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EMORY UNIVERSITY, GEORGIA

November 30, 1956

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

Dr. James W. Silver, Chairman  
Department of History  
University of Mississippi  
University, Mississippi

Dear Jim:

We are all delighted to know that you are willing to consider coming over to teach with us next summer. I have talked to Dean Ward and he has authorized me to suggest a salary for the summer term, June 17--August 17, of \$1250.00. Dean Ward will be out of town this coming week but it is his intention to extend you a formal offer when he returns.

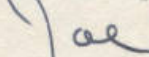
As I told you in my earlier letter, we will want you to teach two courses, each of which normally meets for one hour, five days each week, but on two or three occasions meets six days rather than five. We do intend to have one double course in the first half of the summer, however, and if you would like to do one double course it can be arranged. By 'double' I mean that the course would meet two hours each morning during the first half of the term only. The other course would extend through the whole term. Harvey Young, who will take the double course if you do not want it, has no preference -- so its up to you.

With reference to the choice of courses, would you be willing to take on our History 255, which is entitled "The South in American History," and subtitled "A general survey of the development of the South and of its significance in the History of the Nation." This is Wiley's course, and is open to Juniors, Seniors and Graduate students, though we seldom permit our own graduate majors to take the course: we place them in the strictly graduate courses on the South. This course would have to run for the whole term. The second course, which will consist exclusively of graduate students, and could be done in the first half of the term only, could be selected from the following: History 315(The Old South), History 317(The Southern Confederacy: Its Rise and Fall), or History 319(The New South). Our Department of Education, which furnishes some of the students for these courses, has expressed a preference for the New South, but this need not be the determining factor in your choice. The enrollment in History 255 would likely be around 20, and in the graduate course around 10. Most, perhaps all, of the latter group would consist of teachers.

We realize that neither of these two courses fit precisely your own courses at Mississippi, but there's no reason why you could not, with the broad titles suggested, do pretty much what you do in your regular courses.

Like you, we will want to get our summer bulletin materials completed before the Xmas vacation; so we will be appreciative if you can tell us your reactions to these suggestions as soon as possible. We hope very much that they will be acceptable and we look forward to having you with us.

Sordially yours,



Joseph J. Mathews  
Chairman

ccs: Dean Ward  
Dr. J. H. Young