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Mrs. K. Fristad.
96. Hopetoun Circuit.
Yarralumla.
Canberra.

Australia A.C.T.
Mon. 15.10.62.

Dear Mr Meredith,

I'd like to convey my congratulations on the calm way you took your stand to enter the University. It makes me feel very ashamed to be white when I see how the American whites yell & jeer at you. How many white boys would have your courage to go amongst a mob of jeering negroes, not one I'll wager. If you feel bitter towards the white race it is something most of us can understand, but believe me here in Australia we feel very disgusted with the way negroes are treated in certain areas of America.

If you have a family Mr Meredith they must feel proud of you as it's your sort that can do so much for your race. I'm one who wishes you the best of luck always & in your studies I wish you to gain what you strive for.

Bitterness for your white colleagues must be felt in your heart, but if you can remain friendly with all, inside of those so called Christian whites will be the feeling they are the cowards & trouble-makers, not the lone negro who came amongst them.

God looks upon us all as equals, colour does not count, but be proud of that dusky skin.

Good luck to you always, & may those who now have to study beside you soon come to recognize

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the man in their midst.

I'm a young mother of four children
& in Canberra they must mix & play with all colours
& creeds. They love to play with anyone dark skinned
but I suppose it isn't the same as America.

Sincerely Yours

A far away well-wisher

Mrs K. Fristad.

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