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Monday

Oct. 1, 1962

Dear Mr. Meredith,

We don't know each other and will never meet, but my feelings about your efforts to gain and reach your final goal of a higher education must be said to someone, and you are the best person. The whole situation has hit me very hard. To think my two young girls, one is four, the other eight months, should ever know of the trials and tribulations you and others like you

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are going thru in order
to learn more and widen
your horizons! It just
gives me the shudders.

We are all God's children
and should live together
in harmony. I pity the
people of Mississippi, and
especially the children in
whose hands the future
of our beloved country
lies. What kind of a
future with parents too
bigoted and hateful? How
much can the clergy be
doing?

It's a sad day for
us today and any day
like this one and just
great propaganda for

our foes over in Russia
& Cuba, etc.

What great potential
the people of the South
are throwing away in
not desegregating each
and every school. We
need more and more
brains, scientists, etc. for
this fast changing world.

As I said in the
beginning I am very moved
by your situation and
only wish I could help.
I'm ashamed of my
fellow race in Mississippi
and elsewhere. I hope
all this prejudice will
be a thing of the past
by the time my girls

are ready for their future.
I pray this will be true.

Good luck & God be
with you.

Sincerely,

Mrs. V. Boudreau
36 Reading Hill Lane
Melrose, Mass.