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## Correspondence, John C. Stennis, June 7-11, 1955

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Association of  
CITIZENS' COUNCILS  
Of Mississippi

Winona, Mississippi  
June 7, 1955



TO ALL MISSISSIPPI SENATORS AND CONGRESSMEN:

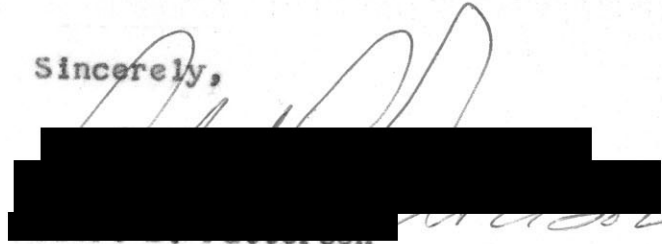
It appears to many of us here in Mississippi that the Civil Rights of several visiting Mississippi high school boys may have been violated on the streets of Washington last weekend in the knifing incident.

If the Department of Justice could spare a few platoons and companies of FBI men now investigating an alleged murder in Mississippi, perhaps they should conduct an investigation in our Nation's Capital.

While they are investigating, maybe they could look into the numerous yokings, muggings and rapes that are taking place in Washington by negroes against white people. Do Civil Rights only apply to negroes?

What right does the FBI have to investigate an alleged murder in Mississippi. Murder and rape are not Federal offenses, are they? If they are, the FBI should never have left Washington, D. C., with so much unfinished business.

Sincerely,

  
Secretary  
Citizens' Council

RBP:nh

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

June 11, 1955

Honorable [REDACTED]  
Secretary  
Association of Citizens' Councils of Mississippi  
Winona, Mississippi

Dear [REDACTED]:

I have received your timely communication of June 7th, addressed to all members of the Mississippi Congressional delegation, regarding the Mississippi boys so disgracefully attacked here in the Nation's Capitol.

I have had this matter up with the District Commissioners and with the Chief of the Police Department here and have been giving it my special, personal attention since I first learned of the incident. I have also had this up with the FBI and have requested a special investigation, and you may rest assured I shall follow this up in every way.

Just as soon as I learned what had happened, I went by to see young Ashby in the hospital and I found him to be a very fine, upright and intelligent young man indeed.

The Police Department here is calling me right now and I feel sure it is on this very matter and as I say, I am expecting a report from the FBI.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Stennis  
United States Senator