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ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

MERIDIAN, MISS.

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February 13, 1948

Hon. John Stennis
U. S. S. Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

I wish to congratulate you upon the position that you have taken in regard to the turmoil now in our Southland.

I am afraid that too many good people will be entirely too hot-headed, and say too much and be ready to do drastic things without thoroughly studying, understanding, and appreciating all of said matters from a National-wide stand point.

The principals of the Democrat Party for which our fore fathers and fathers stood, still exist and we have boasted of our fights and frictions in our primary elections, as well as our various party conventions and then come together in the general election and follow the will of the majority that had been elected to bring about the nominations and as for me and mine, we shall not be hurried out of the old party.

I know that you have been criticized by some because you have not been more radical and hot headed, but I believe that in the long run that a majority of the thinking people in the State will agree with your attitude.

Having supported you in the election and knowing that the public mind is now divided, I thought that I should write you this letter. A number of my friends that I have talked with feel as I do.

With every good wish, I am,

Your friend,




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COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

February 19, 1948

Civil Rights

Hon. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Meridian, Mississippi

Dear Friend [REDACTED]:

I appreciate so very much your fine letter of February 13th and want to thank you most heartily for your fine sentiments. It encourages me, of course, to know that my efforts are meeting with your approval.

The picture does not look good here at all now, but I have a strong feeling that after all, these proposals are not going to become law at this Session anyway. However, I am trying to look down the years because I know we of the South have a continuing problem on our hands, but it is one that we are solving and shall continue to solve slowly, if given a chance. Our cause is greatly misunderstood and I feel a great need for a publicity program or a voice-of-the-South program that will get our side of the conditions under which we live over to the people of the North, the East and the West.

I shall certainly appreciate your thought and counsel on this or any other subject at any time, and want to encourage you to write me often. I have always felt that you have the interest of the people at heart, and it is the welfare of all the people that I am thinking about in trying to pass on these matters and in trying to formulate policies.

With cordial good wishes and kind personal regards, I am

Your friend,

U. S. S.

JCS:eh