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A. G. PAXTON
GREENVILLE, MISSISSIPPI
February 15, 1960

Mr. and Mrs. Boswell Stevens
Macon
Mississippi

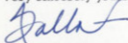
Dear Bos and Sallie,

Thank you ever so much for your sweet letter which I have just received. I do not know of anyone toward whom we have had such a warmth of spirit than our high regard for you two. I personally thought that you, Bos, made a wonderful President of the National Cotton Council and frankly think that we have the Council on the firmest ground now that it has been on for the last ten years. I hope that the excellent leadership which you have given to the Council will survive and keep the Council headed toward the objectives which were adopted at Phoenix and renewed at Dallas.

Frankly, I think that sooner or later we are going to have to take a positive position toward our farm problem. I, for one, feel that the way out is through increased domestic consumption. If we get our domestic consumption up to the point where it is consistent with our increase in population and expendable income, then the off-take will be so great for our cotton and our cotton products, that our producers will be permitted an independence of operation and plant all of the cotton that they want to. Under such conditions, I believe that exports will pretty well take care of themselves. If we have quality, they will certainly buy.

Ruth joins me in the kindest regards and best wishes and deep affection for you two. 'Come over and see us and spend a few days at New Guinea when you can.

Very sincerely yours,



A. G. PAXTON

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