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November 21, 1962

Mr. A. W. Willis
588 Vance Avenue
Memphis, Tennessee

Dear Mr. Willis:

In Miami Beach last week I talked with Edward Kuhn and understood that we would all get together last week end in Memphis. There was some sort of a mix-up in communication and our meeting did not take place.

This morning I saw Jim Meredith for the first time in almost two weeks. (In this time I have been out of town more than here.) In any case we talked very vaguely about the possibility of a book and he suggested I write you this note.

It seems to me that before any decision could possibly be made, all of us involved need to sit down for a conversation that would not close until we were agreed (or disagreed) as to what we should attempt. Since returning from Florida I have written Mr. Kuhn that I am interested if the details could be worked out. Actually, this is, in a way, more serious for me than Mr. Meredith for the kind of book I have been contemplating would most certainly mean the end of my career here. But I do think that there is a chance for an outstanding book, perhaps even a great one if it is done properly.

I wish that you would talk it all over with Jim Meredith and if you think it wise, maybe we could all get together in Memphis for a long talk. I would guess that a representative of McGraw-Hill ought to be present. I have no particular plans for the next week or so, except to get back to the book I'm now working on. My telephone number is Oxford 234-3206.

Sincerely,

James W. Silver