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SENATOR JOHN STENNIS

WASHINGTON, D. C.
MARCH 30, 1965

THE PRESIDENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

THE THREAT OF AN ECONOMIC BOYCOTT OF THE PRODUCTS OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA IS A CONSPIRACY TO INTERFERE WITH AND JEOPARDIZE INTERSTATE COMMERCE AND CAN WELL SPREAD TO OTHER PARTS OF THE NATION IF NOT STOPPED AT ONCE. THE ECONOMY OF THE ENTIRE NATION WILL SUFFER. UNLESS PROMPT AND FIRM STEPS ARE TAKEN ECONOMIC CHAOS WILL RESULT NOT ONLY IN ALABAMA BUT IN THE ENTIRE NATION. FURTHER, THIS GROUP WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO ENTER INTO OTHER UNLAWFUL CONSPIRACIES. I URGE THAT YOU AS PRESIDENT USE YOUR GREAT INFLUENCE TO STOP THIS THREATENED ECONOMIC BOYCOTT AND INSTRUCT THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO TAKE LEGAL ACTION BY INJUNCTION OR OTHERWISE TO ENJOIN FURTHER THREATS AND ACTIONS TO INTERFERE WITH INTERSTATE COMMERCE AND THE FREE FLOW OF TRADE AMONG THE STATES. RESPECTFULLY.

JOHN STENNIS
UNITED STATES SENATOR

OFFICIAL BUSINESS
JS:cb

3/29/65

Memo for Eph - for wire to the President:

This is a threat not only to undermine the economy, but a threat to interstate commerce.

Places interstate commerce in jeopardy. It is a roadblock and an interference with the ^{free} flow of interstate commerce.

It should be enjoined.

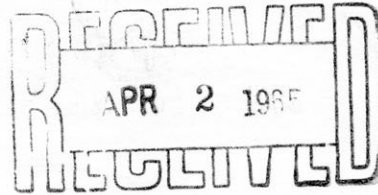
Interference with interstate commerce.

Anyone could readily be enjoined and the Department of Justice should proceed against them with injunction.

Conspiracy to interfere with and jeopardize the flow of trade between the States.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON OFFICE



April 1, 1965

JOHN STENNIS

Dear Senator:

Your telegram to the President concerning the possibility of an economic boycott of Alabama has come to my attention. The question you have raised about any possible violation of federal law is one that is being referred to the Justice Department. When I have a reply I will be in touch with you again.

Sincerely,

Lee C. White

Special Counsel to the President

Honorable John Stennis
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.