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Dear Senator:

I thought you might be interested in having the enclosed statement which reiterates views previously expressed by President Nixon.

Sincerely,

William E. Timmons
Assistant to the President

Honorable James Eastland
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.

Enclosure
NIXON ADMINISTRATION STATEMENT

1. The Administration's position on the voting rights legislation now pending before the United States Senate is one of full support for all the provisions of the measure passed by the House of Representatives.

2. The President has consistently opposed, and still opposes, compulsory bussing of school children to achieve racial balance. This practice is prohibited by the Civil Rights Act of 1964. The Administration is in full accord with the provisions of the statute.

3. School desegregation plans prepared by the Department of Health, Education and Welfare on request by school boards or pursuant to court order will be directed to the greatest possible extent toward preserving rather than destroying the neighborhood school concept. It is the President's firm judgment that in carrying out the law and court decisions in respect to desegregation of schools, the primary objective must always be the preservation of quality education for the school children of America.

4. It is the view of this Administration that every law of the United States should apply equally in all parts of the country. To the extent that the "uniform application" amendment offered by Senator John Stennis would advance equal application of law, it has the full support of this Administration. Just as this Administration is opposed to a dual system of education in any part of the United States, so also is the Administration opposed to a dual system of justice or a dual system of voting rights.