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February 19, 1949

Honorable John Stennis
Senate Office Building
Washington D. C.

Dear Senator Stennis:

One of our members has recently read "The Street" by Ann Petrie. She suggested that we write you and ask if possible that you read this book before filibustering begins, and she feels that you will really have something to talk about. This book is all about the negroes in Harlem and how the people of New York treat them, and it should prove most interesting. We hope that you can find this book and will have time to read it.

With every good wish, we are

Yours very sincerely,
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Mrs. [REDACTED]

Okolona, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge with thanks your letter of February 19 in which you suggested that the information about the treatment of Negroes in Harlem contained in the novel, "The Street," by Ann Petrie, would be beneficial in the discussions of the so-called Civil Rights legislation.

I am familiar with the material as presented in this novel and I agree that it points out some very serious shortcomings in the manner in which people outside the South handle a problem which they would tell us how to handle. I will certainly bear your suggestion in mind and if the proper opportunity presents itself I will point out some of these matters to Senators from some of the Northern metropolitan centers, either on the floor of the Senate or in informal discussions.

Let me hear from you again when there are matters before the Congress of concern to you.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

U. S. Senator

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