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LAWYERS
WALNUT RIDGE, ARKANSAS

March 6, 1948

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[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Hon. John Stennis
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Stennis:

I read with a great deal of interest rather full excerpts of your speech in the Senate in regard to the Civil Rights Bill. It seems to me that you have approached this matter with a good deal of judgment and from the proper standpoint.

This matter cannot be settled by arousing hatred and prejudice, but can only be won by appealing to the fairness and justice of our cause.

I wish you would send me a copy of the Congressional Record with your full speech in it so that I can read your entire argument.

I would like to suggest to you if you have not already read it, to have reference made back to the old files when Senator Borah of Idaho made a wonderful argument against either the lynching or poll tax bill, I have forgotten which. I did have a copy of this, but have misplaced it. It was a masterpiece, and helped us win our fight.

I like your attitude in this matter, and if the South is to win it must be along the lines you are pursuing. With all good wishes.

Sincerely,

[Handwritten signature]
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COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

March 30, 1948

*Civil
Rights*

Mr. [REDACTED]
Walnut Ridge, Arkansas

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

Thank you very much for your kind letter
of March 6th. Your words are encouraging indeed.

As per your request, I am please to
enclose a copy of the Speech I delivered on the Floor of the
Senate on March 4th entitled "Dismantling the Constitution".

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

U.S.S.

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