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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

May 5, 1960

Personal

Honorable Laz Quave
Mayor
City of Biloxi
Biloxi, Mississippi

Dear Laz:

I have tried to reach you by telephone, but have missed you, to commend and thank you for your efforts in connection with the racial problems you have recently had in Biloxi.

Knowing you as I do and knowing your very fine way of approaching problems from a practical standpoint, I am sure that you have been a most material factor in holding trouble there to the minimum. And I am confident that you can and you will achieve as much as anyone can achieve for the benefit of the welfare of our area.

In addition to my concern for the welfare of our own people, I am of course also concerned about Keesler Field and the possible stir that could be created and what might come from the Air Force with reference to Keesler. I feel that the Air Force authorities themselves are not inclined to give us trouble, but as you know, they could become subject to outside pressure. For this reason, I am keeping in close touch with the situation, and I wish you would advise me of any facts you think I should know.

Let me express again my deep appreciation for your contributions in the past and for your fine attitude. With all good wishes and with kindest personal regards, I am

Your friend,

John Stennis
United States Senator

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City of Biloxi

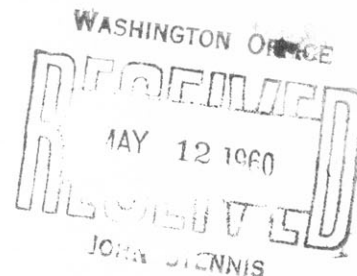
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BILOXI, MISSISSIPPI

May 9, 1960

Honorable John Stennis
Senator
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.



Dear Senator:


Thank you for your letter of May 5 in reference to the racial problems here in Biloxi.

We feel that we have the situation well in hand, however, all over the country anything can happen, as well as here, and we are keeping a close eye on the situation.

With regard to Keesler Field, we have 100% cooperation from General Sutherland and his Staff, and as you say in your letter, we don't anticipate any disagreement with Air Force authorities, they have been most understanding of our situation and if anything develops in the future, we will certainly keep you informed.

Again thanking you for the fine letter and the continued cooperation, I am

Sincerely yours,


Laz Quave
Mayor

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