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March 12, 1962

Mrs. Joseph J. Mathews

924 Clifton Road N.E., Atlanta 7, Georgia

Dear Jim,

Thanks for the kind words, a novelty from Mississippi except for your ex-residents, the Butts, who never fail to surprise me. I find that writing is fun from two angles -- what you say and what you don't. Reactions, as you remark, are unpredictable.

We hope Tim graduates. He will if he gets his Honors thesis in by April 1. We have our fingers crossed. In any case, Joe and I are tentatively planning to go to Turkey for the year. Tim would like to join the Sardis expedition summer of 1963, but that's too far away to think about. He'll probably be in the army as a private.

If you and Dutch get to Atlanta let us know. We'll be here until mid-August, when we expect to sail on some ship that goes as far as Istanbul.

Joe is working too hard, as usual.

Greetings from us both and many thanks for your note!

Maria