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Laurel, Miss. March 10th. 1948.

Sen. John C. Stennis,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:-

I desire to congratulate you on your recent maiden speech in the senate. Your moderation in the presentation of our southern view is refreshing. We have a real grievance, and the rest of the country ought to be made to see it in the right light. I desire to call your attention to the recent trial^{here} of a worthless negro for the rape of a white woman. It was the third trial, and was done in an orderly manner. The trial cost this county ten thousand dollars. In this trial three negroes were on the grand jury. We are improving in the observance of law and order. If the yankees will let us alone we shall make good progress. However it must be acknowledged the current agitation has had some good effect.

Very truly,

(Rev.) [Redacted]

Dear Rev M. 7-

Yes, I followed ~~the~~ ^{course} of the Laurel Trial. We can and will handle our own local problems. The danger, of course, is Federal Controlled Police supervision and the breaking down of State Right to self government. 25-
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March 15, 1948

Civil Rights

[REDACTED]
Laurel, Mississippi

Dear Reverend [REDACTED]:

I deeply appreciate your letter of March 10th.
Yes, I closely followed the course of the Laurel trial.
We can and will handle our own local problems. The danger,
of course, is federal-controlled police supervision and the
breaking down of States' Rights to self-government.

Your advice and counsel are always welcome, and I
hope you will continue to favor me with suggestions.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

U. S. S.

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