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MOTTO:

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"I pledge allegiance to the flag of the
United States of America,
And to the Republic for which it stands,
One Nation, indivisible,
With liberty and justice for all."



SMITH-HUGHES



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BASSFIELD P. F. A. COOPERATIVE, BASSFIELD, MISSISSIPPI

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Senator John C. Stennis,
U. S. Senator - Mississippi,
Washington, D. C.


Dear John:

I was very much surprised this morning when one of Colmer's supporters in the recent senatorial election walked up to me and said, "look a-~~here~~ what is your man Stennis doing voting for the F. E. P. C. bill". My reply was who said he voted for it? His reply was, "it was in the Jackson Dailey News". I said to him, I will find out for sure. The man told me that it would not be long before there would be a negro taking my place as vocational Agriculture Teacher in this school. Oh! Well, this does not make so much difference to me, but I want to be in a position to protect your interest for future and present good, and also I want to be able to laugh at them when they start rumors. Did you vote for this bill? I told THE man that you were going to stand for the SOUTH.

I want to know if you could help us get some action on getting some action on getting two short T.V.A. lines in. One of these lines have been approved and the other has not been approved. If you think you can help me I will get a definite description of the lines.

Best wishes, I am,

Yours very truly,


Teacher
Vocational Agriculture,
Bassfield, Mississippi

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COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

February 3, 1948

Mr. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Bassfield, Mississippi

Dear Friend [REDACTED]:

I thank you very much for your letter of January
31st.

The kindest thing that I can say of anyone reporting
that I voted for the F.E.P.C. or any other similar bill is that
he or she is mistaken. However, it has all the earmarks of being
a malicious falsehood. It has not come up in the Senate, even in
Committee. For the past two or three weeks, I have been doing
everything I can to kill the Anti-Lynch Bill and the Anti-Poll
Tax Bill, which are now being considered by Committee.

I'll be glad to help in any way I can on the power
lines. Please let me know what you wish done.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely your friend,

U. S. S.

JCS:MVM