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Aug 11 1936 letter from Dennis Murphy
about Sam Smith and Hugh White,

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1211 New Merchants Bank Bldg.,
Jackson, Mississippi.
August 11, 1936.

to John Taylor
of Jackson

Mr. J. L. Taylor,
Denma, Mississippi.

Dear John:

I think your attitude is all wrong. You have always been my good friend, and I appreciate you, but if you will allow me to say so, I think it is a mistake to be continually in a complaining mood.

Now, as to getting Governor White and Senator Harrison to name and appoint folks, I doubt if you will believe it, but the sincere truth is that while I have recommended and endorsed many men to White, yet the only man he has appointed on my direct recommendation is Dr. Fureyear of Carthage.

In order that you may thoroughly understand my own situation, I am sending you herewith copies of correspondence between Senator Theo. G. Bilbo and Hon. Lyle T. Alverson, head of my department, also Senator Bilbo's letter to me. You will probably be surprised when you read this correspondence.

You mention Sam Smith's name. I was glad indeed that he was given a job, but he did not call on me nor ask me to speak one word or write one line in his behalf.

John, you are mistaken in your statement that the people of Calhoun County might embarrass me with their votes this summer. They never will do this. I say this because of the fact that the people of Calhoun County could not do anything which would embarrass me. They are free, white, Thank God do their own thinking, and whoever else they want to vote for in this or any other election, it will be one hundred per cent all right with me. They have been too good to me for me to complain and be disturbed.

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Mr. J. L. Taylor,
Derna, Mississippi.

If I asked a single man to vote for White against Conner four years ago, I have no recollection of it. It is true that I voted for White then and was sorry when Conner defeated him. I still regret it, but I have no cause to question the judgment of my home people.

You speak of what was done for me last year. I appreciate it very much. I think it is but fair that you should know that Mr. Bond's secretary and those votes which she could control turned against me and voted for White in the first primary because she charged that your activities about in various counties over the state, working for me, were in reality working for Vandiver, and cost them many votes. By the way, I trust that you are still on good terms with Mr. Vandiver because he is a fine man; he deserves to help you for what you did for him, and above all, he is placed so that he can do it if he will.

With kind regards, I am

Sincerely your friend,

Annis Murphy

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