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October 12, 1962

Dr. J. D. Williams  
Chancellor  
University of Mississippi  
Oxford, Mississippi

Dear Chancellor Williams:

I write you as a well wisher of the University of Mississippi and your administration. I was Professor of History at Ole Miss from 1938 to 1943. You may recall that you used your good offices to help me collect some back salary when I transferred to Louisiana State University at the end of my war service in 1946. I shall ever be grateful to you for your kindness.

I am concerned and disturbed at the continuing misconduct of the students at the University of Mississippi. The rock throwing and the directing of insults and jeers at James Meredith that we read about almost daily in the papers are doing much harm to the good name of Ole Miss and its students. Cannot disciplinary action be taken against these students? When the first negro students entered Georgia Tech, President Harrison made a speech to the student body in which he told them very positively that such conduct on their part would lead to their expulsion from the school. There was no unseemly conduct after this warning. I realize that Oxford is not Atlanta, but I still cannot see why such unbecoming conduct has to be tolerated.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Bell I. Wiley

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