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## Correspondence, John C. Stennis, March 4-8, 1949

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SENATOR JOHN C STENNIS=

CHICKASAW DEMOCRATS IN MASS MEETING HERE FRIDAY NIGHT  
FIFTH. A MESSAGE OF ENCOURAGEMENT FROM YOU WILL BE  
APPRECIATED=

[REDACTED] MEMBER STATE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

March 8, 1948

*Airmail*

[REDACTED]  
Houston, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I appreciate so very much your message of March 4th which most unfortunately did not reach my personal attention until Saturday night, March 6th, when I was going through some papers here on my desk. In checking back, I find that your telegram was delivered all right on March 4th, but that was the day that I delivered my maiden speech on the Floor of the Senate and the entire staff, including myself, were very busy with all of that until the speech was ready for delivery just a short while before I appeared on the Floor. The rest of the day was taken in press conferences and in other conferences concerning the speech, and the next day I was tied up all day in committee work to such an extent that in some way your telegram got covered up on my desk and really did not reach my personal attention, as I said, until Saturday night. I am very sorry that this happened and I deeply appreciate your sending me the wire. You would have had a prompt answer if I had known about it in time.

I trust that you had a good meeting and feel that you did. The situation looks very, very serious to me and is going to require decisive action on the firm principles that we believe in. We can afford to be a minority for a while if this is necessary in order to preserve our principles. I made a speech on the Floor of the Senate last Thursday on this subject and am going to forward you a copy of it just as soon as I can get them out. I am pleased to tell you that the speech was well received here, and I hope to discuss this matter further before too long.

Again thanking you most cordially, and assuring you again of my deep regret in not answering your message on time, I am

Most cordially yours,

U. S. S.

JCS:eh