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CHARLOTTESVILLE, VIRGINIA

CORCORAN DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY
B-20 CABELL HALL

July 11, 1962

Dear Jim:

Yesterday afternoon a photographer and the publicity director of the University disturbed my work to take a picture of Mr. Faulkner's typewriter at my study desk in the Library. I hadn't known it was the desk at which "The Mansion" was written and I was just as happy not knowing that I had been laboring in Mr. Faulkner's former study. Too many ghosts now. He will certainly be missed here and by most of us who really did not know him but felt good knowing he was part of the community and got a lift out of meeting him in the supermarket or the liquor store or just nodding in passing on the street.

I suppose I ought to be sorry that Frank Smith was defeated; but, I must say, the campaign literature you sent me hardly made him out to be a partisan of the NAACP. I gather ~~that~~ that, in redistricting, the two most "liberal" members of Congress had to run against each other. Redistricting had somewhat happier results in Alabama.

Two things are still on my mind from last year's meeting in Chattanooga:

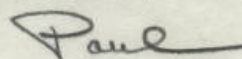
(1) What happened to the clippings on the innigred House you were to send me? If you still have something you can part with--or can give me to look at and return--I'd be much obliged.

(2) What happened to you and Dutch that last night? I didn't particulare care for an evening's partying with you, but I did feel awfully let down to miss seeing more of Dutch. Please tell her I should like to put in my bid for a rain check.

The enclosed is a copy (replete with 13 typographical errors) of a talk I made to the Jefferson Society (not to be confused with the Jefferson Chapter of the Council on Human Relations) in the spring. It was the "official" reply to an earlier talk by Henry Garrett (one of the endorsers of "Race and Reason") who now lives in Charlottesville and teaches in the Education School. I invited Garrett to have lunch with me later (he didn't come to the speech) and we had a pleasant time but didn't find too much to agree on. He did concede that Putnam is not much of an anthropologist or psychologist.

Did I read somewhere that you are to be on leave next year? Drop me a note one day, when you have the time.

Cheers,



Paul Gaston