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## Correspondence, John C. Stennis, March 9-April 17, 1970

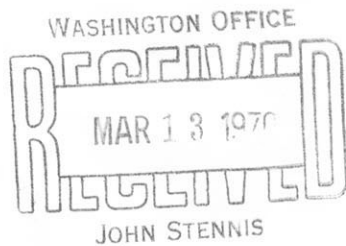
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New Albany, Miss.  
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Senator John C. Stennis,  
United States Senate  
Washington D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Stennis,  
Thank you for your introduction  
of the bill concerning equal de-  
segregation and for your untiring  
efforts to get the bill passed. A-  
nother issue which will be facing  
congress in the near future is the  
legalization of Marijuana and  
other harmful drugs. Your  
efforts to stop the legalization  
of these drugs would be ap-  
preciated. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

T. EDWARD BRASWELL, JR., CHIEF OF STAFF

April 17, 1970

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New Albany, Mississippi 38652

Dear [REDACTED]:

I am very grateful for your expression of concern over the serious problems confronting our public schools. As you know, I have been working diligently on this problem - my latest effort being an amendment to the education bill declaring that there shall be one policy for desegregation equally enforced throughout the Nation. While I was disappointed that this amendment was weakened in the final version of the bill, I believe that it is only a temporary setback and a minor one when compared with the overall gains.

The exposure over a period of months of the true facts about the extent of segregation in the North and West has focused national attention on the problems of the South. The entire Nation is now aware that the people of the South are being treated unfairly and have been subjected to unreasonable demands while the North and West have gone free. Additionally, for the first time a President of the United States has recognized in a statement of national policy that there are inequities in enforcement that should be corrected.

Also, I was very interested in your thoughts on the legalization of marijuana. I was one of the strongest supporters of the Controlled Dangerous Substances Act which passed the Senate on January 28, 1970. This legislation contains provisions related to the distribution and use of marijuana. It makes importation, sale, or possession of marijuana illegal and imposes penalties including fine and imprisonment. However, there are provisions prescribing lesser penalties for first offenders. I have enclosed a copy of these provisions for your information.

Again my thanks for your letter. With warm good wishes, I am

Your friend,

John Stennis  
United States Senator