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Answered  
12/11/62

1420 Prospect Ave.  
New York 59, N. Y.  
October 3, 1962

Dear Mr. James Meredith,

My name is Margaret Glans. I am fourteen years of age and in my first year of high school at Walter J. Damrosch in New York city. It is with the greatest of pleasure I write this letter to you.

I am writing this letter to let you know I am among the many people who care about you and what you are doing to help your state. I am a New Yorker by birth and I am sure you know Mississippi is just the reverse of my state. In my state we mix and mingle with everyone, attend the same schools without giving it a second thought.

Mr. Meredith it is people like you that can possibly change

the situation there. I have kept up with your story from beginning to the up to date stories. You are in the news-papers throughout the nation as you of course know. I have read every line sometimes more than once. Each paragraph holds my interest.

In my ninth year Social Studies class you were our topic to write about for homework. Mr. Meredith you hold the deep interest of the nation. I feel the majority are in favor of what you are striving for because we know what it means to have equal rights.

I hope somehow my letter has given you a little more courage to use. I would appreciate it very much if you could answer me in your own way and your spare time.

Just a few lines from you for me to look forward to would mean a lot. I would like to know if you received my letter.

Mr. Meredith behind everything I have written goes a small prayer from my family and myself to God each night asking him to continue giving a brave man such as you, a little more courage, knowledge, and faith to see things through.

Sincerely yours,  
Margaret  
Gans