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Saturday Night
2/25/56

Dear Jim —

I certainly do appreciate your letters to Gov. Coleman and Pres. Davidson. The former, I hope, did some good — although I can't say that I see your influence reflected in his recent press statements! He is, however, about our best hope in Mississippi; I voted for him — and I'm still glad.

Perhaps I will need all the help I can get in locating a new job. Certainly I appreciate your thinking enough of me to write P. D. (and Coleman) as you did. Wish I really deserved the nice things you said about me.

And, while I am throwing pretty words around, let me say (sincerely) how much I appreciate what you have meant and will continue to mean to generations of students — and faculty — here at Ole Miss. Your work has been an inspiration to me; in fact, you are probably partly responsible for my resignation! Figured it was time king was doing something. I know that the fine and interesting letter I got from Hilda Gholson today reflects a mind and attitudes which you have helped to shape.

Well, anyway, thanks.

Sincerely,

Morton