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## Correspondence, John C. Stennis, September 30-October 6, 1964

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McComb, Mississippi  
September 30, 1964

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

Dear Senator Stennis:

We do hope that you are paying EFFECTIVE attention to the situation in McComb, Mississippi, involving some foreign workers with the COFO who reportedly are without passports. We are alarmed over the presence in this country of people who publicly praise the accomplishments of East Germany and berate the behavior and accomplishments of citizens of this country. We feel that the presence of these foreigners has tremendously dangerous implications. We are counting on you to help look into this matter and DO WHAT SHOULD BE DONE.

Relations between Southern whites and Southern negroes are critical only because of outsiders. Outsiders, especially those without a right to be in this country, are dangerous for the whole country. We do not need people sent in here; we need some sent out. We would like to hear what action has been taken.

Yours respectfully,

A large black rectangular redaction box covering the signature and name of the sender.

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

October 6, 1964

[REDACTED]  
McComb, Mississippi

Dear [REDACTED]:

This is a special word of thanks for your letter which I know expresses your deep and genuine concern about the situation in the McComb area.

This is a matter which has been having my special and personal attention. Recently, the County Attorney advised me of the presence in the McComb area of certain aliens who had been engaged in the activities outlined in your letter. I immediately contacted the authorities here and protested the matter and I am advised that two of these people, including the one who signed the letter, have now left the McComb area.

I deeply regret that they were permitted to come there and participate in these activities at all, but I was glad to do everything I could to get them out. I wish all the so-called COFO workers and others engaged in these activities would leave, and I have called on my fellow Senators, the Governors, the President and others, to use their influence to get them out.

Our people face trying and critical days ahead, and I especially sympathize with those in the McComb area. I am doing everything I can to help, and I wish I could do more. The situation is trying, but I know our people will meet the challenge as they always have in the past.

With every good wish, I am

Your friend,

John Stennis  
United States Senator

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