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ATTORNEY AT LAW  
JACKSON, MISS.

February 4, 1948.

Senator John C. Stennis  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:-

It is with great pleasure that I have noted your comments on Truman's policies to mongrelize the South and the nation. You can't go too strong or be too bitter.

The anti-lynching bill should be styled a bill to promote rape. You will find that the chief of police in New York City reports about a dozen cases of rape daily, with the victims afraid or ashamed to protest.

People are ready to BE the Democratic party and let the Jews, wops, niggers and other unmentionable names have their party. The Jews and mulattoes are behind these measures. They want to escape association with their own kind.

Personally, I would not allow Truman to sleep in my backyard because he would befoul the drinking water and contaminate the watch dog.

His existence is an affront to decent people.

I am sending you a copy of my book on the Race Question. Many have pronounced it good. It will be useful to you in debating the questions which come up.

To enact Truman's measures would make the South a Palestine and an India until we had slaughtered the leaders of Truman's and Wallace's gang. We did it in 1875, and I am have as much guts as my father, who with only one arm joined the Ku Klux and helped run out the scalawags and scoundrels. In my county we had nigger officers except the sheriff who was a carpetbagger with a nigger wife.

I am for Harry Byrd for President and Rayburn for Vice-President. Let us have a convention of the Democrats in the South, nominate them and vote for them. The Republicans and the filth of the northern sewers can fight it out.

With best wishes and personal regards, I am,

Your friend,



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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

February 6, 1948

Hon. [REDACTED]  
Box [REDACTED]  
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

I certainly want to thank you for your fine letter of February 4th and for the very valuable booklet that you sent me which was really just what I have been needing and wanting. It supplies me with a world of information and a lot of splendid thought, and I am most grateful to you for it. I am now preparing a speech for delivery at the first proper opportunity regarding the President's recent Message, and this book will help me greatly. Incidentally, I had lunch today with Hon. James K. Vardaman, Jr., who is one of the most delightful characters that I have met in Washington. It is of further interest to know that I now actually occupy the seat in the Senate that was once occupied by Senator Vardaman.

Let me hear from you again, and know that I am always interested in your observations and would appreciate your counsel on these far-reaching public affairs.

With kind personal regards and good wishes, I am

Sincerely your friend,

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2. write me again

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ATTORNEY AT LAW  
JACKSON, MISS.

Feb. 21, 1948.

Feb 23 1948  
Senator J. C. Stennis,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:-

I have your letter of Feb. 6th acknowledging mine to you, and also receipt of the Booklet "The Race Question". I am glad this has been helpful to you.

It requires a lot of study and reading to be able to handle the questions that come up about the matter of race. We must also know that it has required millions, maybe hundreds of millions of years, to produce man. All races are varieties of the same species. We use races of men in the sense as breeds of animals. All breeds will cross, but some breeds are superior for some purposes.

There is also involution as well as evolution. There is much evidence that the negro is a regressing race instead of a progressing one. He has been in Africa since the earth was formed, and what he is there shows what he is anywhere.

The best book on the subject is "The Color Line", written nearly 50 years ago by Prof. Wm. B. Smith of Tulane University. Another good book is "The Cult of Equality" by Stuart Omer Landry of New Orleans. It has a Bibliography of all works on the race question.

I am glad to read that you have been speaking out, and that you and Jim Eastland handled Ferguson. Ask Ferguson how many white women in his state have been raped by negroes. Also if he is more in favor of protecting negro rapists than protecting white women. I think the record is that Detroit has about 8 rapes daily.

For some good hot ammunition, get the writings of W. C. Brann, and read his essays:

Beans and Blood (The South Again in the Soup)  
The Buck Negro  
The Rape Fiend Remedy.

Brann edited The Iconoclast until he was murdered in 1899. He was a native of Illinois, but lived in Texas.

Here is an idea. If the Federal law to punish officers for allowing a lynching is passed, suppose Mississippi passes a duplicate of the law. The State can take the prisoner from the Federal officers and acquit him. Can he be tried twice for the same offense? Or the state can convict and the Governor can parole or pardon? What can the Federal Courts do, when they must use Mississippi jurors?

I am old hand at this race question, and studied at the feet of the master. There are so many ways to make Congress look foolish, as

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as well as be foolish, that it "aint funny."

You are right about the power of Congress to pass such laws, but what will we do with such courts as we now have? I no longer try to conceal my contempt. Our Supreme Court has been packed with aliens, (a dam Austrian Jew), scalawags and ward heelers.

When I can be of help, call on me.

With best wishes and personal regards, I am,

Your friends,

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[REDACTED],

P.O.Box [REDACTED]

Jackson, Miss.

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

February 24, 1948

*Civil Rights  
Committee*

Honorable [REDACTED]  
Attorney-at-Law  
P. O. Box [REDACTED]  
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

I deeply appreciate your good letter of  
February 21st in regard to current legislation.

I am in hearty accord with your viewpoint  
on these matters and assure you that I am doing my best to  
help carry them out. These are indeed difficult times, but  
I believe that if we all think and work hard at common sense  
solutions, we will pull through and render a real service to  
our nation and the world.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

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Attorney at Law  
Jackson, Mississippi

April 20, 1948.

Senator John C. Stennis,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:-

For one reason and another, I have neglected to write and tell you how much I value your good work in the Senate against the proposals of Truman. I think you have done excellent work, and it seems to me that you have considerable weight with those in the Northern states who realize that they will lose rights whenever they take away rights of the Southern states.

On the Poll Tax, you will find all the information on it in Senator George's speech, made in the Senate in defense of the Constitution of 1890. I think it is in the Congressional Record in Dec. 1891 and Jan. 1892. I have looked it up, but am not sure of the years.

