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MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY

DEPARTMENT OF HUMANITIES
CAMBRIDGE 39, MASSACHUSETTS
October 17, 1962
Ofc. 14N-438

Professor James Silver
Department of History
University of Mississippi
University, Mississippi

Dear Jim,

You two certainly gave Ann and me a fine pair of days last month! Not only informative and pleasant but heart-warming. We look forward to seeing you again, possibly in late November.

Like everyone else, I have been following the papers with some care and have thought continuously of how you must have been feeling as the conflict at the University went on. I hope it has not been overwhelmingly hard on you, though that is probably too much to hope for.

Thanks to you I had a fine time with Martin Dain at his apartment in New York and look forward to the possibility that he may decide to have me work on the captions of his pictures. I had a chance to see his whole pile of Mississippi photographs and I must say you were right about his great ability as a photographer. It would be a pleasure to do a book with him.

I slipped in the mail to you yesterday a couple of little Faulkner items, and today or tomorrow will mail to you a copy of Faulkner's The Unvanquished. As soon as I can find one, I will send you a copy of the Japanese book of interviews called Faulkner at Nagano. In a few days the publishers of the little collection of Faulkner's University of Mississippi pieces will mail you a copy with my compliments--and real gratitude for your kindness and open-handed generosity to me.

I am returning the enclosed clippings which you kindly lent me. I am most grateful to you for letting me borrow them, as well as for giving me a copy of The Southern Reposeure.

The Atlantic Monthly has begun asking me to submit an article on William Faulkner and integration. I think I will do it, putting into it his letters to The Commercial Appeal, a summary of his position as shown in his novels, and attempt to explain that unfortunate interview with the British journalist which Faulkner later soberly repudiated, and any other information I can supply, including the interest he showed in the attempt to counter the organization of a unit of The White Citizens Council in Oxford. I am eager to give you the credit you deserve for your stand in all this, but I am extremely concerned with not making trouble for you in any way; so I should like very much to know how you would feel about being named in this article.

Hoping to see you in November. Meanwhile, all the best to you and your family.

Sincerely,

Carvel

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*Bombardiers in Hawaii. Agreeing they are in
out of print, but I'm writing today to
the publisher, who surely has a few left.*

*called William Faulkner: Early Prose
and Poetry*

(from over)

The atlantic man has just returned from California and we are to have lunch on Tuesday when I'll hit him up about those Coler letters.

You wanted the address of Julius Friend in New Orleans and the new address of the Plantation Book Store after its move from New Orleans October first: Friend now lives at 1578 Calhoun, New Orleans

but I can't yet find the bookstores new address at Natchez among the jewelers papers I have yet to sort out from

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Carroll

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Vertical handwritten notes on the right margin, including the name "James Silver" and other illegible text.