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Dear Senator:

Your letter ~~of~~ which I am returning seems to hit the mark right in the middle.

I have read it. Hubert Baughn has gone over it and Charles Edmundson too has looked for flaws. The only suggestions which we can offer are:

1. That in the fourth paragraph in which you ask the question "When did it become sectionalism to demand that justice be done to white democrats in Walker, Houston, Cullman, Covington, Etowah and other counties now discriminated against?" that you name all the counties which are being discriminated against by the state's failure to comply with the constitution on reapportionment.

2. It might be well to include the thought that "too often the legislative committees have been organized and the rules of procedure manipulated so as to obstruct the rank and file of the members in carrying out their pledges and the will of the people who elected them. If I am chosen speaker, the legislature will organize so as to permit the greatest possible responsiveness to the popular will".

3. That you include with your letter a copy of the platform addressed to the voters under the date of April 16th.

4. That you urge the various members also to find out from the respective candidates for the speakerships how they stand on a number of the points you make clear in your platform.

Hubert does not feel that your letter is too long and I agree with him that every member of the Legislature will be interested enough to read everything you write them.

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Incidentally such a letter as you plan to send out will make fine material to place in the hands of your supporters. Your chief strength as I see it, is your ~~representation~~ ^{reputation} for honesty, unselfish service and your liberal approach.

The time has come in Alabama when politicians and other aspirants to public office must declare themselves without equivocation on all important issues. In my opinion Bibb Graves could never have been elected governor of Alabama had he not come out with a platform detailing his position on all the issues which were raised before and during the campaign.

When you put your letter in the mails, I would like to have an exclusive story of course put in the interest of your candidacy and because I believe your election will serve the best interest of Alabama, I hope you will send a copy of your letter to all the newspapers.

To be certain that we, the Alabama Journal and the Mobile Times get the story, I suggest that you send it to we three in advance so that we can release it or so that we can be prepared to release it as soon as the originals have had time to reach the persons to whom they are addressed.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely,



Jimmy Mills

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