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October 13, 1962

Mr. James Meredith
Negro Student
The University of Mississippi
Oxford, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Meredith,

Just a short letter to let you know that I, and many of us 'whites', are pulling for you all the way.

You have undertaken a courageous move, and it must indeed be a nerve racking one for you. I pray each day for your safety and well being.

While it is difficult for us to understand the attitudes and actions that have been manifested these past few weeks in Mississippi, if you can bear in mind that for every one against you, surely there are hundreds or thousands for you, it might make it a bit easier. Evil has manifested itself in big ways throughout history, and in smaller ways every day of the year. The important thing is that there are persons who are courageous enough to stand up to it. You have shown that courage and you have done so with a dignity that will be long remembered. I surely hope that you can continue the struggle; but even in the event that you cannot, there will be others to take up the struggle, but you have paved the way.

I am enclosing a check for you for \$5.00, and just want to say that should you and your family ever decide to relocate, or are in New Jersey and in need of temporary lodging, you are welcome to 'stay over' at my place.

Best wishes for your good health and success.

Sincerely yours,

Celeste C. Arth

(Miss) Celeste C. Arth
10 Colonial Road
Roselle, New Jersey

January 11, 1963

Miss Celeste C. Arth
10 Colonial Road
Roselle, New Jersey

Dear Miss Arth:

Thank you for your letter of October 13th,
1962, along with your check for \$5.00 and good
wishes.

The kind thoughts and financial support
extended by you and many others during this period
will always be remembered.

Sincerely yours,