

**Transcripts for four letters sent directly or copied to Senator Gore following the University of Mississippi (“Ole Miss”) Incident in 1962.**

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October 4, 1962

Honorable James O. Eastland  
Senator from Mississippi  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Eastland,

Being a resident of Tennessee, I will never be in a position to cast a ballot in your favor, however I can and do lend you moral support in your efforts to uphold the Constitution of both the United States and the State of Mississippi.

As a resident of Tennessee I find that the decent, patriotic, law-abiding citizens of this state have no senators who will take a stand in their support, but rather have supported every effort of the NAACP and other “liberal” elements to destroy our Southern heritage.

The people with whom I work, my neighbors, and my friends stand with you and lend you support in your efforts to preserve our American system of government and our Constitution.

By copy of this letter I ask the Senators Gore and Kefauver switch their allegiance from the NAACP and the radicals and support you in your efforts.

Thanking you for your patriotic efforts I am,

Yours very truly,  
Clayton E. Allen  
4439 Leatherwood Rd

Memphis, Tennessee

CC: Senator Albert Gore

Senator Estes Kefauver

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Orrville, Ala.

Oct 2, 1962

Dear Senator Gore,

The president was right. Ralph McGill and the American Communist party has said so- States no longer have any rights. One judge on the Supreme Court (Hugo Black) acted as a court in this case. Has Congress ever authorized the use of military force to back intergration? Our people are fast losing their will to defend this nation from Communist tyranny. Before we are subjected to firing squads and Communist rule, responsible leaders in Congress had better pool their knowledge and effort. The 11th hour is indeed upon us.

Yours very truly,

Bill Arrington

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Oct. 3, 1962

SENATOR ALBERT GORE

TENN. SENATOR

WASHINGTON, D.C.

We, the people of the Southland are so crushed that our government will send 15,000 troops to crush our pride. We pay as much tax as anyone to our government, but never expected it to come back to us in this way. This negro is a member of the NAACP, organized against the white people and shoved upon us with troops and guns. We vote and send you to represent us in Washington, I have not seen one word you have said to help Mississippi or the Southland. As long as God lets

me live, I will never vote a Democratic ticket again, my people, a large family will never again be a Democrat, you have killed us forever, I have not seen or found one thing in the paper where you have asked to take or keep the troops away or remove that negro from the school. Our President said he would rather support the NAACP, instead of the white people.

I work in Memphis and I have seen these negros parade and carry all kinds of signs against the white people, they are never molested by our wonderful government. You are representing us, the ones who pay your salary, why don't you do something at once? Have that negro go to the college he came from, paid for by white people.

Castro has taken our property and not one word has our government said. But to crush our State of Mississippi for one negro that we do not want in our college.

Mrs. Ethel Wiggins  
Brownsville  
Tenn.

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Route 1, Box 63  
Millington, Tenn.  
October 2, 1962

The President of the United States  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

As a citizen of the United States I would like to stand and be counted at this time and commend you on your decisions and action in the crisis at the University of Mississippi which is confronting our way of life. Even in the sadness of this time I do not know when I have ever been so proud to be an American as I have these past three days; for this is what we stand for: liberty and justice and equality. I know of no other nation on earth which would go to such trouble to insure the rights of the individuals.

Mr. President, I realize that I speak as one of that large group which is not as emotional and out-spoken as those who are advertising their criticism at this time, but I know that there are many of us--native, white Southerners--here in Millington, and Memphis, and the entire South who are proud of our President and affirm our support of him.

Sincerely,

David Lamar Jacks

Cc: Senator Estes Kefauver

Senator Albert Gore

Representative Clifford Davis

[End of transcript of letter four of four]