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## Bell to Jim, 12 October 1962

Bell Irvin Wiley (1906-1980)

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EMORY UNIVERSITY

ATLANTA 22, GEORGIA

DEPARTMENT OF HISTORY

October 12, 1962

Professor James W. Silver  
University of Mississippi  
Oxford, Mississippi

Dear Jim:

I appreciate your note. I have inscribed a copy of The Road to Appomatox and mailed it to you. Please pass it on to Meredith with my best wishes. In the inscription I made no reference to the trouble at Ole Miss or to any other unusual circumstance, but simply inscribed the book as I would to any other student. It seems to me that this is best. I am glad to have your impression of him. He must be a man of great character and courage to endure all that he has put up with.

I keep hoping to read some notice of disciplinary action against the students who continue to boo, hiss and otherwise make unseemly manifestations. There are plenty of decent people who want to go to college without putting up with such uncouth and rowdy folk. But, I know that you and the other bright-minded people there are doing all that you can. It is easy to be critical at a distance.

Joe Matthews is safely and comfortably established at Robert College. He had a great deal of difficulty getting his car through the customs, but he has it now and he and Marcia seem to be enjoying their situation. Tim is taking graduate work at the University of Cincinnati. He got a better fellowship there than at Yale.

I know that a whole hunk of cards favoring Joe for vice-president went in to the nominating committee. There are many other solid claimants to the honor and Joe may not be able to make it this time, but I hope that at least the large showing in his favor now may help get him in later. I hope that he may make it this year.

I assume that you know that Greenfield is to appear on the <sup>Memphis</sup> ~~Methodist~~ State Young lecture program later this month. I wish I could be there to hear him. If you are in the vicinity, I know that he would appreciate your attending one of the lectures.

As ever,

*Bell*  
Bell Wiley

W/h

Encl.

P.S. After dictating the letter to you, I decided to address a note to Chancellor Williams. I send you a carbon, for your information.