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Dear Doctor Jim:

I had great fun reading your letter of July 10. I had just gotten back from an extended trip out of town and was particularly intrigued with the inquiry as to "who in hell devised the Ole Miss postmark." Excuse me, but, you know, I am not going to worry one bit during this hot weather about your being embarrassed by the Ole Miss postmark until you are so embarrassed that you are not willing to receive the increases in salary and the other advantages that have been added since the postmark was initiated. I lived through the same "great debate" in the FBI with its motto "Fidelity, Bravery, and Integrity." It was part of a program which paid off well.

Incidentally, I did not initiate this phrase. But I applaud it heartily until we get a better one. Regardless of how idealistic literary artists may be (art for art's sake, etc.), they somehow still sell their books and movie rights. I would too. But I would not pretend that the commercial aspects annoyed me.

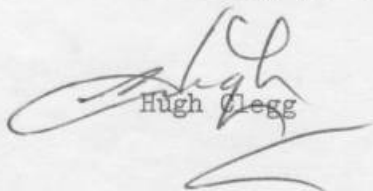
It sounds like you are having an interesting summer with plenty of time off to worry about such matters, but it is a real delight to hear from you. We are going to get some of the letters out as soon as we can unless we hear soon that Mrs. Cohn has an objection.

All seems to be well at the Silver household except for a paper boy's having an occasional disagreement with Rex. My own family is in Washington now.

Continue to have fun and feel free to unload any burdens at any time. I have so many I am now a dumping ground.

With every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

  
Hugh Clegg