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Dear Jim,

I was certainly proud to see the statement issued by the AAUP in the paper today as well as your name on the list. We ought to have a branch at the Medical School.

Of course, ^{although} the news we have heard on events, as printed in the Clarion, is undoubtedly distorted, the

general feeling is that the University people on the whole handled themselves well and the trouble was created by goons dispatched by Barnett and the Citizens Council. Even in Mississippi General Walker must be a dead duck by now.

Of course it had to come sooner or later, and the only consolation is that the fanatics so overplayed their hand that they may have suffered irreparable damage to their cause. The people

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can now see clearly where such leadership will take them, and their ability to use fear as a weapon to gain their ends will be less effective. Let us hope that the net result will be that we can begin to look at our real problems and begin to solve them without having the racial issue injected at every turn. Look at what has happened in

Georgia since the ~~unpleasant~~ unpleasantness
surrounding the admission of the
first colored students to the University
there. Of course it will be tougher
here but I believe a start has been
made.

We have thought about you
and Dutch and others whom we know
in Oxford the past two weeks. I pray
that the tension will lift and we will
all be able to concentrate on our work.

Best to you both,
Fred

P.S. Isabel had a boy this week!