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January 16, 1962

Dr. George F. Boughman
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Dear George:

It was good to see you, Hazel, and the children at Christmas. After a real bout with sinus, I am just getting down to writing a promised letter. During the sinus sessions, Eleanor did most of the readings of galleys on the two-volumed college American history text, but in return she secured half of the royalties from the same. A man cannot win.

The men with some funds are: (1) Lucius S. Ruder, 1102 Palmview Avenue, Belleair, Clearwater, Florida. He owns a banking system, a steel mill, three terminals, and other assorted properties in Ohio. He is an intelligent, handsome man, but also one who has ills, no doubt from hard work. He has contributed generously to the Florida Historical Society. Whenever I feel the Society is in financial difficulty, he will respond with \$600 to \$1,000. I think that he has a special interest in Rollins College -- perhaps there is a Congregationalist connection. (2) Paul H. Maddock, 545 N. Lake Trail, Palm Beach, has something over \$25,000,000 but is a mixed up person -- divorced and no present wife but stepchildren and children, but the ex-wife really controls them. Maddock really needs a caretaker, is vain, but generous. Judge James Knott, Circuit Judge, Courthouse, West Palm Beach, has great influence on Maddock. Maddock is very forgetful. Although he has known me for years and has given me money for the Florida Historical Society, he would probably ask: "Who the hell is that?" if you mentioned my name. This part of his character has been good at least once. He gave me two checks in the same day for the historical society. (3) Walter P. Fuller, Route 1, Box 707, Clearwater. Among other activities, he is a realtor in St. Petersburg. Before the crash of 1929 he had some 15 million or more, lost it all, but now at an advanced age is back in the multimillion bracket. (4) Tom Brown of Tom Brown Incorporated -- land, citrus, fruit and vegetable packing, and so forth -- of Frostproof, Florida. Tom is a rather rough character. I have never pulled too much from him for the Society, but he is now a director of it, and we are working on him. He has a large collection of Seminole War (1835-42) maps, letters, and other historical material

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which was recently left him by Major Edward Keenan of Frostproof. The old Major was a former engineer, a candidate for Republican governor of Florida in the 1940's, and for a long time his historical interests received the financial support of Tom Brown. Tom has the appearance of a wind-blown cracker. (5) Albert DeVane of Lake Placid, Florida, is a real rough cracker in looks. His property is mostly, I understand, in land, and he rents thousands of acres to Lykes Meat Company. He has intense family pride.

Recall that I mentioned a possible faculty member for you. Undoubtedly, you will be thinking of staff in the near future. Dr. James Silver of the Department of History, University of Mississippi, University, Mississippi, has written at least one good biography and edited an excellent volume, but I would recommend him to you primarily on personality, teaching ability, and art in stimulating students. He has taught at Ole Miss for many years and has also been on the summer faculty of the best eastern schools, including Harvard, Midwestern ones, and is going to either Oregon or Washington this summer. Jim is president-elect of the Southern Historical Association -- will be president in 1963. His wife is an asset to a college community. They have four children, the two older of whom are in Harvard and Wellesley (I think). In a year or two, I'm sure he could be "had" from Ole Miss, and he would be a decided asset. He was chairman of the history department there for years, but gave it up, and I doubt that he would again be interested in heading a department.

Do not forget that you are saving a quarter or a semester for me in 1969 when I reach 60 if I'm not too much more stupid than now. Just anytime you get the money, build and reserve a house on the campus for me -- have grapefruit and oranges within reach of the kitchen window, and mangoes for Eleanor. The latter can be away from the house. She craves them so that she will walk for them.

We hope that the financial drive is progressing to satisfaction. Eleanor joins me in regards and best wishes to you, Hazel, Sherry, and the not-so-little-any-more Gaye.

Sincerely,

R. W. Patrick

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