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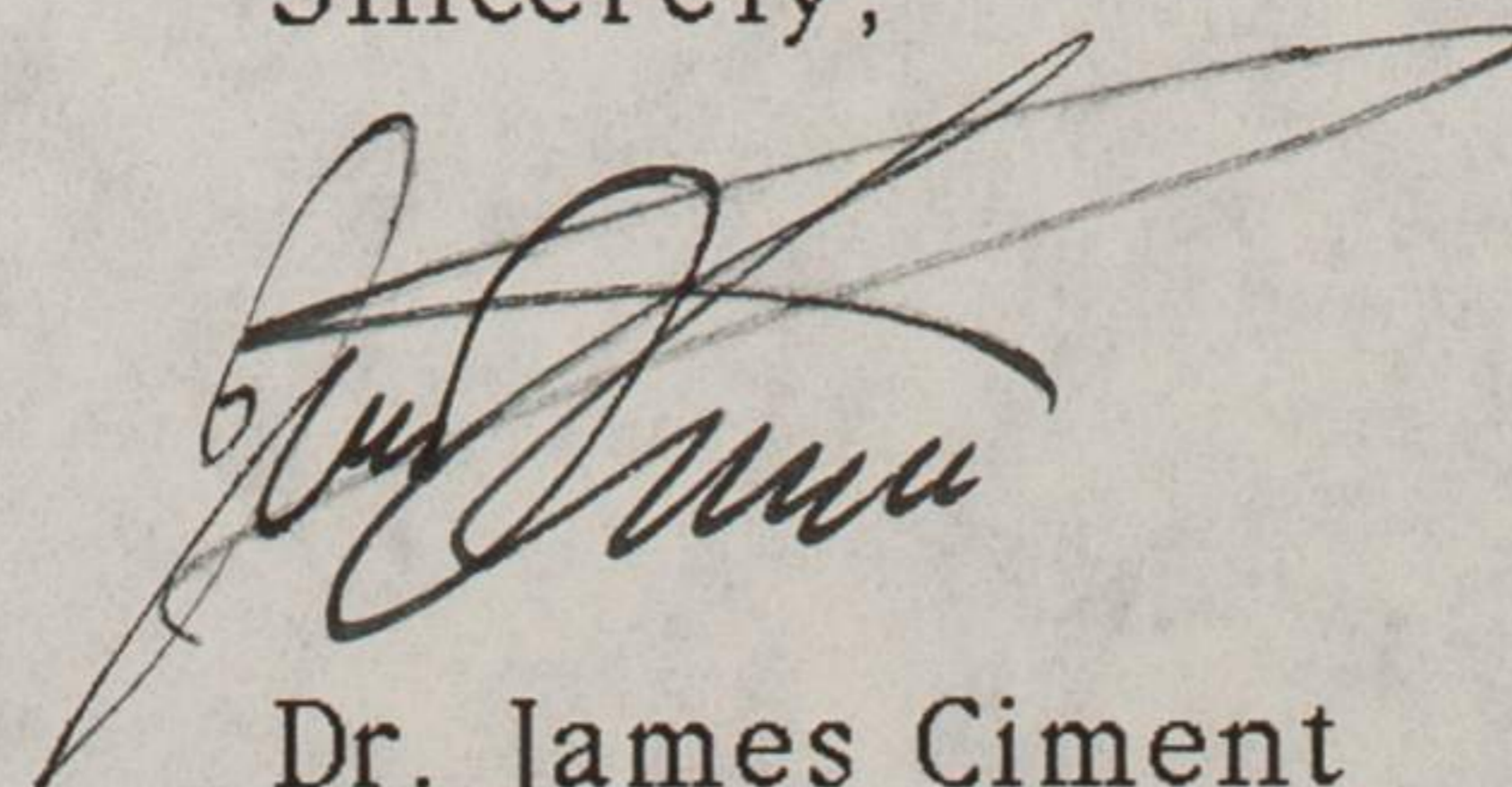
Dear Ms. Bates,

We spoke on the phone the other day. I'm Dr. James Ciment of the City College of New York and Smokestack Film Productions of New York. As I mentioned to you briefly, we are developing a documentary film on the history of African Americans in the trans-Mississippi West.

As someone who is intimately connected with the preservation and telling of this saga, your comments would be greatly appreciated. We are still in the early stages of this project--applying for research grants and fiscal sponsorships. The enclosed proposal is our initial effort to explain what we are doing to potential sponsors and grant agencies. Feel free to comment on our project in general or as it is presented in the proposal.

Like you, we want to tell this important story of the American past right, i.e. honest and engaging. We eagerly look forward to hearing what you have to say.

Sincerely,



Dr. James Ciment

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