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March 27, 1962

Mr. Boyd Campbell
Box 1059
Jackson, Miss.

Dear Boyd:

If the State would furnish me a secretary or even a typist I would be able to keep up with my correspondence with you in more elegant style. The question occurs to me, while I'm typing this, as to whether you might be able to type your own letters.

It also occurs to me that I'll be in Milwaukee making a talk when the next meeting of the Mississippi Historical Society Board meeting takes place. I mention this so that you will be assured 1) that I am in demand as a speaker outside of Mississippi, and 2) I realize that you are a professional at this sort of thing. More important, I am presumptuous enough to believe that you will carry on my good work at the board meeting. We must never let the glories of Historian Claiborne be dimmed in his native (I think) state.

Having softened you up somewhat, I hope, with the articles from that sterling publication THE NEW MEXICO ELECTRIC NEWS (which I hope you have passed on to Baxter Wilson), I am now sending you a copy of my real body blow. This is the piece de resistance, the reason for my acclaim among the good old biddies of the D. A. R., the Sons of Confederate Veterans, etc., etc. Even, perhaps, the Legion. (I'm keeping this whole thing clean by not mentioning the US Chamber of Commerce.) If you don't like my oration, just chalk it up to a bitter youth. And please keep it out of the hands of Tom Ethridge.

I'll be on leave of absense during part of your presidency but you can be assured that my prayers will always be with you.

I do appreciate your efforts toward getting me a copy of the Brady speech. I can still use it. I hope to make my study of thought control in the 1850's as compared with the 1950's a minor masterpiece. The material is there; all I need is courage and faith.

Yours,

Jim Silver