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## Letter, Ross R. Barnett to Boswell Stevens, September 5, 1950

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September 5, 1950

Hon. Boswell Stevens  
Macon, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Stevens:

I have read of the good work you have done prior to and since your election as President of the Mississippi Farm Bureau.

I agree with you that our goal should be to help agriculture in Mississippi, and that we must build a great farm program that is so democratic that it will be the last to be infiltrated by fifth column communistic groups.

I am going to be a candidate for Governor in 1951, and I would like to have your views on the kind of farm program that you think would be beneficial to the State of Mississippi.

I was born and reared on a farm in Leake County and have operated one for several years in Madison County, but I realize that there is lots I do not know about farming. Agriculture is the backbone of our Nation, and I am deeply interested in a real progressive agricultural program, practical reforestation program, soil conservation and the improvement of waste lands.

When in Macon, I intend to call on you, and when you are in Jackson, I will appreciate it if you will drop by to see me.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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