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Nurnberg, Germany  
30 December 1962

Dear Dr. Silver,

As I told you in my Christmas note, I have applied to six graduate schools for admission and for financial assistance: Yale, Cornell, Wisconsin, California, Stanford, and North Carolina. I realize that writing recommendations to each of these places will take a considerable amount of your time. I hope that I can repay you for this assistance in the quality of the future work I do and by someday helping other students in the same way.

My Army experience has been very rewarding and enjoyable, but I am ready, and even eager now, to get back to school. I approach it with a great deal of awe, as I realize that I have a long and hard job ahead of me. However, I am confident now that by applying myself to the fullest, I can attain the degree and, I hope, become a good historian. Wherever and however I subsist during the spring and summer, I will continue to read and review, and to work on my French and German. It will be essential for me to receive financial aid if I am to go to graduate school next year. My parents cannot and should not assist me any further. I have spent most of the small savings I had in traveling and seeing Europe, which, of course, I do not regret. On the contrary, this experience has contributed more to my practical education than anything else in my life, and it has motivated me greatly for further formal study.

The breakdown for the individual schools' requirements for the submission of recommendations (in order of deadlines) is as follows:

- ✓ 1. University of California (Required form enclosed) - Deadline for receipt of recommendations - 15 January. This is the earliest deadline date and the only one that may, regretably, rush you a bit. Should be addressed to Committee on Fellowships and Graduate Scholarships, 225 Sproul Hall, University of California, Berkeley, California. Since this date is rather close, I am enclosing stamps for your use if you will be kind enough to send the form via air mail.
- ✓ 2. Cornell University (Required form enclosed) - Deadline for receipt of recommendations - 1 February. Should be addressed to The Graduate School, Cornell University, Ithaca, New York.
- ✓ 3. Stanford University (Required form enclosed) - Deadline for receipt of recommendation - 1 February. Should be addressed to Office of Admissions, Stanford University, Stanford, California.
- ✓ 4. Yale University - (Required form enclosed) - Deadline for receipt of recommendations - 1 February. Should be addressed to Admissions Office, Graduate School, Yale University, New Haven, Connecticut.
5. University of Wisconsin (No special form provided) - Deadline for receipt of recommendations - 15 February. Recommendations requested in letter form addressed to: Chairman, Department of History, University of Wisconsin, Madison, Wisconsin. The 1961-1963 catalogue lists the chairman as Professor Sachse. No first name was given.

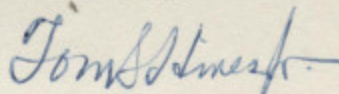
6. University of North Carolina (No special form provided)  
Deadline for receipt of recommendations - 15 February. Recommendations requested in letter form addressed to: Chairman, Department of History, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, North Carolina. The 1962-63 catalogue lists the chairman as Professor Carl Hamilton Pegg.

In addition to the formal letters of recommendation, all universities encourage personal communications with individual members of the history faculties. It would be extremely helpful, of course, if you could do this, also. As you know, my chief areas of concentration in further graduate study will be Modern European and American social, cultural, and intellectual history.

Whenever you have a chance, I would appreciate your giving me an honest critique and appraisal of my article, making any suggestions you will on my further graduate study, and offering some observations on the state of the Great State of Mississippi.

Again, thank you for your interest and your assistance.

Sincerely,



P.S. The University of North Carolina also requests that the name of the candidate and the department in which he will study be placed in the upper right hand corner, preceding the letter proper.