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DEPARTMENT OF ENGLISH

Dear Jim,

I wish I could think of some satisfactory way to repay you for all your kindness, and more than kindness. I know I use the word too often - and rarely in praise - and I hope you will excuse my using it, but in a world where I sometimes feel I'm wading in horsehit and almost every reality is loaded over with it, you struck me as man without it. A great thing to me. All of which, I suppose, may strike you as so much soft soap. I can only say it isn't and that I would like someday to know you better.

Please do call upon me for anything you can think of that I can do. If you were not who you are, it would be easy, I think, to do something to show that I am grateful. So you must let me know.

Incidentally I stopped at the University of Virginia to see the Faulkner manuscripts, and that's the closest I've gotten to the real McCoy, what I think is most important. My only reservation is that I feel virtually certain that there

once I had even earlier versions of most of the
materials, ^(which Faulkner destroyed) Still it was illuminating - very
illuminating - to compare the holograph with the
typescript manuscripts. No did revise.

I must get back to the University of
Virginia soon - provided, of course, that I can secure
permission to do extended work on the manu-
scripts.

Once again, thanks, Jim. Remember -
anything I can do. Please give my warm
regards to Mrs. Silver.

Cordially,
William Rossby