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Dear Jim and Dutch:

How goes it? Frank Smith was telling me the other day you have survived, though one of my dear fraternity brothers, Wilbur Hooker, has been gunning for you.

I've been asked to give a lecture in Memphis some time this year, and since my travel expenses will of course be paid, I had the bright idea of trying to combine it with a trip to Ole Miss, which I haven't seen in 12 years, not to mention the classmates whom I haven't bulled with for almost 20 years.

It seems as though the best time to do all this would be to come for the Mississippi State game, which I understand is in Oxford on Nov. 26. I am tentatively thinking of flying to Memphis on Friday the 25th, arriving there around 2:10 in the afternoon, and taking a bus down to Oxford that afternoon. Then, if I can get a ticket, go to the game the next day and back slap all my old buddies, and ~~manhama~~ go home with one of them to the Delta, before heading for Memphis for my speech Monday night.

Since you're the main people I'd like to see in Oxford, I was wondering if it would be convenient for me to stay with you Friday night. I don't know how many children or grandchildren you may have around these days (maybe Dutch just had another one?), and please feel free to say so if it's not completely convenient. If not, could you try to find me a room somewhere else -- maybe a room in the Student Union. I don't believe the Phi Delta Theta's have a house these days. Just for Friday night.

I'm scheduled to give an illustrated lecture on "Russia Today" at Southwestern on Monday night, Nov. 28.

Am writing to Billy Gates to see about getting a ticket for the game.

If you're worried about losing your job, I'll be happy to keep it secret that I'm visiting you.

Am looking forward to seeing you in any case.

With best regards,

*Tom*

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