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United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20510

March 11, 1970

[REDACTED]
New Orleans, Louisiana 70115

Dear [REDACTED]:

Your fine message about our efforts for public education and about the passage of my amendment to Public Education Bill is genuinely and warmly appreciated. Further, it is an encouragement to me to continue this fight which you need not doubt I shall do.

There is no way of telling how far this amendment will go this year, but I think the interest shown throughout the nation is quite encouraging. The fact that we received some 36 votes from states beyond the South is an indication that people in other areas are beginning to awaken and that the sentiment of the nation is changing. Many people in our Country want to stress improved education as the purpose of our schools rather than social change.

I did give my regards to Senator Eastland very soon after I received your letter. Again my thanks for your interest, and with best wishes, I am

Your friend,

John Stennis
United States Senator

JS/her

29.1.1970

New Orleans Louisiana
February 19, 1970

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

Dear Senator Stennis:

This is a personal
letter and the reason it
is NOT typed.

I am certainly proud
of you. I am a Mississippian
from Rulerille, Mississippi.

Senator Eastland and I
are personal friends and
I would appreciate it, if you
happen to think about it, if
you would give him my
regards.

I was a School
Principal, teacher and Supt of
Schools in Mississippi for



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years before coming to New Orleans ten years ago. I am now Teaching School here.

My wife is a New Orleans Native and I was born in Ruleville. I'm sorry I never had the pleasure of meeting you.

You can rest assured that all New Orleans and Louisiana are proud of you. These people down here all like you and [REDACTED]

I had a letter yesterday from [REDACTED] about what he is doing and has done for 20 years about this integration mess. He and Senator Ellender are now my senators. We are proud of all of you.
Governor McKeithen

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and

[redacted] should have been impeached fifteen years ago for ruining the public school system of the South and of America. I am also proud of [redacted] for coming to your aid. The Yankees are now falling into line because they have to. The American people are tired of this damn civil rights and integration farce. Your picture is on the front page of The New Orleans Times Picayune today. I saw Panetta's picture yesterday morning on front page of The Picayune. He was the enforcer for civil rights and

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he was fired by The White House or some good soul around you there. He is an Italian and not a friend of American schools, hospitals, etc. and certainly not of The South's. Who knows, he may be a member of The Mafia. 2
Think The South has a friend in Nixon. Lyndon Johnson was never anywhere there a Southern renegade and people here had no respect for him.

once again, my wife and I are proud of you and offer the heartiest of congratulations.
Sincerely yours,
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]