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1210 N. Altadena Drive
Pasadena, California
January 18, 1963

Dear Dr. Silver,

When Pres. Smith of Rust was here in November, he told me that you were taking a courageous stand in the present unfortunate situation at Ole Miss. Ever since I have intended writing you a note of commendation. It's good to know you and a few others like you are manning the front lines while we pikers stand behind merely cheering.

Today I read your name for the first time in a New York Times article (Jan. 17). Usually no names are given--probably in deference to the safety of those involved. I laughed over the "nigger immortality" allegedly deplored by a student.

When I think of all you have to do, I realize it is an imposition for me to give your name as a reference to the Peace Corps. I needed a "professor under whom I had recently studied." There were 'nt many to choose from! However, if you are too busy with more important matters, I'm sure the request can get lost in that "so-full" office of yours! And no hard feelings.

Of course it might be more interesting to go to Mississippi than Africa--

Best of success to you--both in the teaching and the making of United States history!

Clarice Campbell