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10-10-62

Dear Mr Meredith,

I would like to say how very heartening it is to read of your attitude during the present trouble at Mississippi University. I myself and all to whom I have spoken, admire your courage in the face of apparently tremendous odds; and the feeling here is strongly antipathetic towards Governor Barnett and all who think as he does.

In this country we have an underlying racial problem — not by any means as bad as in your country; in fact New Zealand is apparently accepted internationally as being without prejudice — but there



does remain some tenacious emotional bias in the attitude of many Europeans towards Maoris. Those with pride, good education and the ability to defend themselves and their race by word or deed, are always accepted and admired — like my own husband, who is a Maori, and like you. I do feel that if your attitude were typical among coloured peoples, even the final and deepest remnants of prejudice would eventually cease to exist. There is no answer to pride and courage. The shallow and hysterical reactions of the whites in Mississippi are — as it must be obvious to everyone — completely worthless. What you have done will outlive such reactions by years in the public mind.

I would like to congratulate you on your entry into Mississippi



University, and assure you that there are Europeans as well as Negroes who are with you all the way.

The very best of luck, Mr Meredith.  
Warm Regards,  
(Mrs) Rosemary Morris.

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