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Honorable John Stennis

Dear Congressman.

Here Comes another plea
from Mississippi, you've
probably gotten many others.
if you havent you should
have.

Please Sir let me assure
you, That if you'll only light
the fuse, under this unjust
ungadly, shameful and
disgraceful integration busi-
ness in Mississippi, that
ther'll be ather Mississippians
standing behind you to help fan
the flame, and will glory in your
Spunk.

we know That the Stupidity
of The federal Government is
just trying to use Mississippi.

As Their Scape Goat.

I'm not too familiar with whom the Federal Government is made up of, but I don't have to know that, to know they're an unfair, unjust and selfish bunch that's playing right into the hands of The Devil.

And it might just could be up to Mississippi and others of this Southland to convert them to a better way of life, not only for us, but to them also, and a more decent clean and righteous way of life for many people.

Integration is not a solution for our people, it will not solve any problem, but will cause many problems.

In the first place it's going to deprive the youth

of my Dear State, and Those of many other Southern States from getting the Education they're entitled to.

And when this happens Then where are our leaders of Tomorrow Coming from?

I hope The Federal Government is not stupid enough to think if they put The Colored race in Authority, that This will be what They or any one else wants.

I think they should investigate and find out, to see which is The Superior race The White race or The black race

According to Science There's a difference in The brain weight of The white and The Colored race. The white being heavier. The Physical

make up is all different.

All know The Moral of The Colored race does not measure up to the standard of The white race. There's also a much larger percent of Venereal disease among The Colored people.

Then Could any one think we could or should be happy to have our children associated in School, Churches ect. with an inferior and diseased race.

I Can understand The attitude of The Colored people toward integration, Sure They Couldn't be better pleased, They realize it's an elevation for them.

But I also know it's not right to elevate an inferior race just to betray a

a Superior race.

The Colored race are not trying to help this Country, you've seen what they've done to every part of it they've been allowed to demonstrate in, what did they do to Washington D.C. Memphis Tenn. and every place they've had access to?

well if our U.S. Capitol was the only place it hurt people, it might wake them up, and they'd fight to end all this terrible UnGodly mess. but all the troops and Police that are needed to protect the White house and the big Guys are on Duty to save their hides.

Please don't mistake me as a hater of Colored people

Or any other people, for
I'm Nat.

That's not how I feel
toward them, I love the
soul of whoever has one.
But I do not believe it's
God's will for this mixing
and mingling of the races
for He did destroy two
cities on account of this
sin.

I believe in the colored
having good schools and
the facilities needed, and the
white people have helped
them build schools, churches
and in many other ways.

But God forbid this thing
that the Federal Government
is trying to force upon us.
It looks like the whole
country is ~~is~~ going nuts

I don't know if it's for
The Money They're getting
out of it, or if it's fear
or what, it sure isn't for
the right principle.

So Mr. Stennis we pray
that you and our other
law making force of Miss.
will stand up for the
people of Miss. that stood
behind you and elected
you to office

We feel like a nice clean
fight for justice and our
rights would be an honorable
thing for this Dear State.

Thank you, for your former
interests, and we must feel like
you'll do everything in your Power
to help us at this trying time.

We Covet your prayers, and you
have ours. Thank you.

From Mississippi.

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COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

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T. EDWARD BRASWELL, JR., CHIEF OF STAFF

November 21, 1969

[REDACTED]
Jackson, Mississippi

Dear [REDACTED]:

[REDACTED] of my staff has discussed with me the telephone conversation which he had with you regarding the serious problems facing our schools. Frankly, there has not been a problem on which I have worked harder or longer than the work I have done trying to protect our public schools since the 1954 Supreme Court decision. Since that decision I have been one of those taking the lead year after year fighting the many battles that have kept our schools largely on a sound basis until now.

I am leaving no stone unturned in my continued efforts to bring about a more practical approach to this problem through conferences with the President and other officials, legislation, attempts to get reasonable, sensible men appointed to the Supreme Court and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and any other course available to me.

I am strongly sponsoring and supporting in the Senate the section of the HEW Appropriations Bill put in by Congressman Whitten in the House to provide for freedom of choice by parents in selection of schools which their children will attend. Also, I have introduced an amendment to this bill that would prevent the use of federal money to force integration in the South until an equal effort is made in the North. I have just recently pointed out on the Senate Floor and in committee hearings the shocking fact that near total segregation exists in many schools in the North.

Further, I am continuing to have conferences with President Nixon, Attorney General Mitchell, Secretary of HEW Finch, and

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others in an effort to get some relief before our public schools are destroyed. I was greatly disappointed by the Supreme Court's latest harsh decision denying additional time in the Southern district cases. I can assure you, though, that I am making every effort to get some relief.

With warm good wishes, I am

Your friend,

John Stennis
United States Senator

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