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January 30, 1963

Mr. Marvin W. Topping  
College and University Personnel Consultants  
734 Fifteenth Street, N. W.  
Washington 5, D. C.

Dear Mr. Topping:

I am enclosing the forms which you sent to me in your letter of January 21.

I am not yet sure that I am interested in leaving the University, but I am sending this letter under rather unusual circumstances. Only an hour or so ago word came to us that a crowd of roughnecks was on its way from Jackson for the purpose of "getting" some of the professors who have been friendly to James Meredith. My name is rather high on the list.

So, before you get this I may be a lot more interested in leaving here than I was yesterday. At the moment I'm not entirely convinced that one cannot do good work here - even though the odds seem to be against that point of view at the moment.

In any case I am sure that I can get the highest recommendations as a teacher, scholar, and even as an administrator. At the present time I am the president of the Southern Historical Association.

Sincerely,

James W. Silver