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HARRY L. WINGATE, JR., CHIEF CLERK

June 30, 1964

Personal

[REDACTED]
Managing Editor
New York Times
New York City

Dear [REDACTED]:

It was good to talk with you today about problems in Mississippi, and I deeply appreciate your attitude concerning same, which I know is genuine and very sincere indeed.

I believe it will be very helpful indeed if the New York Times could come out with a strong editorial along the lines we discussed. With your wide circulation and influence, such an editorial could well be the turning point upon which a second look could be taken, and a new appraisal of the entire situation, thus convincing these students, their parents and friends, as well as some of their leaders - and more particularly, the thinking people of the nation as a whole - that such a "crusade" is the wrong approach and will do more harm than good.

I am taking the liberty of enclosing you the full text of the editorial along this line which appeared in the Washington Post on June 25, 1964, as well as the remarks of Senator Cooper on the Senate floor. Of course I have made a vigorous and strong appeal on this subject many times on the Senate floor, but the impetus for such a drive to meet the situation must come from other sources than from those of us from Mississippi.

I am also taking the liberty of enclosing press notices of the statement made by [REDACTED].

With deep appreciation and with warmest personal regards,
I am

Your friend,

JS/11
Special Delivery

John Stennis
United States Senator