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*Answered 11/21/62*

Mrs. Charles E. Silberman  
4 Meadow Lane  
Freeport, New York

October 1, 1962

Dear Mr. Meredith,

When my husband and I read the newspaper accounts of the violence at "Ole Miss," we felt a mixture of emotions: shame that our fellow-Americans were acting so savagely; anger that the ideals of our country were being trampled upon; but, most of all, compassion for you in your loneliness and admiration for your bravery. We thought it might help you to know that millions of Americans still believe in the self-evident truth that "all men are created equal," and that among their inalienable rights are "life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness." Certainly what applied in 1776 is equally valid in 1962.

We wish you every success in your efforts to receive a college education at the University of Mississippi. Our hearts and thoughts are with you as we wish you Godspeed.

Cordially,

*PAR. + MAR.* — *Orlene and Charles Silberman*