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1243 Pleasant St.
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Mr. James M. Meredith :

Answered 12/11/62

May I congratulate you upon your acceptance into the University of Mississippi. I do hope that the future will be much better for you than it seems at the present.

What has happened in Oxford has not happened here 'up North'. We accept the Negro as a member of our society. A person's colour or religion makes very little difference to 99.5% of the New Englanders.

I sympathize with you for all the bloodshed and hope that this does not occur ~~once more~~.

The people cannot be blamed for such uprisings. I would put all the guilt upon your "peace-loving" Governor and the other "upper-hand" political leaders. Now he wants peace. If it does not come it is his fault. He started it and not only should (but must) - take the consequences upon his conscience. What kind of governor is this? Why he even defies the Supreme Court!

Our Constitution claims "all men are created equal". Does Governor Barnett have his own interpretation of our "constitution"? If trends remain as such I think a new Civil War will erupt, with the South a loser once more. — It is time that Mr. President acts on such matters. —

What is happening (?) is some good for the Communists. It must have made the headlines on "Tass". They say we have Freedom ... freedom of equally before the law. They show this tape headline to the people and ask them if this is the liberty they wish. It is wonderful propaganda. —

Not only does the Negro need an education but White Southerners need one also. Where is their common sense? They cannot fight Washington. Customs must be put aside. Times have changed. This is the year 1962 — not 1840. The Southerners must realize this. They have to. If not only more disaster will follow.

I wish you 'Good Luck' in your studies and may you help 'Your People' afterwards.

'A White Sympathizer',

George H. Mercier

P. S. - *Note*

I am only a Junior in high school (page 15).

Should it be possible for you to autograph the enclosed card, and return it to me?

Card Stamped

Thank you very much.