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Dr. James W. Silver
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Dear Dr. Silver:

Please forgive my not answering your letter of September 9 until today. Your letter was enclosed in the packet with the manuscript which was filed in the Manuscript Cabinet when it came in. I did not discover your letter until today when I was reviewing the file on this title and looking over the several copies of the manuscript which we have.

Your report is very helpful. I think it a very fair statement of the limited value of this collection of essays, and an honest appraisal of their appeal to readers. Your specific comments will certainly be useful to our editors in shaping up the final version for publication -- if we do the book.

I perhaps should add that the authors are all revising their essays, adding a brief bibliographical note (in place of literal documentation), and one or two additional essays being written to bring the whole thing better together. I hope that all told it will add up to a decent enough book -- if not exactly an original contribution to Civil War scholarship.

A check for \$20.00 for the readers' fee will be sent you shortly from our Business Office.

I was most interested in your remarks about your two volume work on Mississippi in the Confederacy. The last I heard from Miss Capers she said that the Board should reach some decision by September, at which time she would let me know something.

No doubt further delays have occurred, but I wonder if we might be able to get together and discuss this at the SHA Meeting in Atlanta next month.

With best personal wishes, I am

Yours sincerely,

Don Ellegood
Donald R. Ellegood
Director

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