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DAVID McDOWELL

April 4, 1951

Dear Hubert:

Random House, Inc.

I think you'll be glad to know that so far things are looking pretty good here on the novel. I can't promise a thing yet, but the chances are certainly, at this point, in your favor.

One big question has arisen in the mind of someone downstairs: How big is the book going to be? The thought is--and I don't see how it can be justified--that the book may run close to 500 pages. I have said that I thought that on the basis of what you have already written and the outline it certainly would not exceed 350 pages, or, roughly, 125,000 words. However, this must of course be guesswork on my part, and I would appreciate a letter by return air mail special delivery giving your idea of how long you think the book will turn out.

Sincerely yours,

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Mr. Hubert Creekmore 1835 Devine Street Jackson, Mississippi

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