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Dear Mr. Meredith:

I wish to congratulate you on achieving a major breakthrough in the name of freedom for the South and for the United States. Perhaps you began your mission simply for the purpose of furthering your education, but you have emerged a courageous and heroic man.

May I express my sincere sympathy for your loneliness and the profound feelings of isolation which you must be experiencing. As a former Southerner, my heart cries out for those countrymen who have treated you so badly. They are not to be blamed, as you probably realize, for the hatred and antagonism which are their birthrights.

Complete integration in the moral sense as well as the technical sense will come, but slowly... so slowly and painfully that children, yet unborn are destined to be hurt in the process. Men like yourself, however, are securing for these children a more promising