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### Letter from Theodore G. Bilbo to Dennis Murphree; June 10, 1936

Theodore G. Bilbo

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UNITED STATES SENATE

June 10, 1936.

Governor Dennis Murphree,  
Jackson, Mississippi.

Dear Governor:

I am enclosing you two letters which are self-explanatory. I thought maybe you would be interested, and I also thought that perhaps somebody else was taking credit for getting youth his job--the record speaks for itself.

Yours Faithfully,

Theo. G. Bilbo  
U.S. S.



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Honorable Lyle T. Alverson,  
Acting Director, National Emergency Council,  
Room 500, Commercial National Bank Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Alverson:

As one of the United States Senators from the State of Mississippi, I would be pleased to know who recommended Ex-Governor Dennis Murphree as State Director of the N.E.C. for the State of Mississippi.

Mr. Murphree was appointed and on the job several weeks before I had any knowledge of this appointment. You can naturally understand that being United States Senator from Mississippi, I felt that I should be at least advised about such appointments--in fact, I feel that I should have been consulted.

I take it that your files will show just how this appointment was made, and by whom he was recommended. In this connection, I would like to know also the salary paid Honorable Evon Ford, who held this Directorship before Mr. Murphree was appointed. I would also like to know what salary is being paid Mr. Murphree at this time.

Kindly give me also the date of the resignation of Mr. Ford and the date of Mr. Murphree's appointment.

Thanking you for this information, I am

Yours sincerely,

T.G. Bilbo  
U.S.S.



THE NATIONAL EMERGENCY COUNCIL  
WASHINGTON

May 5th, 1936.

office of  
Executive Director

Hon. Theodore G. Bilbo,  
Senate office Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Bilbo:

My reply to your letter of April 28  
has been delayed somewhat because of my absence from  
the city.

Mr. Dennis Murphree, the present  
State Director for the National Emergency Council for  
Mississippi, was recommended by Mr. Evon Ford, the  
former State Director for Mississippi. Also Mr. Lamar  
Hardy, a personal friend of mine and a former resident  
of Mississippi, in response to my request advised me  
that in his judgment Mr. Murphree was qualified to perform  
the duties of the office. Mr. Murphree was thereupon  
called to Washington for a conference with the officials  
of the Council. As his qualifications appeared to be  
those which were required for the position in question,  
he was appointed at a salary of \$4,500 per annum.

Mr. Murphree entered on duty March 16,  
replacing Mr. Evon Ford, the former State Director for  
Mississippi, whose resignation was effective March 15.  
Mr. Ford's salary was the same as that paid Mr. Murphree.

Sincerely yours,

Lyle T. Alverson  
Acting Executive Director

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