

April 28, 1964

The Honorable J. W. Fulbright:

As a new resident of Arkansas, this is my first opportunity to write to you as "my" senator. On March 1 our new ministry with the Pulaski Heights Christian Church of Little Rock began. We came here after a seven year ministry at First Christian Church of Daytona Beach, Florida. It is a pleasure to share with you membership in the Christian Churches (Disciples of Christ).

Let me begin by telling you of my admiration and appreciation for your creative and courageous statesmanship. Your recent speeches on foreign policy and military expenditures were much-needed contributions to our national discussion of these great issues. You may count on my full support in your efforts to encourage fresh thinking on these vital subjects. Thank you for your leadership in these matters.

I am writing to express my hope that you will give the same kind of creative and courageous leadership in helping our nation to face up to its rightful responsibilities to all of its citizens. It is my conviction that the present civil rights legislation before the Senate is one step in the direction of achieving "liberty and justice for all". As one citizen, I would appreciate your efforts to bring the present filibuster to an early close and to help achieve passage of a meaningful civil rights bill during this session.

For now, every best wish to you as you continue to represent this state and to serve our nation as a Christian statesman!

Truly,

Rhodes Thompson, Jr.

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