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answered 12/12/62

James H. Meredith  
University of Mississippi  
Oxford, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Meredith,

I am with you all the way, I do hope you will get into the University, safely and unhurt. I think it is very foolish for segregation especially in schools.

If we expect to get along with other countries, and can't get along with fellow Americans, Communists will very easily be able to spread Communism through America.

I myself am not a Negro, but have many Negro friends. All the people for segregation are causing many needless deaths, because they are too stubborn to listen for reason. I bet they are just jealous of Negroes who are getting more ahead in this world than they are.

Many Negroes fought in our wars and gave their lives, if they can do that they can mix with whites. Some whites are too proud of themselves, to be brushed down, by someone better than themselves.

I give you all my luck, along with my families and friends.



Sincerely, yours,

Ray Benedict

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