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## Correspondence, John C. Stennis, July 19-August 5, 1948

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July 19, 1948

Senator John C. Stennis  
U. S. Senate  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

Congratulations to you and your fellow delegates for the courageous demonstration shown by you at the recent democrat conventions for common principles and our cherished southern traditions.

I have observed that the President, perhaps in desperation for reelection, has called the congress in special session for July 26, 1948. It seems that no emergency could possibly exist which would warrant the action assumed by this two by four politician which we must refer to as President at the present time. I hope that you can sincerely join with other Senators for immediate adjournment upon your convening.

With kindest personal regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

[REDACTED]  
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COMMITTEE ON  
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

August 5, 1948

Honorable [REDACTED]  
Union, Mississippi

My dear [REDACTED]:

I appreciate your letter of July 19th, which would have been answered before now but I have been tied up day and night in the anti-poll tax fight, which we won temporarily at least until January, when it will be renewed. It is a matter that some think the people of Mississippi overlook, but the best chance the South has to defeat these bills in January is for the Democratic Party to gain control of the Senate, where the Southern members with their seniority will rank high in committee chairmanships. Frankly, it is better for the South to control the Senate than the Presidency.

I appreciate very much your interest and will appreciate hearing from you again.

With best wishes, I am

Your friend,

U. S. Senator

JCS/vm