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University, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Meredith,

I have closely watched your progress here at the University, and I have come to the conclusion that you are insincere in wanting better things for the Colored People. You have ignored the wholesale discrimination that they have to endure daily. The white population of Mississippi is divided on feeling, and I know that many of them personally admire you, and they are afraid to say anything.

Everything you have done will be wasted if you stop here at the University. You have proven that you have the talent and the legal ability to win over great odds, and I believe that you should take advantage of the progress you have made and attack segregation not only in the state of Mississippi, but elsewhere as well.

I believe for the Colored People to really advance, "token integration" must be done away with. The troops around your dormitory have only token integration, and I believe that they should be equal numbers of Negroes and whites. One other thing, all the marshalls guarding you are white. Surely there are Negro marshalls in this country, but why have they not been used here? The process of integration must be speeded up so that it will be completely accomplished in two years,.

I want to state here that I am a Negro of Oxford, and am proud of it, and I can assure you that a great number of other Negroes are behind you.

Sincerely yours,

13856049