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## Correspondence, John C. Stennis, February 13-July 10, 1948

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WESSON, MISSISSIPPI

February 13, 1948

*Answered*

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Senator John C. Stennis  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Stennis:

Congratulations to you on the splendid address you delivered yesterday at the meeting in Jackson. Since you first announced your candidacy for the United States Senate I have been proud of the fact that our friendship dated back to the early '20's. Yesterday I was particularly proud of this fact. It is my opinion that you not only stated the expedient thing, but that you dealt with the cold truth in a very fine and forceful manner.

The people of Mississippi are certainly counting on you to go the limit in the retardation and the possibly ultimate defeat of the various proposals under discussion.

It was nice to see you for a few minutes after the meeting yesterday. Julian and Mildred seem to be getting along nicely.

Very sincerely,

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February 12, 1948

*Civil Rights*

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
Wesson, Mississippi

My dear [REDACTED]

You can hardly know how your letter of February 13th helped me and how very much I appreciate it. They have been firing at me sharply from Mississippi but I think it is up to me to have the courage to stick by my convictions and give the people the picture as I see it, rather than yield to something that may be popular at home but which would at the same time lessen my chances here to build a position of influence in the Senate.

It was a great treat to me to get to see you and I wish so much that we had had some time together. We are all too rushed these days for our own good and for the good of our work. Let me hear from you often, but in your personal letters do not address me as "Dear Senator Stennis." I am "John" to you and always want to remain "John."

I want to thank you again for your fine and helpful interest in our race last Fall and assure you that I deeply appreciate it. Always let me know if there is anything that I can do in a personal way or for the public good regarding matters that you are interested in.

When the session is over here next summer, I am planning to spend some time in South Mississippi and will certainly appreciate your preparing me in advance a list of some of the leaders in your county who are men of character and who have good sound views in government. I would like to make their friendship and shall greatly treasure your counsel in connection therewith. I shall advise you ahead of time in regard to my visit and shall certainly expect to spend some time with you while in that area.

Please give my regards to [REDACTED] and to [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] when you see them. Again thanking you, I am

Cordially your friend,

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[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
WESSON, MISSISSIPPI

[REDACTED]  
July 10, 1948

Senator John C. Stennis  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Stennis:

Thank you for the letter of July 6 giving a summary of the situation regarding the so-called "Civil Rights Program."

We know you have done and will continue to do all within your power to hold the legislation regarding this program in line with the thinking of intelligent Mississippians.

May I take this opportunity to express my appreciation to your research secretary, Mr. Frank Smith, and others of your staff who were so nice to Mrs. Ewing, James and Margaret last week when they were in Washington.

We trust that we will have opportunity to see you while you are in Mississippi after the National Convention.

Very sincerely,  
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