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November 26, 1959

Dear Dr. Silver:

I was very sorry that I did not see you on my short visit to the Historical Association Meeting. I arrived just in time for a session I wanted to attend in the morning; went out to Emory for lunch and a visit with Mary Davis, a friend there, thanks to Taber Green's transportation offer; came back in time to sit in on the Populist brawl; then off to have a couple of drinks with old Emory colleagues of many years ago; then home, leaving by six, arriving by nine o'clock, Friday. On my brief rounds of the Biltmore lobby, I hoped to see you but didn't. I did want to say hello, etc.

Taber is a Casandra, I know. But if the situation is as bad as he says in Mississippi, I want to do something about it. Any suggestions? If there is an investigation, it would please me no end (please isn't quite the word for this) to appear on your side. I would welcome testifying, if the "accused" is permitted witnesses to testify on his behalf; and I mean it. Would you call on me? All I would ask is a cup of coffee at break-time--no strings attached, I promised.

Truly, I am concerned and I want to do something. I know JP Coleman, or did once upon a time. May I write him? I know Walter Dell Davis, Insurance Commissioner, well; as he is an old friend of the family. May I write him? My father and E. O. Spencer are first cousins--I don't know him well but would be happy if you say so and if he is a figure of any importance to write him. I will do anything--even write President Eisenhower--that will help. But don't want to misdirect efforts and would like to know where I can best serve you, from you.

I am serious and I am worried.

Sincerely yours,

May
May S. Rigold

I to Faulkner

My father is living with us now. We (the children and I) have bought a house and it is a sweet, little place. I am behaving myself *as* a good girl should--tending to my business and letting other people's alone, as you see from the above.

MSR