



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I presume your children are away at school. I remember you said your son has a good scholarship. My daughter graduates from high school this year and as of now I don't know how I will be able to send her to college. If you have some "scholarship tips", send them along.

My wife had major surgery in August. I am trying to plan a trip (to assist her convalescence) South during Christmas Holidays. I have a minister-friend in Hazelhurst and we would plan to visit my former parishioner at Water Valley - in which case I will telephone you and hope to have the privilege of a brief visit.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Cordially
Bill
William L. Hemister