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## Correspondence, John C. Stennis, July 25-31, 1970

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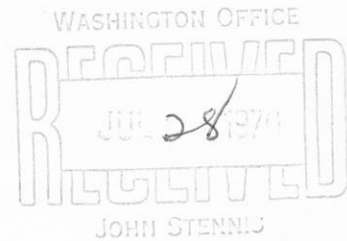
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"We Appreciate Your Business"

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INDIANOLA, MISSISSIPPI

7/25/70



Senator John C. Stennis  
Senate of The United States  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Stennis,

It seems that you and Senator Eastland have given up on our schools and left it up to Senator Strom Thurmond to do the fighting in Washington. (I enclose a clipping herewith).

Senator, between you and Senator Eastland, there is more seniority between the two of you than any other state in the United States and yet we in Mississippi are used constantly as a whipping boy and our schools are being destroyed.

Why don't you for God's sake use some of your influence to swap something that Nixon or Finch wants for our schools.

The ABM question is before you right now and Nixon wants this very much. You could go to him and tell him you will fight for him if he will only let up on Mississippi schools for a while.

I think the people of Mississippi have behaved admirably in trying times but how much do they expect from us?

Remember, Senator, trade them something for our schools.

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

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FILE COPY

July 31, 1970

[REDACTED]  
Indianola, Mississippi 38751

Dear [REDACTED]:

That was a good strong letter you wrote me, [REDACTED], and I appreciate your interest, as well as your understanding. I agree with the sentiments of your letter except for this point. Don't ever think that we are giving up the fight at all.

As soon as I can, I will get together something on some of the things that I have been in on concerning this matter this year, and will continue this actively. As a matter of fact, when you get a concession here, something happens within three or six months that knocks it all out of kilter.

I will write you more at length later, and want to thank you again for your letter and your interest.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely your friend,

John Stennis  
United States Senator

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JS/ds

P.S. - Senator Thurmond handled himself very skillfully and was exactly the man to do exactly what he did, and I think his statement did some good. I am going to tell him about your letter, and I am sure he will appreciate it.