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COUNTY ATTORNEY - MARSHALL COUNTY
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HOLLY SPRINGS, MISS.

September 13, 1967

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Senator John Stennis
Senate Office Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Stennis:

I noticed in the Commercial Appeal of September 12, 1967 that a mass demonstration to shut down the Pentagon is scheduled for October 21, 1967. This demonstration, which could well turn into a riot, unlike any that we have previously seen is organized by Communist David Dellinger. It is my sincere hope that you gentlemen in the House and Senate that represent the decent citizens of this country will let President Johnson know that the citizens not only desire that he maintain law and order but that we expect him to do so as it is his duty.

The Communist conspiracy is attempting to elevate its planned and organized riots to the status of a war of insurrection whereby the participants on their side will be immune to prosecution under our ever weakening criminal laws and will demand that these outlaws be treated as legitimate war prisoners. The time is long past due for the government to get tough with Communists and criminals. I hope that strong members of both Houses of Congress will revive and insist on their ancient prerogatives in the manner of Calhoun and his breed. This would do much to enhance both the respect due members of these bodies and enhance our national image.

Congress should reassert itself and demand control of the nation's purse strings. I believe that this would also improve the position of national legislators in the eyes of the public and would prevent ever higher tax levies by a greedy machine which is out of touch with the people. It is my humble opinion that the proposed surtax is the straw which has broken the camel's back with the people. Federal spending has a record of waste and graft without precedence in history but the most damning indictment that can be levied against it is the fact that taxes, which the people in the low brackets can ill afford to pay, have been seized by the government and

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actually used against the people from whom the tax was taken. Many federal programs finance more sedition against legitimate governmental authority than does Moscow. The misuse of poverty program funds is a clear case in point. These funds have been filtered through to Communists and their supporters. Senator John Stennis was the man who first brought this to light in a convincing manner. In my opinion this was a public service of the highest order. I hope that "nay" will become a more common vote on appropriation bills in the future.

It is insane to use the money of the American taxpayer to finance his enslavement and the destruction of his governmental institutions. I might further point out that you gentlemen in the Congress, as representatives of the people, have been honored beyond the fondest dreams of most men and that your high positions have been derived from those established governmental institutions provided by law and NOT from the wreckers of our social institutions and established governmental authority.

Yours very truly,



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March

September 26, 1967

[REDACTED]
Holly Springs, Mississippi

Dear [REDACTED]:

Thank you very much for your recent letter in which you express concern about the proposed demonstration at the Pentagon.

When I first learned of this plan several weeks ago before it was made public, I contacted the highest military authorities in the Pentagon to determine what they would do. I am informed that the present plans are to prevent this group from even reaching the vicinity of the Pentagon and that full steps will be taken to see that such a sit-in is not successful.

I certainly agree with you that our Congress must have some strong influence and the control of the Nation's spending. As a member of the Appropriations Committee I continue to press for a closer examination of all our programs. I have been successful in getting a close look at some parts of the Poverty Program and we were able to take \$1.6 billion dollars off the military appropriation without taking any of the bone and muscle away from our Armed Forces.

Although the investigation of the Poverty Program in Mississippi did point out a flagrant misuse of federal funds, that program has been re-funded by the Executive Department and is operating again. Just this week I have sent investigators there again to continue this investigation and I will continue to push it until something is done about it.

It is certainly good to hear from you and to have your thoughts on the many matters you discussed. I look forward to hearing from you again soon.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

John Stennis
United States Senator

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