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Answered
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1009 S. Lyndale
Saint Paul,
So. Dak.

Dear Mr. Meredith,

Congratulations
on your successful
entry into Ole Miss. I
cannot begin to
express the gratitude
our country owes you
for sacrificing your
personal happiness for
the good of your
race.

The mental
anguish and loneliness
this ordeal must have
cost you is almost
unbelievable and
inconceivable to me
in an already
integrated area. God grant
you the courage to
continue at the University
and to get your
education.

With the help
of our God and people
like you with such
strength and courage
perhaps one day everyone
will understand that
He created all men
white and black, and
we are all His
children.

This is an intrusion on your already
much invaded privacy.
I felt perhaps it would
make it just a little
easier to know you had
a friend and prayers
surrounding you and
your courageous efforts.

I am a junior
at Augustana college
majoring in physics
with a triple minor
in math, psychology, and
economics. I'm tentatively
planning to be an
electrical engineer and
working in a grocery
store to help put myself
through school. I feel it
isn't worth the effort.
I have only to look at
you and I feel like
you to have the
courage to continue when
my load is so light.
I'd like to have the
you, Mr. Meredith may
his light shine on you
and guide you.

Sincerely,
Barbara Davis