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January 2, 1963

Mr. Fred Steadman
The News-Journal
Daytona Beach, Florida

Dear Mr. Steadman:

I plan to arrive in Daytona Beach sometime on Saturday, January 18, and will be ready for the forum on the 19th. I'll drop you a line when I have made the exact reservations.

Enclosed is a recent picture which I have had to cut down a bit to get it in the envelope but this doesn't hurt the picture. My topic will be: THE AUTHENTIC REVOLUTION - which sounds pretty good but doesn't really mean anything. I'll talk about the race situation, with particular reference to Mississippi.

As for biographical, you can use what you want of the following:
James W. Silver, born, 1907, Rochester, N. Y., lived in South since 1920.
Educated: University of North Carolina (BA), Vanderbilt Univ, Ph. D., 1935
Ford Fellow, Harvard Univ (1951-52)
Teaching: mainly at Univ. of Miss (1936-) but have taught at Harvard, Virginia, Missouri, Emory and University of Aberdeen, Scotland (1949-50).
Many articles in leading historical magazines and four books: EDMUND P. GAINES: FRONTIER GENERAL (1949), CONFEDERATE MORALE AND CHURCH PROPAGANDA (1957), A LIFE FOR THE CONFEDERACY (1958), and MISSISSIPPI IN THE CONFEDERACY: AS SEEN IN RETROSPECT (1960).
Harcourt, Brace & World, Inc. will publish in May my book: MISSISSIPPI: THE CLOSED SOCIETY.
Have received over 600 letters since speech in Asheville on Nov. 7, 1963, as President of the Southern Historical Association.

This is probably more than you can use. I did live, one winter, in Daytona Beach, as a kid, probably in 1915-16. The profile in the NYTimes is accurate, the one on Nov. 8, 1962. I'll change my plans (as to envelope) and send you a copy of my speech in Asheville. The one in Daytona Beach will not be written out but will be livelier, I hope.

Sincerely,

James W. Silver