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## Lou to Dr. Silver, 9 October 1962

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Dear Dr. Silver,

Dan and I are now property of the U.S. Government regardless of the fact that we are Mississippians. Dan is in the Officer's Orientation Program which offers such worthwhile subjects as the value of Red Cross and the 14 points of being an officer.

The Army really keeps us busy. We get up about 5:30 every morning, eat breakfast in the semi-dark, and Dan's out the door by 6:30. I then have my second cup of coffee and usually write a letter. A train runs through the back yard about 8 o'clock to make sure I have'nt fallen asleep while doing the dishes. I know to look for Dan anywhere between 5:30 and 7, and it's usually the latter.

I've had plenty of time to work on my thesis, but the Miss. mess has possession of my mind. I have to keep both radio and T.V. on to make sure I don't miss anything. Enclosed are two items from the Atlanta Journal. Ironic that the cartoon equates Miss. with Castro and the Communists (Why I thought we were the only people in the U.S. fighting Communism!?).

Actually, we expected just what happened with Barnett at command. What a gallant example our political leaders set for the youth of the state. Their open defiance of law and order were recognized as the high code of conduct to be praised and followed by every loyal Mississippian. One could predict a riot without much effort.

I fear the people of Mississippi will never forget the second invasion of their land by the Federal Government and hope for respect of the American Government must be dashed. What the people will fail

to understand, especially under our current leadership, is that the troops came at our "request" and "invitation". Dan and I are sure you won't have any trouble convincing the Southern Historical that Barnett is cut out of an 1860 mold.

Cohn is keeping me busy and I will mail those articles I borrowed from the collection soon. I'm sure I have a fine reputation with the Library now as I have about three Cohn books checked out which were due Oct. 3 and they don't even know where I am. So I'm working against mounting fines, but that is good for me.

I hope when I do return to the University to grab my M.A. you will still be associated with that institution. If all goes as planned, I should be around sometime in January.

Dan and I send our regards to the family and a homesick wish for at least one night of discussion on the "situation" with you.

Very sincerely,

Lou