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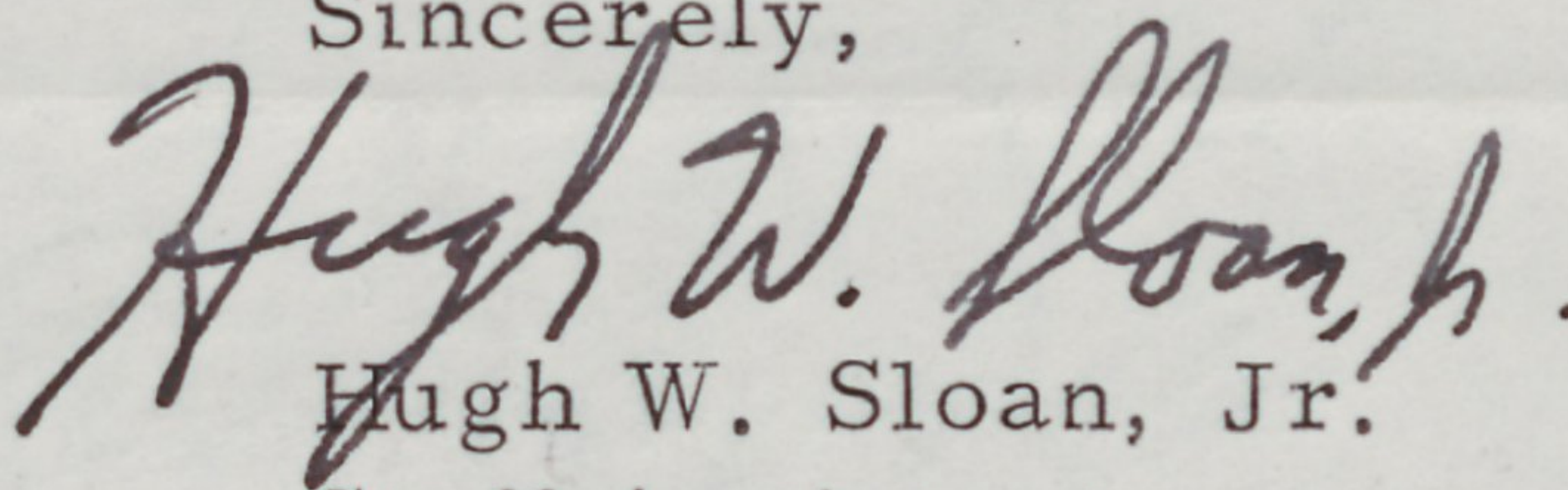
February 26, 1970

Dear Dr. Jenkins:

On behalf of the President, I would like to thank you for your kind letter to him of February 13 inviting him to visit East Carolina University for "Solar Eclipse Day" on March 7th during your two day conference on the eclipse.

The President very much appreciated receiving your thoughtful invitation to come to the area of totality during this important event, and is sorry that we have to send a disappointing response. Unfortunately, the President's schedule is such that it will not be possible for him to join you, as much as he would like to take advantage of this opportunity. He wants you to know, however, that you have his best wishes for a most successful conference and also his thanks for writing in this regard.

Sincerely,



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