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*No sign or return add.*  
Phila., Pa.  
Oct. 11, 1962.

James H. Meredith  
Oxford, Miss.  
Mr. Meredith,

After the troops came to your rescue and the Naacp helped you out, you have a lot of nerve knocking them. That is besides the thousands of dollars you have cost us taxpayers. You don't appreciate nothing, you like other negroes think every thing is coming to you. Why don't you and your race earn your rights first like the whites did, in early 1900 when white immigrants came to America from Ireland and Italy they were called all kinds of names, were stoned and cussed, but they worked their way up by working hard and leading a clean life.

You say that it was a disgrace to see negro doing garbage detail, whom did you expect to do such chores the major and captain.

Up here in Philadelphia the negro is king, he commits murder, robbery, rape and never stays in jail. In the last few months criminal negroes have raped over 300 white girls and women, most of them are parolees and others are on probation, but that doesn't stop them because we have, crooked jewish and negro judges and crooked parole boards to get them out. Most of them have 20 to 40 arrests.

The negro women who are on relief collecting large sums of our money because every one has 12 to 20 illegitimate children.

We gave the negroes all their way and look what happened to our once beautiful city. Women can't go out at nights and men must be careful to stay in crowded streets or the negroes will rape the women and murder the men to rob them.

You can't blame the South for trying to keep the negro in his place, the south don't have all these rapists and murderers, they negro knows that if he does such things the people will hang him. The south has very little crime.

We all know that the negro has no money yet who puts up all the large amount of money for their bail, lawyers, appeals, retrials, paying off negro juries and many more things, the whites either they sell their homes or they rot in jail, no one does anything thing here for the whites. It is the whites who are discriminated in Philadelphia. I hope you get some sense in your head and learn to appreciate things that are done for you.

Would like you to read the enclosed clipping.

A citizen.

P. S. This letter is not meant to condemn the good ones, I work with many colored men and women and I can't praise them enough, they are honest and hard workers.