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My dear Mr. Meredith,

I want to congratulate you on your bravery and initiative in registering at the University of Mississippi. Without doubt you are doing more for your race than any one soldier on the battle field.

I am not ashamed of being a caucasian but I regret that any member of my race, or any other race, should be so limited in their perspective as many are proving themselves to be against your reasonable and logical request.

My prayers shall be with you as to your safety and success as to the quality instruction that shall be given you and the fairness that your success may be determined.

Very sincerely,

Ethel West