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September 18, 1952.

Honorable John C. Stennis,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear John,

This excerpt from yesterday's Daily News is interesting. It shows on the same page the acquittal of a negro for rape, the conviction of a white man, and the deplorable condition in New York where sex crimes seem to be almost routine.

It may have a place in your files against the day when legislation is proposed <sup>as to</sup> ~~against~~ anti-lynching.

Of course, neither you nor I have any defense of lynchings, but it seems always to be overlooked by the Northerner that the victim in a rape case is a white woman who is as entitled to 'civil rights' and protection. She is an innocent victim, while the rapist is a guilty victim. The public outrage against the sex crimes in New York is a manifestation of the same spirit of the mob, though the latter is unlawfully manifested. Why not a law to punish the chief of police or sheriff who 'permits' raping to occur?

If the comments are not useful, this is at least an occasion to express again my best wishes.

Cordially yours,

*Julian P. A.*

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

September 23, 1952

Honorable Julian P. Alexander  
Justice of the Supreme Court of Mississippi  
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear Judge Alexander:

You were very thoughtful indeed to write me as you did on September 18th with the valuable newspaper clippings enclosed which gave very helpful information relative to the situation in the northern cities and the protection of so-called civil rights. I think this news item will be a splendid illustration and I am giving it a prominent place in my files for future possible use and want to thank you so much. People send us information and suggestions from time to time but many of them cannot be used.

I trust that time is serving you well and am still looking forward to a visit from you.

With very best wishes, I am

Your friend,

U. S. Senator

JCS/lr

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