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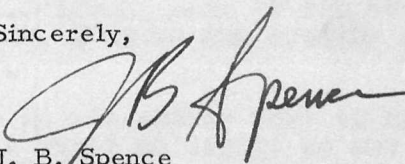
Senator George Smathers  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Smathers:

I have been a constituent of yours for many years. I have voted for you again and again. I have made financial contributions in support of your candidacy on two specific occasions. In other words, I have been an ardent supporter of you as a representative of the people of Florida. Now, for the first time, I want to ask something of you.

I would appreciate very much if you would reconsider your position on the civil rights legislation. I believe so intensely and sincerely that we, the white race, have given the colored race the short end of the stick for so long. Won't you please vote yes for the President's civil rights legislation?

Sincerely,



J. B. Spence

JBS/mm

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September 4, 1963

Mr. J. B. Spence  
1111 Brickell Avenue  
Miami 32, Florida

Dear J. B.:

I have your good letter of August 14, and believe me I am grateful for all the support and assistance you have given me over the years.

I can also appreciate your feelings on this subject of civil rights legislation. However, in seeking to rectify wrongs, it seems to me that we must endeavor not to create more wrongs and certainly we must try to avoid doing that which will eventually wrong those we seek to help. There are some sections of the proposed civil rights legislation - particularly the accommodations section - which in my opinion would seriously infringe on everybody's rights. As you may have read in the papers, there are other sections, such as the mediation and conciliation section and the vocational training section, which I can and do support.

I am sorry that I can only go halfway with you on your first and only request of me, but I trust that on most issues we shall continue to be more nearly in complete agreement.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

George A. Smathers

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*Can you get Gaither or Nichols or Beckham to join in your request. They'd have helped -*