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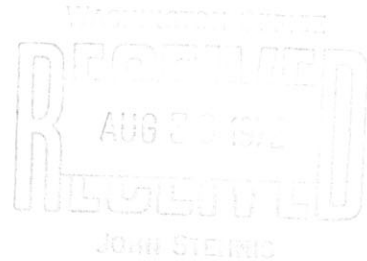
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CLARKSDALE PUBLIC SCHOOLS

CLARKSDALE, MISSISSIPPI

August 28, 1972

OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDENT  
ROBERT M. ELLARD, SUPERINTENDENT



Hon. John C. Stennis  
United States Senator  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Stennis:

I am constantly aware of the service that you are performing for the people of the United States. As a Mississippian, I am deeply proud of you, and of our state that elected you to this high office. I know of no other person that has done as much for public education as you. Thank you for all of this effort. I know that you will continue to do all you can for the schools of our country. I encourage you to keep this fight up. If at all possible we need the Senate to pass some type of legislation, as soon as possible, to stop the busing of students out of their neighborhoods. I know you will do what you can. Keep up the fight.

I would like very much for you to visit us, I know that your schedule is very busy, but hopefully we can have you come to our city. Thank you very much.

Sincerely yours,

Robert M. Ellard, Superintendent

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## United States Senate

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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

T. EDWARD BRASWELL, JR., CHIEF COUNSEL AND STAFF DIRECTOR

August 30, 1972

Honorable Robert M. Ellard  
Superintendent  
Clarksdale Public Schools  
Clarksdale, Mississippi

Dear Robert:

This is a special word to thank you for your recent letter. I sincerely appreciate your kind comments regarding my work here in the Senate. You may be assured that I will strive to merit your continued confidence and approval.

I can never favor any action which results in the transportation of our school children over great distances simply for the achievement of a racial mixture compatible with the ideas of a Federal judge or a Washington bureaucrat who is far removed from the reality of the situation. It should be noted that a great number of leaders of both races and also the parents of the school children agree with my position. I will continue to follow this course which I consider to be reasonable, practical and in the best interest of the education and well-being of all the children of this country.

Again my appreciation for your letter and with warm good wishes, I am

Your friend,

John C. Stennis  
United States Senator

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