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Dear Jim:

My apologies for the delay in answering your last letter. I have been in the throes of moving and resettling.

I do not have any titles to add the list you have compiled, but I will comment briefly on some of them.

First, let me say that I consulted Fletcher Green last spring and received from him the following as books we should consider: Cunningham DOCTORS IN GRAY, Harlan SEPARATE AND UNEQUAL, Moore AGRICULTURE IN ANTEBELLUM MISSISSIPPI, Grantham HOKE SMITH, Williams VOGUES IN VILLAINY, and Cotner JAMES STEPHEN HOGG.

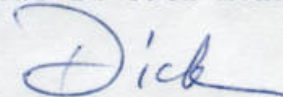
Of the books on your list which I have read, the following stand out as good in my opinion: Chambers JACKSON, Daniels PRINCE OF CARPETBAGGERS (which I think makes a contribution, and of which I have a higher opinion than do friends with whom I have talked), and Grantham HOKE SMITH.

Except for the Daniels book, I would not suggest reconsideration of any of those you have included in the group to be eliminated.

In the case of some of the intrinsically promising contenders, such as DeSantis REPUBLICANS FACE THE SOUTHERN QUESTION and Sharkey MONEY, CLASS, AND PARTY, we perhaps face the problem of the definition of "Southern" history, since these deal with national policy rather than with the South as such. But I would certainly wish to have these two titles included among those to be sent us by the publishers.

For the final list, why not include Daniels, your four "strong contenders," and DeSantis and Sharkey plus those of your "possible contenders" that have firmly "good" reviews in both MVHR & JSH?

Sincerely,


Richard N. Current