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*Student*

506 Victoria Ave. West  
Transcona 25, Manitoba  
Canada  
Oct. 2, 1962

James Meredith

Dear sir:

I am writing to you as a fellow student and as a journalist on our campus newspaper, The Manitoban. I, and others here are greatly interested in your struggle. At the University of Manitoba we have large numbers of Negro students, the majority of them being from the Carribean. I find them all tremendous fellows (and women). I become particularly incensed at the American Southerners who act so unreasonably to their countrymen. However, we do encounter some degree of prejudice here against people of different backgrounds, the Chinese, coloured people, Indians, and Eskimos. This feeling never has resulted in open actions of any kind but is carried on in subtle ways by a few people. It is encountered in house-seeking, job-seeking etc. We are doing a feature on this.

I would be interested in your comments if you could find time to reply to me. We do get newspaper coverage of your adventure but it does not work from the student angle. I would be interested to know your motive in going to Mississippi, are you gaining any academic advantages or is your action strictly freedom fighting? Are you getting the support you require from governmental sources? Do you think that any action could have prevented the unfortunate hapenings so far? Have you been in any serious personal dangers? How much of the white population takes a truly threatening stand? Surely there are many who believe in your cause so why can they do so little?

*Note* { I would also be interested in your personal contacts with other students. Have you made any closed acquaintances with white students and can you meet with any on congenial terms? Do you think that your circumstances will affect your chance to study and do you anticipate any difficulties with the staff? Your comments or advice to other coloured people contemplating the same step must be very valuable. Your own ambitions for the future are also of interest. Do you see a day when there will be an end to racial violence in the States of the south?

My letter appears to be a maze of question marks but whatever you can reply to will be helpful. Thanks very much..

Henning Tegelberg  
(University of Manitoba)

*Henning Tegelberg*

Foreign  
Student

December 11, 1962

Mr. Henning Tegelberg  
506 Victoria Ave., W.  
Winnipeg 25, Manitoba  
Canada

Dear Mr. Tegelberg:

I am in receipt of your letter of October 2nd. I would like to go into more details in answering it, but at the present time my studies does not permit me to do so.

However, thank you for your interest at this time.

Sincerely yours,

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