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Dear Mr. Stennis

Sam Jack sending you this letter and clipping to Jack see if you can tell me what is this cause of this trouble I have been cut from 90 1/2 acer down to 40 and now they tell me I will help to cut off 1 1/4 this year I just would like to please now if you can tell me I have cut my farm faser down from 13. farker to the and Sam a broke farmer and now 87 soon year of age please tell me if you can and I will certainly tell you thank

Respectfully

James L. Dyer

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

March 22, 1960

Mr. James L. Dyess
Rt. 4
Waynesboro, Mississippi

Dear James:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing concern in reduction made in your cotton acreage allotment. As you know, the cotton acreage allotment is set at the national level; and the surplus supply has resulted in sharp acreage reductions for the past several years. County and individual farm allotments are based on the national allotment and the history of actual planting for previous years.

During the last three years the law provided that full credit be given to farmers for history purposes regardless of whether the acreage was actually planted to cotton or left idle. This provision has contributed greatly to protecting our cotton acreage, but even with this protection some counties have lost acreage, and thereby this loss was passed on to individual farms in the county.

The new law passed last year gives full protection of acreage allotment, provided 75 percent of the allotment is planted or released to the county committee. It is my understanding that many counties will have excess acreage released to the county committee. If you need additional acres for the current year, I would suggest that you contact your local county committee at the earliest possible date and file a request for additional acres.

If you need additional information on this problem, or if you desire, I will be glad to contact the State Committee and ask them for a full report as to why your allotment was reduced this year. Let me assure you of my special interest in this problem, and I hope you will always feel free to call on me when I can be of service.

Sincerely yours,

John Stennis
United States Senator

JS/ja