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Columbus, Mississippi
March 9, 1948

Dear Senator Stennis

It is with
pleasure that I write from
this household where you are
held in such affectionate esteem
to express my appreciation of
the distinguished manner in
which you speak for us in
Washington.

I was profoundly shocked
a few weeks ago, when ^{at the same time} the
Army granted the desired
privilege of abolishing segregation
to the New Jersey National Guard
"out of regard for States' Rights"
but with the express understanding
that the policy of segregation
in the Regular Army would be
in no way altered, the Commander-
in-Chief of that Army and
President of the United States,
Mr. Truman was using all
the influence of his high office

in an effort to deny Mississippi
States' Rights with regard to
segregation. And that was
always the policy in Mississippi
was in accord with the policy
in the Regular Army & that
of New Jersey at variance.

The in Mississippi were accused
of a "spiritual kinship" with
Communists in Bulgaria (see
New York Times, February 8) & the
have us "spiritual kinship" with
the Gestapo. We fear, also
with too much reason (see
above derisive behavior) the
use of the large masses of
our ignorant and politically
inept Negroes for selfish
purposes having us regard
for human or political rights.

With all good wishes, I am
Sincerely,

[Redacted]

[Redacted]

Scott
Mississippi

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COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

March 15, 1948

Mrs. [REDACTED]
Scott, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]:

I deeply appreciate your nice letter of March 9th. The anti-segregation and other pending so-called Civil Liberties Bills are real dangers in that they undermine our Federal Constitution and constitute the first step toward destroying the rights of the people to local self-government. I have joined with others here to fight them to the last ditch.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

U. S. S.

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