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4640 Meadow Ridge
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November 28, 1966

Honorable John C. Stennis
United States Senator
DeKalb, Mississippi 39328

Dear Senator Stennis:

I am enclosing a pamphlet put out by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare relative to nursing homes and their compliance with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964.

Question #15 and the answer thereto regarding the payment of welfare funds is the question which I raised with you this date on the telephone. The various nursing homes have been told that welfare recipients could not continue to receive welfare if they were not occupants of a nursing home which was in compliance with Title VI. Also, from reading other questions and answers it appears that nursing homes, in order to comply with Title VI, must actively solicit patients from minority groups. In meetings held by the Social Security Board individuals conducting such meetings have clarified some of these statements and, as I indicated to you on the telephone, have stated that any patient receiving welfare must be in a home that is in compliance with Title VI.

The deadline set for initial compliance and participation in Medicare is January 1, 1967.

We greatly appreciate your efforts in behalf of all of the citizens of Mississippi, and trust you will be able to assist in this matter.

Sincerely. 



Enclosure

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December 16, 1966

Honorable William H. Stewart
Surgeon General
Public Health Service
Department of Health, Education and Welfare
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Stewart:

It has come to my attention that some nursing homes have been led to believe that if the nursing home does not comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, Social Security and welfare payments to individual patients residing in the home will be terminated.

I am certain this is merely a misunderstanding but it has caused grave concern among administrators of these nursing homes and their patients. I would appreciate, therefore, if you would provide me with some formal confirmation of the fact that Social Security and welfare benefits to individuals are in no way affected by the failure of the nursing home to comply with Title VI of the Civil Rights Act.

Sincerely yours,

John Stennis
United States Senator

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