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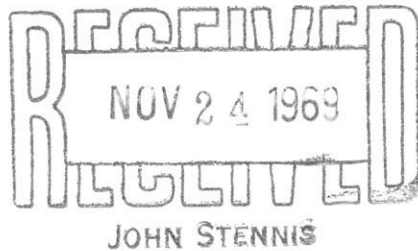
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November 21, 1969

Leland, Miss.

WASHINGTON OFFICE



The Hon. John C. Stennis
United States Senate
Washington, D. C. 20510

Dear Senator Stennis:

I just received and read the pages from "The Congressional Record" dated October 16 and was particularly gratified to note courageous stand you took with reference to Public School Education. I wish to offer you my personal thanks and appreciation for the kind of stand you took in this case. Please accept my heartfelt gratitude for the kind of representation you offer your friends back home.

May I encourage you to "keep after" this serious issue with all of your energy and ability. We can survive as a nation only through the efforts of men dedicated to the cause of equal justice in all parts of our country.

Moderation might well result from a continuing focus of attention on the part of your colleagues from other areas of the country. If a nationwide application of the policies of HEW and the various courts were to be exercised tomorrow I feel that we might see an immediate cry from the nation to slow down. I only pray that we can survive until such time that a more widely spread application can be implemented. As you well know, it could very well be too late for us to avoid permanent damage to our already struggling educational system.

Sincerely,


LELAND, Mississippi 38756

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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

T. EDWARD BRASWELL, JR., CHIEF OF STAFF

December 4, 1969

[REDACTED]
Leland, Mississippi, 38756

Dear [REDACTED]:

This is a special word to thank you for your support of my efforts to maintain a sound public school education system in our state. It is going to be a long, hard road, but I am hopeful that we will get some relief in the end and our schools will be returned to the people under the direction of the State Superintendent of Education where they belong. You may be certain that I will continue to make every effort through conferences with the President and other officials here in Washington, legislation, attempts to get practical, sensible men appointed to the Supreme Court and the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals, and any other course available to me.

Again my appreciation for your support, and with best wishes,
I am

Your friend,

John Stennis
United States Senator

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