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October 11, 1962

Mister James Meredith
University of Mississippi
Mississippi, U. S. A.

Dear Mister Meredith:

Herein included is a copy of a letter which we have addressed to the Honorable Governor of the State of Mississippi, Mister Ross Barnett. We also include a copy of the letter we addressed to the President John F. Kennedy accompanying a copy of the same letter.

Copies of this letter have been addressed to the Governor of Puerto Rico, Mister Luis Muñoz Marín, to the President of the puertorrican Lawyers Bar and to all our newspapers; El Mundo, El Imparcial, El Día and The San Juan Star.

We pray for your success in all your efforts for your integration to the student body of the University of Mississippi. Never hesitate in defending your rights. The Rule of Law and Justice are with you.

We too are with you.

We hope your success in your studies too.

Cordially yours,

Carlos Jesús Pérez

Carlos Jesús Pérez
Secretary of Public Relations
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Catholic University of Puerto Rico
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cc

October 9, 1962

Honorable Ross Barnett
Governor of the State of Mississippi
House of the Governor
Mississippi, U. S. A.

Honorable Governor Ross Barnett:

The officers of the Second Year Students of the School of Law of the Catholic University of Puerto Rico, as requested by their fellow students, wish to make known to you our profound preoccupation regarding the problem which has been raised in your State due to the admission of James Meredith to the student body of the University of Mississippi.

As Law students we believe in the principle of the equality of all citizens in the eyes of the Law. As individuals who profess the Christian Faith we also believe that the human race is one and that differences of color, religious beliefs, political inclinations and all others are but mere accidents which have no bearing upon this.

We understand that when the equality of the citizens of a Nation is denied by a sector of the same, the principles of Justice and Democracy are grievously infringed.

Acts of this nature can originate opinions which are contrary to the morality of a People who preach to others the necessity of setting up democratic regimes that respect the civil rights of each and every one of its citizens and which, nevertheless, still must suffer the unnerving reality of contemplating how the unalienable rights of a portion of its citizens are not recognized.

The attitude of the Federal Government in choosing the use of military force to defend the rights of an individual citizen, merits all our backing.

Yet, it is precisely this necessity of having to use military force to protect a sense of justice which should be imbedded in the conscience of every citizen points out the gravity of the problem.

In the name of Justice and the Rule of Law, so grievously outraged, and in the name of the Christian principles which we

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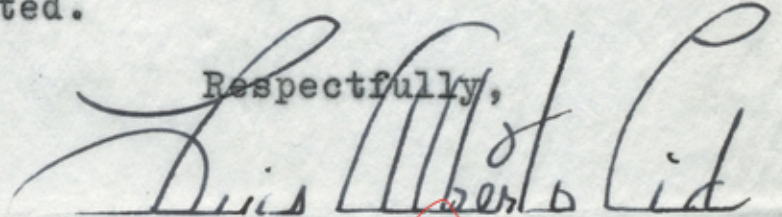
Honorable Ross Barnett

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commonly profess, we appeal to your discretion so that once this problem is solved it be not repeated.

Respectfully,



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C.C. Mr. John F. Kennedy, President of the U. S. A.

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October 9, 1962

Mr. John F. Kennedy
President of the United States of America
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Mister President:

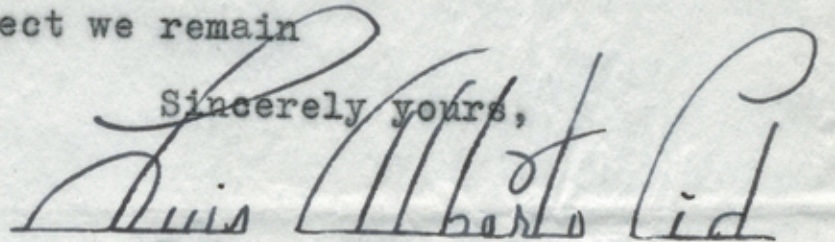
Herein included is a copy of a letter which we have addressed to the Honorable Governor of the State of Mississippi, Mister Ross Barnett regarding the case of Mister James Meredith.

Our concern with the Law, its conservation and subsistence as well as its defense and execution have been the motives behind this correspondence.

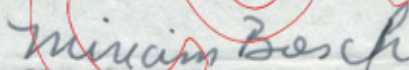
We believe that only a continuous and painstaking observation of the Rule of Law can guide us to the realization of the Supreme Ideal: Justice.

With our profound respect we remain

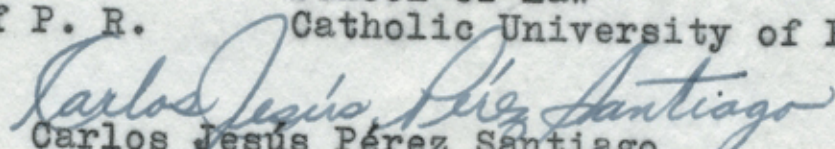
Sincerely yours,



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January 4, 1963

Mr. Carlos Jesus Perez Santiago
Secretary of Public Relations
Second Year Class
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Ponce, PUERTO RICO

Dear Mr. Santiago:

I am ⁱⁿ receipt of your letter of October 11,
1962, along with copies of your letter of Oct-
ober 9, 1962 to Governor Barnett and President
Kennedy, for which I thank you.

The kind thoughts expressed by all of you
and many others during this period will always
be remembered.

Sincerely yours,