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Mr. James Meredith  
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Dear Mr. Meredith:

Since you are the first person of the colored race to attend the University of Mississippi, of which I am a graduate, I was thinking that you might be interested in being first in other fields also. You know I have been concerned about the fact that President and Mrs. Kennedy do not allow more negroes at their social gatherings in Washington.

I shall be the first to contribute toward your expense or the expenses of any other negro who is willing to go to Washington and integrate the White House. I shall also offer my services as an attorney free to you or another negro to bring the matter into court if you are denied admittance to a social occasion by President Kennedy due to your race. This, I believe, would violate the Constitution of the United States.

I challenge and urge you to accept my offer. If Mr. Kennedy is really serious about integration other than for political purposes, and wants to be another Abraham Lincoln, lets see if he can practice what he advocates.

I cannot help but wonder who will be the first negro to have the honor of doing the Cha Cha and Twist with "Jackie".

Sincerely,

*Lewis K. Garrison*  
LEWIS K. GARRISON

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