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## Ted Durso to Mr. Meredith (7 October 1962)

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24 LOCKHART ST.,  
WOOLLOONGABBA,  
BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA.

Dear Mr. Meredith,

Although we are many thousands of miles away from Oxford, Miss., we have heard and read of the attempts by racists to prevent you from undertaking your studies at the University.

My wife and I were incensed - as we always have been - at this latest demonstration of racial prejudice. We have admired the moral courage of men like yourself who stand up to assert their dignity and humanity in the face of howling insults and stupid frenzy.

We have never written, as we are writing now to you, to communicate our entire

moral support for someone who strives to be, as Sidney Poitier was in the 'film', "ten feet tall."

It is your courageous example which will win for American negroes their right and proper place in American society. Never fear, the tide of white supremacy is running out fast both in the U.S.A. and the few outposts of colonialism such as Angola. Even here in Australia there is still much work to be done to raise our Aborigines to equal status with white Australians. (Under the Constitution they are not counted as Australians in a census). Economically and socially they are depressed and politically they have only recently been given the franchise in the federal sphere. There has recently been a partial revival of student



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politics in our universities and it has been heartening that there has been directed mostly against the White Australia Policy (which does not permit any Asian immigration and has been in force for almost 60 years).

We hope that you don't mind our writing to you to send along our moral support, for what it is worth.

We have not done this sort of thing before but we thought that this was about time we started. (My wife is a housewife and I'm a lecturer in History).

With warmest greetings,  
Yours in friendship,

{ Ted DURSO  
{ Janet

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