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MERIDIAN, MISSISSIPPI

May 3, 1949

Senator John C. Stennis
Washington
D. C.

Dear Sir:

My wife is presently teaching a course of study to her Circle of the Missionary Society. In connection with this course, the ladies have had considerable discussion of the pending Civil Rights Legislation, but it seems that no one has available the exact proposals made by President Truman and his adherents.

As a personal favor, I would appreciate your sending me, if such has been prepared, a draft of the Civil Rights Bill. If no such Bill has been drafted, would it be possible to obtain a copy of the Committee's report to the President on which he bas²s his recommendations for legislation.

Any information on this point which you can give me will be greatly appreciated.

Sincerely yours,
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May 12, 1949

Meridian, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge with thanks your request for information in regard to the Civil Rights legislation. I am enclosing some of the various bills that have been introduced on this subject.

The original report of the committee on Civil Rights is no longer available, except through the Government Printing Office. I am however enclosing a copy of the President's message on Civil Rights submitted to the Congress in 1948. The other bills which I am enclosing are: S. 97, a bill to abolish the poll tax, introduced in the Senate by Senator Ferguson of Michigan; S. 91, the so-called anti-lynch bill also introduced by Senator Ferguson; S. 1725, the so-called omnibus Civil Rights bill introduced by Senator McGrath; and H. R. 4453, the FEPC, introduced in the House by Congressman Powell of New York. A similar bill has been introduced in the Senate.

In the past the anti-poll tax, anti-lynching and FEPC bills have been the main items of legislation in regard to the Civil Rights program. The omnibus bill, introduced by Senator McGrath, involves a slightly different approach to this problem.

With best wishes and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

U. S. Senator

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Enclosures