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October 9, 1962

Mr. James Meredith and Family  
(Student at University of Mississippi)  
% Mr. Jack Greemburg, Attorney  
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People  
1821 Orleans Avenue  
New Orleans, Louisiana

Dear Mr. Meredith and Family:

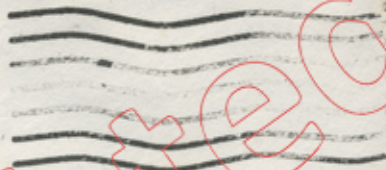
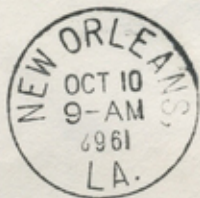
I am sure you are receiving many communications of an opposite nature, so I feel that it is my duty and privilege, as a white woman, to let you know that I admire your courage and that of your family very much. You must be a very special kind of person, and must have an extraordinarily understanding wife. God bless you in your studies and personal contacts at the University of Mississippi.

After, perhaps, more trials, I believe your effort will be successful and well-rewarded. There is a preponderance of right-thinking people in the world (and in Mississippi), and they will be heard if the loud-mouthed ignorant can be quieted. I am sure the least of your troubles come from the educated, and the most from the uncouth and ignorant. I feel that when the older generation realizes that negroes can become first class citizens in actions as well as in privileges that most of the opposition will disappear.

You and your family have my very earnest prayers.

Sincerely,

*Geneva Goodman*



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