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State of Mississippi

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JACKSON, MISSISSIPPI

February 16, 1950

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

Dear Senator Stennis:

It was nice hearing from you again.

I have heard numerous favorable comments on your recent broadcast. Much to my regret, I did not get to listen in on this.

You are doing a great work and we are proud of you. It is a real pleasure to be able to serve you in any way, and I shall be glad to provide you with information from time to time. At the present time I am sending you under separate cover some information regarding Mississippi school transportation and school buildings. } *attached*

Rapid progress is being made in our great state in improving the educational opportunities for its youth. The people, as a whole, are genuinely concerned in providing better educational opportunities for all. This is evidenced by the activities taking place in the counties and districts of the state, and is shown in the attitude of our Legislature now in session.

In the near future I shall have some statistics which will be of interest to you. If, however, you have specific requests at any time, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely yours,
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Negro Education

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Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

While at my desk discussing with members of my staff the idea of preparing a speech on Negro education in Mississippi, and while we were discussing writing to you about it, your letter of February 16 was placed on my desk for which I thank you.

I also have before me Mr. Mason's recent article, "We Are Doing Something About It."

I want to prepare and deliver on the floor of the Senate a speech on negro education in Mississippi and I want to center largely on the idea of a comparison between our present situation and what we were, say ten years ago. You can help me greatly on this by giving me the exact picture in words and figures on these different items, say for the year 1939 or 1940, or some year near thereto, and for the last year for which figures have been completed. For illustration, I want to draw a picture of negro higher education in Mississippi for 1939 and then by comparison a picture for the year 1949.

Kindly give this your attention as soon as you can and let me have the data. It need not be entirely exhaustive of the subject nor a complete analysis of the entire picture, but I know that you will be very, very helpful to me and I will appreciate your personal attention to it.

Thanking you and with kindest regards, I am

Your friend,

jcs/g

U. S. Senator