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January 19, 1956

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Dear Jim:

Back in the fall Tom Clark told me that, I believe, you had informed him that the Ole Miss Library had acquired a Clay letter (or were there more than one?). He said that if I would get in touch with you, you would send me a copy of it.

Well, I didn't think I should bother you in this connection, especially in view of a very friendly exchange of letters I had previously had with your Director of Libraries, Dr. Hartin. Consequently, I wrote to Dr. Hartin, enquiring about the Clay item and asking if we might have a photostat, as well as permission to publish it in our projected volumes of Clay papers. Since we have not yet had a reply from him, I am hereby appealing to you for help--as Tom suggested, and as I doubtless should have done in the first place.

Is the letter in the library, or did I misunderstand what Tom told me? In any case, how can I go about getting a photocopy of it? If the library does not have equipment for making photostats, perhaps you can give me the name of a commercial photographer who could do the job. I would then ask the UK Comptroller's Office, which handles our finances, to place an order with him.

Should you happen to know of additional Clay manuscripts in that part of the world, we would be happy to hear about them.

We will be grateful for any help you can give us.

Best regards.

Sincerely yours,

James F. Hopkins