One important point is that the Poll Tax was imposed in this state by the Black and Tan Legislature and Convention of 1866. It was imposed for schools exactly as it is imposed in the Constitution of 1890.

In all 44 states impose a poll tax. I think Mass. has a \$2 tax which runs to age 70. New Hampshire, I believe, imposes \$3 for all ages above 21 years. You can find all this in the Tax Systems of the States, put out by the Commerce Clearing House of Chicago. We subscribe for this service for the Tax Commission.

If Congress can forbid a poll tax as a qualification for voting, why can't it forbid any other qualification? Why was it necessary to amend the Constitution to allow women to vote? If Congress can outlaw the poll tax it can also outlaw the state prohibition against voting by idiots, insane persons and criminals. Also the qualification as to residence.

All these problems are not Southern but National.

In discussing the several questions use "Separation" and not "Segregation."

As to the FEPC, suggest that the law also provide that an employee cannot refuse to work for another because of race or color, etc. That is fair, if the employer must hire whoever presents himself.

I see where some mulattoes and Octoroons are starting a move against serving in the army. That is certainly good news. The damn fools in the North will some day learn the negro as he is.

I believe it wise to build up our Air Force as Congress proposes. That with atomic bombs and other like weapons, germs and poisons for crops are the things to win a war. And all should be volunteers. No draft.

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Attorney at Law  
Jackson, Mississippi

We can get enough men for the Army, Navy and Air Force if the pay is high enough. More pay is better than all the money wasted on the draft. And the fighting forces can get the kind of men they want.

I have been proposing that the U.S. educate all high school graduates in existing colleges and universities, provided they sign up for service in the Reserves, subject to call. The cost will be less than a billion a year, and we will then have specialists, and that is what is needed. Doctors, Dentists, Engineers, etc and needed in the army, not riflemen.

I do NOT agree with your views about changing the electoral college. We are soon coming to a multitude of parties, and it will be best to have the leading party have all the votes. In a contest of numerous parties, the Conservatives can always poll a plurality, just as they have in Italy and France. One change which would help, would be to provide that the names of the Presidential Candidates be printed on the ballot, and the plurality winner would receive the votes of that state, which would be certified to Congress by the Governor and Secretary of State of each state.

The negro soldiers in Germany are doing us more harm abroad than all other things combined. The Germans will hate us for 100 years and who can blame them? And our only hope is to make an alliance with England, Germany, Norway, Sweden and Holland and Denmark, France and Italy and Spain are too colored to stand with the white races.

It seems to me that war with Russia is inevitable, and may come at any time. Russia will strike without warning, just as did Japan. The blow will be at Washington and New York, and if possible at the main industrial plants. Our capital should be moved to the Ozark mountains of Northern Arkansas, and all essential things put underground. The Pentagon Building houses all our plans and one blow can wipe that out/

It seems to me that we should act promptly and decisively and drastically. Our greatest need is to be rid of that pismire, Truman. His Palestine policy is a fair sample of how big he is. Of course we should allow the Arabs to keep Palestine as they have for 1,500 years. Our present policy is as foolish as the Crusades of old.

Please do not think I am suggesting how you should act. I am merely giving you the honest and frank views of one of your constituents.

With best wishes and personal regards, I am,

Your friend,

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

April 24, 1948

Mr. [REDACTED]  
P. O. Box [REDACTED]  
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear [REDACTED]:

I have your very fine letter of April 20th, which is so full of helpful comment and observations that have helped me greatly in my thinking here. Your letter, with its clear thought, is just like a breath of fresh air.

You certainly have a way of hitting the nail on the head on almost any subject. I feel about as you do regarding the necessity of having a large number of specialists rather than the "riflemen," but I am surprised that the almost unanimous view is the other way. I could comment at length on your fine thought, but can sum it up by saying that I agree with most of your conclusions and you have certainly helped me with your letter. I specially invite your further comment and observations.

Let me hear from you from time to time and, better still, come to see me.

With all good wishes, I am

Your friend,

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Attorney at Law  
Jackson, Mississippi

May 1, 1948

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Senator John C. Stennis,  
Senate Office Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

Your letter of April 24th has been received and I am glad my letter to you contained some information which will be helpful. You are making a splendid fight and I feel that all of us should assist as much as possible. Sometimes a bystander can offer a suggestion which will be helpful to an actual participant.

I note with pleasure your efforts in the movement for soil conservation. I think this is one of our most important problems. In this state we have about 8,000,000 acres of land in crops and a loss of \$10 an acre means a loss of \$80,000,000. We can easily lose this much of value in one season of heavy rains. I personally think that timber should be grown on all land with a slope greater than 5%. There is no other way of holding the soil.

From newspaper reports it appears that the anti-lynching bill will come up. It seems to me that rather than having an old-time filibuster, that it would be better to start in and deny the Republicans a "unanimous consent", on everything they bring up and force a roll call on every issue, on any and all legislation. You can also compel the reading of the Journal each day and every few minutes suggest the absence of a quorum. Of course I know you and others are familiar with all these parliamentary tactics, but I simply mention it as being the best way to bring them to their senses.

With personal regards, I am

Your friend,  
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I enclose a "Column" by Robert Ruark, dealing with all the organizations to "Save us". The "Civil Rights" proposals are just some more crackpot schemes emanating from diseased brains.

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# United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

May 5, 1948

Hon. [REDACTED]  
Attorney at Law  
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Mr. [REDACTED]:

I appreciate your encouraging letter of May 1st and want to assure you again that I am always pleased and also helped to hear from you.

The Republicans are having a policy committee meeting today and we are really expecting the big push to start next Monday in their drive for legislation to base their campaign on this fall.

Let me hear from you, and better still, come to see me.

With all good wishes and kind regards, I am

Sincerely your friend,

U. S. Senator