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United Spanish War Veterans
[REDACTED]Washington, D. C.
[REDACTED][REDACTED]
FRIARS POINT, MISSISSIPPI

Feb 18th 1948.

Dear John,

It was nice to hear and see you at Jackson.

You had some of the boys a little worried about your position on our state situation, or should I say on the national situation. When you phoned the governor he seemed to feel you would not go along.

I told them if you didnt I would be the worst fooled boy in the whole world.

We sre planning to go to Arkansas right soon and see if we cant get them off center over there and then to Louisiana and Texas.

Have suggested that we have a cavalcade from here to go to the last two states and Walter Sillers thought it would be a good idea.

I am sure that if we can get these 3 states to go along with us that the "snow slide" will be "unstoppable"

Looking at you and hoping the Fates will smile at you with a broad grin,

I am fraternally yours,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]

Senator John Stennis,

Washington, D.C.

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CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI

CHAIRMAN

Jan 30th 1948.

Senator John Stennis
Washington D.C.

Dear John,

If you will permit me, I will start out like that.

Your letter beat me home as I had to go up to Canada to look at some mines along the side of Hudson Bay. It was cold up there but it was not disagreeable.

I appreciate the request that I make suggestions to help you over some hurdles and I am sure that by this time you can realize that we are all in a briar patch and that no matter which way we move, thorns will hang into us.

I am sending you under sepearte cover a very interesting talk made by my friend Rufus Harris. I have noticed ~~that as a rule~~, when every one is for something, as a rule it is wrong. Some one once said "five percent of the people think, ten percent think they are thinking and the rest would rather die than think" I remember too, very well, that you said " I dont want to be left standing alone for then I would have no value " I can visualize that situation very well and it must be guarded against.

Of course we are all for preparedness but I feel that Doctor Harris's preparedness is much more potent and will cost less than the massing of millions of troops and trying to teach them all.

It was fine to contact you and find you my kind of a man.
With the best of regards, I am yours very truly,

WHEN THE SOUTH WILL COME INTO ITS OWN

"WHEN EVERY FARMER IN THE SOUTH SHALL EAT BREAD FROM HIS OWN FIELD AND MEAT FROM HIS OWN PASTURES AND, DISTURBED BY NO CREDITOR AND ENSLAVED BY NO DEBT, SHALL SIT AMONG HIS TEEMING GARDENS AND ORCHARDS AND VINEYARDS AND DAIRIES AND BARNYARDS, PITCHING HIS CROPS IN HIS OWN WISDOM AND GROWING THEM IN INDEPENDENCE, MAKING COTTON HIS CLEAN SURPLUS, AND SELLING IT IN HIS OWN TIME AND IN HIS CHOSEN MARKET AND NOT AT A MASTER'S BIDDING...GETTING HIS PAY IN CASH AND NOT IN A RECEIPTED MORTGAGE THAT DISCHARGES HIS DEBT, BUT DOES NOT RESTORE HIS FREEDOM...THEN SHALL BE BREAKING THE FULLNESS OF OUR DAY..."

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COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

February 23, 1948

Civil Rights

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Friars Point, Mississippi

Dear [REDACTED]

I deeply appreciate your nice letter of February 18th. Right now, we are approaching the critical phase of our battle to block the pending bills of anti-Southern legislation. It's going to be tough and the results may be very close.

I haven't heard much from down there since my trip though. I've received quite a few nice letters. I'm sorry that anyone would worry as to how I stand on such matters and sincerely hope I made myself clear when I spoke.

It is good to hear from you, and I hope you will continue to write at every opportunity.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

U. S. S.

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