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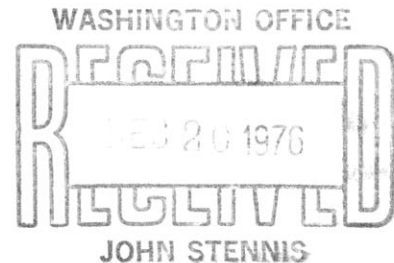
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*City of Jackson*  
*Office of the Mayor*  
*Jackson, Mississippi*

December 13, 1976

Mr. J. Stanley Pottinger  
Assistant Attorney General  
Civil Rights Division  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C. 20530



Dear Mr. Pottinger:

SUBJECT: Your ruling against the City of Jackson in its attempt to annex an area and bring in the people of the area as full fledged citizens of the City of Jackson.

Your will be receiving some correspondence from City Attorney John Stone relative to what you have done in this instance. I am writing you as the Mayor of this City, as a former member of the Board of Directors of the National League of Cities, as a member of the advisory council of the National League of Cities and as an observer of urban problems for many years.

What you have done is counter-productive to everything that is being done by various agencies of the Federal Government relative to attempting to maintain and/or restore life to the cities of this country. All of the various departments of Federal Government can continue to pour billions of dollars into the sick cities of this nation and it will only be a temporary stop-gap measure. The only long term answer to urban problems is for the cities involved to be able to annex or recapture the affluent suburbs that surround them.

We have attempted to do this on our own in this medium size city of the deep South and your action in this matter if it should prevail as a federal policy spells the doom for all the cities of this country.

Mr. J. Stanley Pottinger

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You have done a disservice to the City of Jackson, Mississippi and have taken a very narrow and short sided view of the urban problems of this nation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Russell C. Davis". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Russell" being more prominent and the last name "Davis" following in a similar style.

Russell C. Davis

Mayor

RCD: db

cc: Senator James O. Eastland

✓ Senator John C. Stennis

Congressman Thad Cochran

Honorable John Stone, City Attorney

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

January 3, 1977

The Honorable Russell C. Davis  
Mayor of the City of Jackson  
Jackson, Mississippi 39205

Dear Russell:

I appreciate your thoughtfulness in sending me a copy of your letter to Assistant Attorney General J. Stanley Pottinger.

I certainly agree with your position on this matter, and if there is anything I can do to be of assistance, please call on me.

With warm personal regards, I am

Your friend,

John C. Stennis  
United States Senator

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