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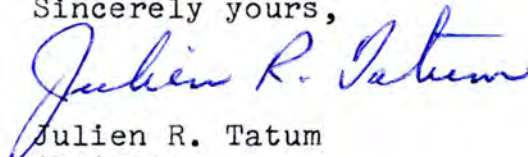
Dr. D. W. Colvard
Mississippi State University
State College, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Colvard:

I find myself in the embarrassing position of congratulating a person for doing something that both he and I think is the thing for him to have done. Yet it is a commentary on the situation in the State, that I feel a compulsion to do it. So congratulations for taking the stand that you have. To me, this action needed to be taken because the team should participate fully in national as well as regional and local activities, and because it is the function of an administrator to make decisions for his institution and not to ask permission of other authorities to be allowed to make such decisions.

Dr. Loftin has probably told you that under certain circumstances the Department of Sociology and Rural Life there and the Department of Sociology and Anthropology here operate as a joint department--and so I presume that I may address you as a member of your faculty and say that I take pride in the action of my president.

Sincerely yours,


Julien R. Tatum
Chairman

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