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Dear Mr. Meredith,

I suppose you've received many letters, the majority of which I hope are like mine.

Someday this was bound to happen, and I'm glad you are the chosen one. I know it must take a lot of courage to do what you're doing. You must have this courage because otherwise you would have quit long before now.

Maybe I don't have any right to say this because

I live in the northwest. Here we have no problem at all. I had to think a lot about this because my father has his heart set on moving to Florida. I decided that I would not have any prejudice. Maybe one doesn't really know until they've lived with this problem.

Actually it is us who should be striving for integration to prove to the world that "all men are created equal." It is you who should be prejudice against us not we against you.

But, please Mr. Meredith,
whatever you do, don't quit.

Sincerely,
a high school
senior who wants
to be a friend

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