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books to be ELIMINATED FROM CONSIDERATION

Wertenbaker, GIVE ME LIBERTY JSH
Dabbs, THE SOUTHERN HERITAGE JSH SILVER
Meiers, THE GREAT REBELLION: THE EMERGENCE OF THE AMERICAN CONSCIENCE JSH
Dowdey, Clifford, DEATH OF A NATION: THE STORY OF LEE AND HIS MEN AT GETTYSBURG JSH
Taylor, NEGRO SLAVERY IN ARKANSAS JSH (OK by MVHR)
Daniels, PRINCE OF CARPETBAGGERS SILVER (OK by JSH)
Broderick, DUBOIS JSH (OK by MVHR)
Cunningham, Doctors IN GREY: THE CONFEDERATE MEDICAL SERVICE
Skipper, JDB DEBOW: MAGAZINIST OF THE OLD SOUTH SILVER
Carter, THE ANGRY SCAR: THE STORY OF RECONSTRUCTION SILVER JSH MVHR
Burger and Betterworth, SOUTH OF APPOMATTOX JSH MVHR
Strode, JEFFERSON DAVIS SILVER
Savage, SEEDS OF TIME SILVER
Davis, TO APPOMATTOX: NINE APRIL DAYS

Memorandum for FRANZ and CURRENT:

I have gone through the book reviews in the Journal of Southern History and the Mississippi Valley Historical Review and the foregoing is what I have come up with as a start. Also I have talked with a few people, and, believe it or not I have read a few of these books. I am not particularly happy with any of the ones I have read -- which are: Dabbs (OK but not suitable), Skipper, Carter, Daniels, Savage, and Strode. I think that I would vote to the end against any of these with the possible exception of Daniels. Frantz has reviewed book by Loos and can give word on that. The one book that I can't figure as to consideration is John Duffy's RUDOLPH MATAS HISTORY OF MEDICINE IN LOUISIANA. If it is what I think it is, an editorial job, I think it probably ought to be scratched.

Though I may not appear so, I'm very humble about this job, and suggest the above only as a starter. I would like to hear from the two of you, and get your ideas about adding or scratching book titles. For awhile, I think, we should leave on prime list any title that anyone thinks should be given very careful consideration.

Certainly by the 1st of September we should have a list of ten or twelve books, no more. These we should ask the publishers to send to all three of us. I'll be glad to do the work of writing the publishers. So far I have had sent to me volumes by Cotner, DeSantis, Hoffman, Johnson, Sharkey, Abbott, ~~and Washburne~~

Please feel free to recommend highly any book that I have so far proscribed. I have just had to start somewhere and have relied pretty much so far on reviews, which may be a bad practice.

When we have gotten down to our select list, I think that we might send one or more questionnaires to a few people.

PLEASE LET ME HEAR FROM YOU. It is now time for us to get to work with the idea of coming up with the final selection by October 1st.

Yours,

Jim Silver

✓ = Frantz (has Harlan) -

* requested from publisher

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STRONG CONTENDERS

- X ✓ Elkins, Stanley, SLAVERY: A PROBLEM IN AMERICAN INSTITUTIONAL LIFE (Chicago, 1959).
JSH + personal rec
- X ✓ Nuernberger, Ruth K, THE CLAYS OF ALABAMA: A PLANTATION-LAWYER-POLITICIAN FAMILY
(Kentucky, 1958) JSH * Strong personal rec
- ✓ Chambers, Lenoir, STONEWALL JACKSON (William Morrow, 1959, 2 vols.)
JSH + MVHR
- X ✓ Harlan, Louis R, SEPARATE BUT EQUAL (UNC, 1958)
very strong personal rec

POSSIBLE CONTENDERS

- X ✓ DeSantis, Vincent, REPUBLICANS FACE THE SOUTHERN QUESTION: THE NEW DEPARTURE
YEARS, 1877-1897 (Johns Hopkins, 1959) JSH MVHR
- X ✓ Johnson, Ludwell H. RED RIVER CAMPAIGN (Johns Hopkins, 1958)
JSH MVHR (good only)
- Daniels, Jonathan, PRINCE OF CARPETBAGGERS (Lippincott, 1958)
JSH (Silver: NO)
- X ✓ Cotner, Robert C., JAMES STEPHEN HOGG, A BIOGRAPHY (Texas, 1959)
MVHR (good) JSH (NO)
- Grantham, Dewey, HOKE SMITH AND THE POLITICS OF THE NEW SOUTH (LSU, 1958)
JSH (good)
- X ✓ Hoffman, William S ANDREW JACKSON AND NORTH CAROLINA POLITICS (UNC, 1958)
JSH (good) MVHR (good)
- Coleman, Kenneth, THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION IN GEORGIA, 1763-1789 (Ga., 1958)
JSH (good) MVHR (OK)
- Broderick, Francis L WEEDUBOIS: NEGRO LEADER IN A TIME OF CRISIS (Stanford, 1959)
MVHR (good) JSH (NO)
- X ✓ Sharkey, Robert P., MONEY, CLASS, AND PARTY: AN ECONOMIC STUDY IN CIVIL WAR
AND RECONSTRUCTION (Johns Hopkins, 1959) JSH (good) MVHR (good)
- NO (Frantz) Loos, John L OIL ON STREAM! A HISTORY OF INTERSTATE OIL PIPE LINE COMPANY, 1909-1959
(LSU, 1959) JSH (good:FRANTZ) MVHR (good)
- Abbott, W W THE ROYAL GOVERNORS OF GEORGIA, 1754-1775 (UNC, 1959)
MVHR (good)
- X ✓ Moore, John H AGRICULTURE IN ANTE-BELLUM MISSISSIPPI (N. Y. 1958)
JSH (highly recommended)
- Williams, Jack K VOGUES IN VILLAINY: CRIME AND RETRIBUTION IN ANTE-BELLUM SOUTH
CAROLINA (USC 1958) JSH (good) MVHR (OK)