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MR. HARRIS G. WARREN
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OXFORD, OHIO

March 28, 1962

Dear Jim,

Things really seem to be in a mismer at Ole Miss! Bill Doherty filled us in on much of the situation when we saw him in Washington in December. A rundown on the charges leaves me somewhat astounded. Just last week I was straightening up some cabinets in my study and came across a half dozen or more of Carbon's reprints, written in Italian. So he didn't publish! Not as much as Carbon's, I suppose, but he did do some very worth while things. And Hig? That really a funny one! Hig is just one of the very best editors in the business and is far superior to anyone else in the whole state of Mississippi. That any comparison would be indecent. Seems that he is now an assistant to the President at Rice and Dean of Students - who matches that?

I don't recall having been driven off - I do recall that you urged the Chancellor to raise my salary to \$8500 in an effort to keep me at Ole Miss. Moreover, and this I would be delighted to repeat on radio, TV, the witness stand, or anywhere else - the principal reason why I stayed at Ole Miss for eleven years was because

you made the situation so attractive.
I have been in other departments, and I have had a few years of experience as a department chairman (7, in fact). I don't know how anyone could do a better job than you did in the conduct of the department.

I wish you were a Middle East-African specialist & we could offer you a job. Even our Southern man Joyner - has several years to go yet. Anyway, for whatever it is worth, I would be delighted to have you as a colleague again and only wish it were possible to bring that about. Anyway, you can retire soon - won't you have about 25 years or more of service this year? I remember correctly, you went to El Missin in 1936. Why not just go fishing? Of course, there's that matter of Betty and Paul & education the penalty for drinking too much coffee.

We're in the midst of getting ready for summer in London. I have a grant that will pay most of my expenses, Katherine earns her way and so we join in sending Gordon on a 60-day tour of Europe while I work in the P.R.O. and the B.M. Hope to get lots of stuff on Paraguay for the period 1865 to 1928 or so. Records are open to 1907, but may be made available for later years. We'll fly from New York, store the car there.

By the way, who is the 5th program chairman?
I really feel somewhat like a heel for turning you down, but I really do have just too much
much to do. Regards to Dutch only
Lewis