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John T. Burgess
223 - 49 St. No.
Birmingham, Ala.

Oct. 1 - 1962

Dear Mr. Meredith,

You should be very proud of your great accomplishment. You have instilled into our new generation of white people more of the feelings of our grandparents toward the negro than we, the parents of this generation could have done for the rest of our lives. Who do you think will gain any benefit from your bloody accomplishment?

You — No — You will never receive a degree from Old Miss.

The U.S. Gov. — No — When we are willing to sacrifice the lives of many American citizens for the wants of one man — It is a disgrace —

The Negro — No — Am sure you will find out the grief, suffering and hardships that negroes in Mississippi especially, and the rest of the southern states

will endure for years to come,
because of your actions - and
the actions of our U.S. government.
The Communist - yes - they thrive
on this sort of thing -

If you sincerely want to be
a good American citizen, why don't
you sit down and think about
what you are doing, and leave
Mississippi?

You are enrolled in Old Miss, but
you are not and never will be
wanted, or accepted socially there.
Your wife can't even live with
you, or visit you without en-
dangering her life, or without
federal guards to escort her -

If you are an example of the
good negro citizen, you and your
kind will never be accepted
anywhere by decent southern people.

Sincerely

John T. Burgess