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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

June 30, 1964

32 - Mississippi
Invasion

[REDACTED]
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Dear [REDACTED]

Attached is copy of the wire I sent you on Saturday morning, after reading your timely and helpful statement regarding the serious situation in Mississippi. I trust that my wire did reach your personal attention, and this letter is to express again my deep appreciation and to commend you for your fine statement.

In the event you are coming this way soon, I hope you will let me know ahead of time because I would like for you to join me for lunch in the Senate Restaurant. If your schedule does not permit you to come out for lunch, I do hope you will be able to give me a few minutes of your time.

We are deeply, deeply concerned about our situation in Mississippi. You are the one man who I believe can command nationwide attention and have a powerful influence in issuing a strong statement on this subject, in substance advising that this "crusade" be called off as ill-advised and impractical, as you have already said, in spite of the good and noble intentions of those young people participating.

I do hope you will let me know ahead of time when you plan to be in Washington. Again, with deepest appreciation for your interest and consideration, and with esteem, I am

Sincerely yours,

John Stennis
United States Senator

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