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LESTER WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

December 13, 1954

LLOYD MCGEHEE
SECRETARY-MANAGER

Honorable John C. Stennis
United States Senator
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Stennis:

The Marion County Chamber of Commerce is very much concerned about the cotton acreage allotment for Marion County for the year 1955 and the effect it will have on the farm income in this area.

The allotment for 1954 was 15,159 acres and there were 13,006 acres planted. The allotment for 1955 is 11,315 acres which is a reduction of 1691 acres from what was planted in 1954.

We are wondering what the chances are of getting an increase in this allotment, or if any fight is being planned on this matter.

We shall appreciate any effort put forth to get an increase in this allotment as the farm income in this area will be materially decreased if this is not done.

Sincerely yours,

Marion County Chamber of Commerce

Lester
Lester Williams, President

Dear Lester -

8. Cotton Acreage

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COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC WORKS

December 20, 1954

Mr. Lester Williams, President
Chamber of Commerce
Columbia, Mississippi

Dear Lester:

Your letter commenting on cotton acreage allotments is greatly appreciated. About two months ago the chances for getting increased cotton acreage allotments looked extremely good. It appeared that an increase in domestic consumption and export would result in a considerable reduction in carry-over. In fact, I had originally made a proposal which would increase cotton allotments to 20.5 million acres by spreading the adjustment over a two-year period. However, the tremendous increase in the estimated 1954 production has greatly altered the situation.

It now appears that the 1954 production will probably exceed domestic consumption and export. This means that the chances for reducing the carry-over by August 1, 1955, are not too good. While it is not impossible to get legislation which would increase the 1955 allotment, the present outlook does not appear encouraging.

As a practical matter, in order to get this legislation passed in 1955, it is necessary for the cotton people to get together on a specific recommendation, and they are now divided on this question.

I do realize the need for an increase from the standpoint of hardships, and I will certainly do everything I can to be of help. I certainly appreciate having your views on this matter and hope you will let me know when I can serve you.

With kind personal regards and best wishes for a Happy Holiday Season, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Stennis
United States Senator

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