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## Correspondence, John C. Stennis, May 28-June 2, 1954

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Special Agent  
Request  
Senator John Stennis  
United States Senate  
Washington 25, D.C.

28 May 1954

Dear Senator Stennis:

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Because of the fact that I am a Southerner I have recently been invited by a local civic group to present the South's viewpoints in regard to the wisdom, legality, and possible difficulty in the implementation of the recent U.S. Supreme Court's decision which banned segregation in the public schools. I accepted their invitation because I feel that there is much to be said in favor of our previous segregation policies. However, in order to present intelligent and unemotional comments on this subject, I would like to be armed with more facts than are presently at my disposal. If possible, I would like to be furnished with any pertinent material that you might have that could be useful to me in the preparation of my side of this discussion, including transcripts of any public statement that you might have recently made regarding same. With such information, plus other facts that I hope to get by correspondence with other Southern senators, I am hoping to be able to develop my discussion to the point whereby I can convince the audience of the wisdom of our previous policies. Although this forum does not convene until July 18, I would like to have aforementioned information by July 10 so as to organize my material for the discussion.

I shall be very grateful if you can accommodate me in this matter, and I wish to offer the thanks of many of us for your good work in the Senate.

Yours very truly,

Lieutenant-Commander,

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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

June 2, 1954

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Headquarters, Department of the Pacific  
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San Francisco 6, California

Dear Commander [REDACTED]

This will acknowledge with appreciation your letter of May 28th and I am very pleased indeed that you wrote me as you did and am interested in cooperating in every way that I can in regard to assisting you in getting the facts and the truth as to our side of the situation as to the school problem. I appreciate and commend you for your fine spirit and attitude in regard to your civic club program and since I came to the Senate I have made an effort to take advantage of every opportunity which came my way to get the facts and our side of the question across to other sections of the country as the great majority of the people in other sections have been misinformed and misled as to our situation and our problems in the South.

I am enclosing a copy of the Congressional Record for May 18, 1954, which contains the speech of Senator Daniel of Texas, formerly Attorney General of Texas. Senator Daniel brought in a review of the cases which showed how ridiculous and farfetched the Supreme Court Decision was. My feeling is partly reflected by some brief remarks I made on the Senate floor that same day, and also in the enclosed excerpts from a recent broadcast of mine to the people of Mississippi.

Again let me assure you that I am quite interested in being of assistance and I shall send you any material that I think might be particularly helpful to you in this endeavor.

With all good wishes, I am

Cordially yours,

John Stennis  
United States Senator

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