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(32) Anti poll tax
United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
RULES AND ADMINISTRATION

March 23, 1949

General [REDACTED]
Attorney at Law
[REDACTED]
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear General [REDACTED]:

I had hoped to be able to give you a report on the status of the work our friend Mr. Orton was preparing in which you so generously aided, but apparently it will not be ready for some time.

The new rule in regard to cloture which the Senate has adopted is not the most satisfactory from our point of view, but it is far better than another rule which might have been thrust upon us by the shifting of one or two votes in the Senate after a few months had passed. I believe that the requirement for cloture being adopted only after two-thirds of the entire membership has voted for it will enable us to defeat any F.E.P.C. or anti-segregation measures for many years to come. Anti-lynch and anti-poll tax propositions are another matter, however.

I am enclosing for your information a copy of a Minority Report which I filed in connection with S. Res. 15.

With kindest regards and best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

U. S. Senator

FES:eh

Enc.