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Incomplete address Oct 2, 1962

Mr. James H. Meredith, Student
of University of Mississippi
Oxford, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Meredith -

I have never written a letter of any kind to a news figure before but after the news from Ol' Dixie in ~~the~~ the last few days I felt things must look awfully ~~bad~~ bleak and the future must indeed seem dismal to you.

I write this letter to apologize for members of my own race that have brought shame to this country by their narrowminded prejudices. I never knew that people could be so easily led by mob violence.

I can only say there are a great many people, even

Majority of white people in the United States are deeply prejudiced but their is a segment in our population, however small now, that is growing every day that believes that their is ~~not~~ ^{no} place for racial or religious prejudices in our modern world.

Good luck to you.
Sincerely,
Carolee McQueen
Corvina, Calif.

Though our ~~white~~ ^{race} is very small, that feel exactly as my husband and I do, that every law ~~at~~ abiding citizen is entitled to see rights given to him by our Constitution.

Your time at the University of Mississippi will not be a happy one for you personally but our Country was built by men who gave of their own happiness for future generations.

I can only say this in closing. We have a 15 month ~~red~~ ^{red} ~~skin~~ ^{skin} and he will never have a prejudiced ~~man~~ ^{ward} this house against any man's race, religion or nationality and I am sure many families feel exactly as we do. Things are not nearly as good as they could be and the