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Mr. James Meredith. Kosciusko, Mississippi

Dear Sir:

It would seem that after you accomplished your purpose of entering the University of Mississippi you would stop "mouthing" off and giving interviews to the press. I am referring to an AP report in a Kansas City paper this morning. You are now apparently putting yourself in the class of professional agitators and rabble rousers as Martin Luther King and others of his ilk.

It cost the taxpayers of this country several hundred, and perhaps millions of dollars, to get you into the University of Mississippi. Also, two unfortunate deaths. Looks like now you Would be satisfied and keep silent.

The undersigned has never been prejudiced in any way against the Negro race. Before I retired I had three in my employ. One as chief of my tool department. But I am certainly getting prejudiced now! Against the rabble rousers and agitators as mentioned above. So are thousands of other people throughout Kansas and Missouri.

There is one sure thing to remind you of, Mr. Meredith: there is no law, state. Federal or Constitutional that can compel any individual, or group of individuals to have to associate with any other group. In other words, every citizen of the United States has the right to choose his own companions or associates.

It is suggested you go on and complete your college course, whatever it is, and stop adding fuel to the fire already spreading not only in the Southland, but the North as well. The Negro is steadily losing more friends than he is gaining by such things now taking place in various parts of our country.

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