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October 15, 1962

Room 701  
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Dr. James Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

How are you? I hope that you are doing all right, and just wanted you to know that I have been thinking about you often during the last month. It has been like some kind of horror movie to those of us who are concerned and who are "out here," so I can just imagine what it must be like for those of you right in the situation.

I guess the most upsetting thing about the situation has been the feeling of frustration and not knowing what to do or how to go about preventing some of the tragedies that have occurred. We did make an effort to contact students throughout the country, and some campuses have responded in various ways. You may have heard about the students in Texas who wore white arm bands to show their sorrow over Barnett's actions, their sympathy with Meredith, etc. Also, many campuses, both North and South, have passed resolutions and are sending post cards to Meredith, to the student body President, the newspaper editor, etc. Perhaps one of the most encouraging things that happened was the publishing of the enclosed editorial in the University of Alabama newspaper. I understand that this caused a great deal of controversy, but it is making students think and talk about the issue, and perhaps in the long run, things like this may help prevent certain actions when Alabama is faced with the same situation.

I have heard from Miles several times, and he has kept me posted on some developments. By the way, I can't tell you how wonderful he was at the Seminar or how grateful I am to you for your efforts to get him there. His contribution to the whole program was exceptional, besides the fact that he is just such a nice person. I know that he has been miserable for the past several weeks, and I am sure that you and others have been in the same boat.

In fact, a letter like this is very difficult to write, because one really can't say anything except, "I'm sorry that you are miserable." I have, however, heard about your act of courage in the cafeteria, and while I'm sure that you don't think it was very much, it certainly seems like an awful lot to me.

Well, I think that is all. I shall continue to think about you and to hope that everything will be better soon. Please let me know if you can think of anything that we can do to help.

Sincerely,

Connie Curry