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Doctor James Silver,
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Mississippi,
U.S.A.

10th February, 1956.

Dear Doctor Silver,

Thank you for your letter of January 31st. I will look forward to receiving your piece on Mississippi in the course of the next few weeks. I hope that you will make it as colourful as possible. I want our readers to get the feel of the atmosphere in your state, if that can be done. We will be having a leader next week tied to the incidents in Alabama, dealing with the general subject of hardening opinion in the South, so our readers will have been prepared for your study of a particular situation.

Your second paragraph about the labour union situation opens up fascinating possibilities, and it seems to me that there is plenty of room for an article based on the incidents that you describe, which would give the background of the national move to increase labour organizations in the South. So, when you send the article on Mississippi, I would be glad to know what you think about this suggestion. In any case, by that time there may be rather more definite indications of what the AFL-CIO is planning to do.

Yours sincerely,

Nancy Balfour