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April 24, 1963

STATEMENT OF SENATORS JAMES O. EASTLAND AND JOHN C. STENNIS

The Mississippi Legislative Investigating Committee is to be commended for this splendid factual report, which reveals a heretofore untold chapter in the tragic story of Oxford.

The acts of brutality and mistreatment of innocent people being held in unauthorized custody demand the attention of the proper judicial forum.

Each of these incidents must be scrutinized with the utmost care and diligence by the proper state and federal judicial authorities.

Those guilty of specific acts of brutality and assault should be brought before the bar of justice and punished.

It must be noted that every allegation contained throughout the report is based on sworn testimony that was made by witnesses or affiants before the committee.

During the course of its investigation, it was a privilege for us to cooperate fully with the committee in furnishing material available to us from all sources.

It must be pointed out that the committee had the services of Honorable John C. Satterfield as counsel, who is not only one of the great lawyers of Mississippi, but likewise an immediate past President of the American Bar Association, a man whose integrity and ability are respected throughout the nation.