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March 4, 1963

Dr. D. W. Colvard, Pres. Mississippi State University State College, Mississippi

Dear Dr. Colvard!

I am extremely disappointed that you would fall to the oldest trick of the "dogooders" who believe in howling so loud as to give the impression that the howl is that of the majority, and allow our team to enter the NCAZ tournament.

The responsible people who have made Mississippi and have sacrificed so much in time and, yes, even finances, to maintain our way of life feel that they have been betrayed by you for the hope of a little public glory. There will be unfatorable repercussions. I implore you to reconsider and retract your veto of the unwritten law. You have labeled yourself an easy mark to the NAACP and may expect an assault upon your school soon.

I am chairman of the Mathematics Department of Mississippi College, a position I have hald for 20 years. However this letter expresses my personal opinion only.

Sincerely yours,

W. E. Strange