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TO: APSA Members

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FROM: Cal Ledbetter, Jr.

RE: Financial Deficit

DATE: March 25, 1980

Since our meeting at Fairfield Bay, we have discovered that the APSA budgetary deficit is more in the neighborhood of \$700 rather than \$150 to \$200. All of the deficit involves the printing bill (which is due on April 1) for the APSA Journal. Since the situation struck me as urgent, and after consultations with Walter Nunn and Joel Anderson, I sent a letter to about forty prominent businessmen in central Arkansas and elsewhere asking for contributions to sustain the Journal (a copy is enclosed).

Once the returns are in, we'll have to make a judgment as to how to finance the next issue of the Journal. We should have some idea about that before our meeting on April 5.

I am taking the liberty of writing you this letter on behalf of the Arkansas Political Science Association. The Association has recently published a journal (some excerpts are enclosed) that can serve as an outlet for people in Arkansas who want to write about Arkansas government and politics. Currently, if an interested citizen or someone at a state college wishes to write about such topics as the 1978 senatorial race in Arkansas, Governor Clinton's relations with the 72nd General Assembly (1979), or what the new 1980 federal census may mean for Arkansas, it is necessary to go to an out of state journal or possible to use the Arkansas Historical Quarterly on occasions. The new Arkansas Political Science Journal can solve this problem and provide an Arkansas outlet for Arkansas writers who want to write about Arkansas political topics.

Unfortunately, the cost of publishing is out of sight and strains the resources of an organization like the Arkansas Political Science Association which has a membership of less than seventy people most of whom are faculty members at Arkansas colleges. In order to encourage political writing in Arkansas which has depth and analysis, we would like to invite you to serve as a patron of the Arkansas Political Science Journal. If you or your company could contribute \$100 toward publication of the journal, a dependable financial base could be established that would help guarantee the certainty of publication. Not only would a publication of this kind be an asset to our state and to higher education in the state but it would be still another sign that Arkansas is coming of age.

If you would like to be a patron of the Arkansas Political Science Journal, please make your check out to the Arkansas Political Science Association. A self addressed envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

Sincerely,

Cal Ledbetter, Jr., President
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Enclosure