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December 6, 1956

Dr. Joseph J. Mathews  
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Dear Joe:

Having just sent our summer schedule to the proper authorities, I feel that I'm half packed and on my way to Emory.

The courses you suggested fit in exactly with my own desires. History 255 is a course I have taught off and on for years. Of the others my preference is 317 (Confederacy), then 315 (Old South), and last 319 (New South). But I'm perfectly willing to teach the New South, depending on the attention you pay to the School of Education. As you know, over here the Education people really run the summer school but we still don't pay them much attention. But I am serious when I say that I'm willing to leave it up to you.

There are some questions I'll probably get around to asking you by next spring. Dutch and I have talked about housing and she may know something when she returns from Alabama. She thought before she left last Tuesday that this summer might be the last chance for her to spend some time with her mother who is living by herself in Montgomery. Whether she goes there for the whole time will depend on whether we can find a suitable couple to rent our place here to for part of the summer. We are going to have to save as much as possible to help with Bill's college finances next fall.

Bill and I are leaving early in the morning, in different cars, for Jackson. I have a couple of meetings and he will attend some sort of Youth Congress (is running for Speaker of the House) and will take his Naval Examination on Saturday. Guess the whole family will get back together on Sunday.

In something of a hurry. I do appreciate the chance to teach at Emory and, to be candid, the chance to get away from here for a while.

Yours,

James W. Silver