Haverford, Pa.
October 16, 1962

Mr. James Meredith
University of Mississippi

Dear Mr. Meredith:

This is just a brief note to say that I’m on your side in your lonely struggle for freedom. I am white, but I am certainly ashamed of the cruel behavior, the type of “Southern courtesy” being shown too often at the University.

In some way, I suppose they can’t help it. They’ve been steeped in their prejudiced thinking from childhood up. Still, I’m ashamed of them. I hope that some will be able to break free of the shackles of prejudice.

Sincerely yours,

Constance Hydes