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September 12, 1961

Dr. James Silver
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Dear Jim:

How are you? Thank you very much for your two letters to me in Madison, and please forgive my not answering sooner. I do want to thank you for coming to Madison to take part in the Seminar. From my standpoint as Director, you couldn't have done a better job in setting the stage for the two-week's study that followed, and you may be interested to know that in the final evaluations by the students, the majority of them put you as their first choice among the resource people.

The remainder of the Seminar was very pleasing to both Will and myself. I find it hard to value judgments on the success of programs like human relations seminars, but I do know that all eighteen of the students left Madison terribly conscious of problems in the South and determined to become involved in their solution. I have heard from several of them since they have come back South, and most of them are very sad in their new consciousness and don't really know at this point if they are glad or sorry about their experience. It is indeed strange to have to measure the success of a program by how unhappy and confused the participants are when the program is finished.

Thank you so much for sending Baldwin's book. One of the students read it and reported on it, and several others had a chance to read it. Also, we were glad to get some more reading lists so that each students could have one. We all got a big change out of this list being a "partial" one. Everyone said that they would hate to see the size of a complete one. I am returning your copy of "Race and Reason", and thank you for leaving it with us, since we only had one other copy and since many of the students were anxious to read it.

I imagine by now you are settled back to life in Mississippi. I do hope that you will send me any clippings or keep me

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informed on any interesting events at the University. If the grant is renewed, I will probably be coming down your way sometime this year and shall certainly get in touch with you. Thanks again for your interest in the Seminar and for taking the time to be one of our resource people.

Sincerely,

Constance

Constance Curry
Director, Southern Project, NSA

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