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Wed., Oct 3/62

Dear James —

You've certainly got guts — lots of guts!
Also you're probably pretty damn scared, too,
at least some of the time.

For what it's worth, I hope you realize
that you're dealing with a segment of
whites that is not truly representative of
the rest of us. Not that the rest of us
have anything to be proud of but, for most
of us, our sin is of omission, not commission.
We're ashamed of the situation, ashamed that
color should be even considered as a factor
in measuring a man's worth. It's just that
most of us are not crusaders — we try
in little ways to ease the situation —
but are reluctant to take positive action.

For what it's worth I hope this
helps a little. (I see I'm repeating
myself, so guess it's time to sign off.)

Good luck,
George MacDonald

35 1st St.
Floral Park, N.Y.

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December 28, 1962

Mr. George MacDonald
35 Ash Street
Floral Park, N. Y.

Dear Mr. MacDonald:

Allow me to thank you for your letter of encouragement, your generous contribution and good wishes.

The kind thoughts extended by you and many others during this period will always be remembered.

Sincerely yours,