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October 31, 1962

Dr. James W. Silver  
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Dear Dr. Silver:

It was with a great deal of distress that I read in the mornings clarion ledger that you along with two unidentified white women chose James Meredith for a breakfast companion yesterday. I felt that I must write you personally about it.


History has always been a hobby of mine and I was delighted to have had the opportunity to have attended your classes. As a teacher of history I rank you very highly and to this good day can recall the final exam questions of yours and my answers thereto.

I would like very much to rush to your defense and deny that you are attempting by example and use of your position to destroy the white race. If you have ignored Meredith as all good and loyal white people must do then I believe that the clarion ledger owes you a public apology and I can and will get it for you.

I have not visited the campus since the invasion but not because I and the people of this area are not keenly aware of the situation there. This State will be affected by the invasion of Ole Miss for many years to come.

As an old student and admirer of yours I beg ~~me~~ you to write me and disavow the news report the balance I will do on my own initiative.

Very truly yours,



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