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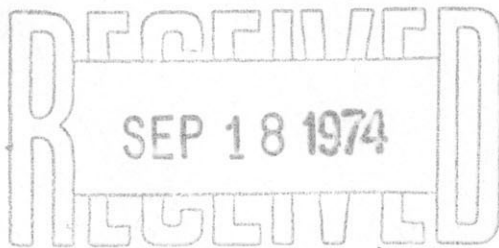
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JOHN STENNIS

Senatobia, Miss.
September 12, 1974

Dear Senator Stennis,

I have just finished reading an article in the newspaper about the busing program in the Boston schools. I must admit I can't understand the federal courts. Why must they force this on people? It is tearing up the schools in Memphis and now Boston. The eight million it will cost for the program could be spent to aid our children's educational material.

Another sore spot with me is welfare and food stamps. I teach Jr. Hi. math in the public schools. One day in

Class while talking about large numbers, our discussion got around to getting an education in order to get good jobs. My Negro students said they did not need to work, they could get food stamps. One said his sister was paid by the government because she had three children. How long will this go on? Why must my husband and I work ourselves to death to help Negroes, who are capable of working, Collect their welfare check!

Thanks for letting me sound off.

Sincerely,
Mrs. [REDACTED]

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September 27, 1974

Mrs. [REDACTED]
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Senatobia, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding the difficulties the children of our State face because of the school situation. Certainly the education of our young people is of vital importance.

I do not know of anyone who has worked harder or longer than I have in trying to insure that our children receive the highest quality education possible with the least inconvenience to their parents. Unfortunately, some school districts have been forced by the federal courts to institute plans which take into account neither the quality of the education nor the welfare of the children despite my strong objections. Therefore, I am continuing to work diligently to secure a more reasonable attitude from federal officials and to help revise these irresponsible plans.

With warm regards, I am

Your friend,

JOHN C. STENNIS
United States Senator

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