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April 8, 1961

Dr. James W. Silver
Professor of History
University of Mississippi
University, Miss.

Dear Jim:

I have just mailed an application to the Nieman Fellowship Committee at Harvard University.

I'm sure you are acquainted with the program. Each year 11 or 12 newspapermen receive fellowships which permit them to study at Harvard for an academic year. At present, John Herbers, UPI manager for Mississippi, is a fellow.

I'm telling you all this because I have listed your name in the application as one of the three persons to whom the committee can refer for further information about me.

The others are Hodding Carter and Daryle Feldmeir, managing editor of the Minneapolis Tribune.

This is the first time I have made a pitch for anything quite so selective. I suppose it's pretty natural for an applicant to feel that he has little chance of success. But somebody's going to go, and I concluded that you don't have a chance unless you apply.

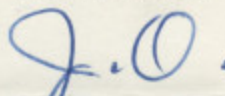
If there is any information which you should want about me, should you be contacted by the Nieman Committee, I shall be happy to provide it. But I think you probably know all that's necessary to know about me.

It goes without saying that I shall appreciate whatever assistance you may give -- of course, consistent with the limits of historical accuracy.

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I write this assuming that Myers Lowman has been unsuccessful and that you still reside at Oxford.

Cordially,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "J.O.", with a period at the end.

John O. Emmerich, Jr.
Managing Editor

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