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138 Roanoke Avenue  
Riverhead LI, N.Y.  
October 1, 1962

Mr. James Meredith  
University of Mississippi Dormitory  
Oxford, Mississippi

Dear Sir:

May I wish you strength and good health for the trials to come! Yours is the onerous task of defending and preserving liberty by simply demanding what is your right and privilege. It is easier to carry arms to battle and engage the dragon, than to live with it and thereby try to tame it.

Throughout the grim days ahead I wish for you the most courage and determination, the most patience and dignity, the most purity of heart and steadfastness of soul that ever any man had need of.

Somehow, the shame and shock of all the nation should sustain and refresh your vigor.

Please try not to be hindered in your studies by false trails. You have my respect sir, and someday, soon, I hope, the respect of all men. Good Luck!

Yours truly,

*Mr. J. Reade*  
J. Reade