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JACKSON 3, MISSISSIPPI

June 7 1954

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WASHINGTON

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you are so
careful.

I see the stupid Mr Talbott head of our Air Force puts piece in paper saying hes alarmed over drop in air force,I can tell him that ^{our} boys dont like being thro with negroes,my youngest Son got ¹ of air force in Dec.when he went in, they made him sleep eat and work with negroes, do you think he would reenlist or stay in,no,they begged him to stay he was a budget officer and making more than he can get now in civilian life,they even went so far as to tell him if he would stay they would keep him as a civilian,

[REDACTED]

but he wouldnt stay or go back except under law by Congress,
he didnt like that treatment and I dont like it either.

Seems Isenhower has only declared war on the white
people and has joined hands with the minority group to fight
us, if I had my choice I would vote fro Truman with his
d unken orgies,deep freezes prostitutes or what have you in
preference to what we have now.

With every good wish to you I am,

Sincerely.

[REDACTED]

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

June 14, 1954

[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
Jackson 3, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]

I appreciate very, very much your letter of June 7th, both as to its contents and the spirit in which you wrote me.

You are certainly correct in your observations concerning our situation in Indo-China and I have objected all the way through as to our air mechanics being sent there. I was one of the first members of the Senate to bring out this situation on the floor of the Senate and have spoken out repeatedly against our involvement there. I have strongly advocated the training of the native troops there and am enclosing you a copy of the Congressional Record for May 11, 1954, which contains some of my remarks on the Senate floor as to the need for training these native troops. I shall keep right up with this situation and continue my efforts to keep us out of that area.

I shall also stay right with this segregation problem, as will all of those from our area. But of course you understand that we have no practical chance of getting any favorable legislation passed here as everything is stacked the other way.

It is always good to hear from you and I appreciate the benefit of your counsel and recommendations from time to time. I also always appreciate and enjoy your unique comments on various matters and plan to show certain parts of your letter to some of my special friends in the Senate.

With all good wishes for your continued welfare and with appreciation, I am

Your friend,

John Stennis
United States Senator

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