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no Acqn. Oct 12, 1962
or return add. Memphis, Tenn

Dear Sir:

you have earned the respect of true Christians both white and colored; both north and south, by your behavior in the crisis; However I find now that you should be admonished lest you destroy yourself and all the good intentions of those who have stood by you.

First I would like you to understand that the good whites far outnumber the rash ones but they are not as vocal as the rude ones. They have carefully thought out their moves in your behalf and their possible repercussions and are far more informed and wary than you are.

As a negro, I am asking you to accept my suggestion that in the future you refrain from giving opinions and comments

to the press. It is indeed a
precarious act as comments are
weighed against facts you are
not aware of. Silence is golden.

I think your comment about
the use of troops was uncalled for.
The President and his body were
correct in every detail, I think.
Such remarks as yours may even
evolve a reprimand on his part.

Again I implore you to accept
this from one who admires you
in a spirit of good fellowship.

Yours truly
C. Christian Negro

P.S. Please do not heed advice from
radical whites or Negro; time and
patience is the thing