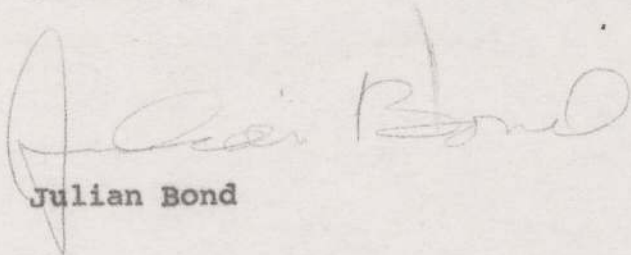


January 2, 1973

Dear Ms. Forniss,

I am sorry I missed the December 16 opening of the building. I was out of the country until nearly Christmas Day. I hope I have the chance to come back to Birmingham some time soon, and that we can get together then.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Julian Bond". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name "Julian Bond".

Julian Bond

Ms. Laurie Forniss  
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