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## The Economist

22 Ryder Street, St. James's, London, s.w.1

16th October 1962.

Dr James Silver,  
History Department,  
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Dear Dr Silver,

I feel that I owe you an explanation in connection with the article on the Mississippi situation which appeared in The Economist a couple of weeks ago. I was away when the situation became serious in Oxford or I would have written to you immediately asking for an article. By the time I got back it would have been necessary to cable you and for you to cable the article, and I felt that both might be unwise from your point of view since I gathered that communications were tapped in Oxford. Meanwhile our Washington correspondent had had the offer of a short article from somebody whom he knew who was going to Oxford - Robert Nelson of the Monitor who I think got in touch with you - and had encouraged him to go ahead, so in the circumstances I confirmed this arrangement. I do hope that you will understand.

I also think that we would very much like to have an article from you on the situation in Mississippi later on. We will probably write a note this week on whatever happens to Governor Barnett in the New Orleans court. What I have in mind from you is an article on the aftermath when things have settled down; maybe not until the end of the academic year, maybe round about Christmastime. Would you be prepared to do this?

Yours sincerely,

*Dr,  
When?*  
Nancy Balfour