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1305 South Street
Marshall, Texas
October 4, 1962

Mr. James Meredith
University of Mississippi
Oxford, Mississippi

Dear James:

This letter is written by someone whom I know you have never seen or known before, but I just had to write and let you know just how MUCH I do admire you. After seeing your picture in Life Magazine, with those fine keen features, good looks and expression of hope, I could not help but to admire you. Although I have never met you, I almost just know there is a wonderful streak of greatness in you that makes you so admirable. I guess you know that it goes without saying just why.

I too am a Negro, after having served in the army for three years, I taught school for three years and am presently working at Wiley College, Marshall, Texas. I am 28 years of age. Born and raised in Texarkana, Arkansas.

none available,

James, please rest assured that you have my utmost praise, and admiration. If at all possible please drop me a line at your very earliest convenience and please include a snapshot of yourself. Please do this for me. It may be possible for us to meet each other some day. I realize of course that you are the recipient of much mail these days, but I surely hope that you will send the photo, and a line or two.

If there is anything I can do, please write to me. I pray for the return of calmness to the campus there, but moreso do I pray for your own calmness, health and peace of mind and soul.

Sincerely,

Mack E. Larkins

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