

Rt. 4, Box 21
Natchez, Miss.
March 3, 1963

Mr. D. W. Colvard, President
Miss. State University
Starksville, Miss.

Dear Mr. Colvard or to whom it may concern:

I know that by now you must have gotten quite a few protests as well as congratulations on the subject of our Basketball team playing a team with Negroes on it. This letter is definitely a request that you weigh this thing very carefully and prayerfully. If we play this game with Negroes, don't you and all others concerned know that they are going to ask for a return or some other northern team ask you to play on our own ground. If we refuse, our good President Kennedy will force us to play and accept Negroes. Think what you and all concerned are doing. You are opening the doors to a school we are proud of, and one we support, to Negroes. This will be the first step to integrating Mississippi State. Now, I have a son there who is a Senior, and plan to enter my daughter in the fall of '63. I am awaiting this outcome as to whether my daughter enters.

I think we will disgrace and let down Ole Miss and other Southern schools. Please think prayerfully and weigh this matter very carefully.

We are very interested, disappointed and disgusted parents.

Sincerely,

Mr. & Mrs. Carroll Sojourner
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Natchez, Miss.

cc: Gov. Ross Barnett