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THE UNIVERSITY OF MISSISSIPPI
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June 28, 1957

Bureau of Business Research

Bureau of Public Administration

Professor J. Wesley Silver
Department of History
Emory University
Emory University, Georgia

Dear Wesley:

Your letter of congratulations replete with expressions of affection and esteem arrived yesterday. I appreciated it very much. I had not thought very highly of my new appointment or of myself before reading your letter. Now, of course, everything is changed.

I can understand your regret at losing "Bet-a-Million Hutcherson" from your circle. I suppose you will have to find some other means of augmenting your income next year. While I have not taken office officially yet, you will be interested to know that I have gotten out several dozen memoranda and plan to step up the pace come September 1. We have great plans for a graduate program in history. At present we are thinking of giving next year the Ph. D. in "Civil War History, 1861." After several degrees of this sort, we hope to expand the program and give another dozen or so in "Civil War History, 1861-1862," and so on through the war. Just to reassure you on our plans we have invited two outside experts to advise us on the program. They are Dr. S. W. Higginbotham of the Pennsylvania State Historical Society and Professor George Osborne of the University of Florida. With their counsel I am sure we will get the new program off to a good start early in the coming year. I will send you several memoranda on this from time to time.

Other than the above, there is no exciting news around here. We have other people who have threatened resignation and I am sure your spouse will bring you up to date on that when you see her.

Yours for peace and Billy Graham.

Sincerely,



C. N. Fortenberry
Director

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