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Mr. and Mrs. James Silver University of Mississippi University, Mississippi

Dear Jim and Dutch:

We received your Christmas card with pleasure. It was very rewarding to serve on the Rhodes Scholarship Committee here in Mississippi and have the opportunity to interview Billy. He did extremely well and you can be extremely proud of him. I am very glad to learn that he intends to apply again next year. I would think that he still has an excellent chance of success, particularly if he could come up with some good grades this year. Quite a few scholars have been selected after having applied more than once.

I appreciate Jim's sending me the book on Virginia's Massive Resistance. I will try to get some of my colleagues who are more in need of reading it than I to read it also. It was particularly timely because Muriel and I spent a week in Virginia this summer as she was returning from her visit to England. I was in Charlottesville in the afternoon and tried to get in touch with Jim but he had just left for home.

I have also enjoyed very much Jim's volume on Mississippi And The Confederacy. I know that the choices that had to be made of the material to be included were difficult, but the material that was chosen certainly seemed to me to be excellent.

We hope we will be able to see you before long. You have been promising to come to see us for a long time but have never made it. The welcome mat is still out.

With love from both of us.

Lerge