In James H. Meredith  
University of Mississippi  
Oxford, Miss.  

Dear Mr. Meredith,

I feel compelled to express my profound admiration for your courage, self-control, and fortitude in the face of continued inhuman provocation, threats, and violence. Your path is lonely, dangerous, and hard. You have subjected yourself to hazards that few have dared attempt in our history.

Together with all my fellow Americans, I respect the courage of our Antietamists who, with you, are making an even more noble and rich contribution to the moral and religious health of our society.

I am aware that you are very much alone, although surrounded by people in Oxford. And that makes your task much harder.

We are far apart geographically, but I would like you to know that in spirit, at least, you do not walk alone. If I can help you in any way, it would be a privilege to hear from you.

Sincerely yours,

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