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JACK MARTIN  
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September 26, 1957

Dear Charlie:

Respecting your September 24 telegram, the President asked me to send you the full text of his remarks to the Nation in which he sets forth the reasons why he has felt duty-bound to make use of Army units to carry out the orders of the Federal court in Little Rock.

I need hardly to say that the President regrets quite as keenly as you do that this necessity has arisen.

With personal regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow  
Administrative Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable Charles E. Bennett  
Member of Congress  
2130 Riverside Avenue  
Jacksonville, Florida

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

MANY OF MY CONSTITUENTS ARE PROTESTING TO ME YOUR  
FEDERALIZING THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD AND APPARENTLY  
PREPARING TO USE MILITARY FORCE TO ENFORCE INTEGRATION  
STOP PERSONALLY I FEEL MILITARY FORCE SHOULD NOT BE USED TO ENFORCE  
INTEGRATION AND STRONGLY URGE THAT IT NOT BE SO USED SINCERELY

CHARLES E BENNETT MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

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GARDEN

September 26, 1957

Dear Mr. Selden:

Respecting your September 24 telegram, the President asked me to invite your attention to the attached copy of his address to the Nation in which he sets forth the reasons why he has felt duty-bound to resort to the use of units of the Army to implement Federal court orders in Little Rock.

As you doubtless also have noted, the President is meeting next Tuesday with a committee of southern Governors to discuss this entire problem. He shares your hope that the situation will soon reach a dependable and amicable solution.

With kind regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow  
Administrative Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable Armistead Selden  
Member of Congress  
Greensboro, Alabama

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE REPUDIATION OF YOUR PUBLIC DECLARATIONS THAT FEDERAL TROOPS WOULD NOT BE USED TO INTEGRATE THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS OF OUR NATION HAS SHOCKED AND DISTRESSED THE PEOPLE OF A GREAT SECTION OF THE UNITED STATES. TO FORCE FEDERAL TROOPS WITH DRAWN BAYONETS ON PATRIOTIC AMERICAN CITIZENS IS NOT ONLY UNTHINKABLE BUT ITS VERY LEGALITY IS SERIOUSLY QUESTIONED. THE ADVICE OF POLITICAL OPPORTUNISTS SUCH AS NIXON AND

BROWNELL WILL NOT STAND THE TEST OF TIME, AND I URGE YOU TO  
PERMIT THE STATES TO SOLVE THEIR OWN PROBLEMS IN AN ORDERLY MANNER  
ARMISTED I SELDEN JR MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

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W. JACK MARTIN  
GARDEN

Dear Mr. Huddleston:

# The President asked me to reply to your telegram of September twenty-fifth about the use of Federal troops in Little Rock. In his telegram of September twenty-seventh to Senator Russell, the President said: "\*\*\*\* When a State, by seeking to frustrate the orders of a Federal Court, encourages mobs of extremists to flout the orders of a Federal Court, and when a State refuses to utilize its police powers to protect against mobs persons who are peacefully exercising their right under the Constitution as defined in such Court orders, the oath of office of the President requires that he take action to give that protection. Failure to act in such a case would be tantamount to acquiescence in anarchy and the dissolution of the union. \*\*\*\*"

Your interest in wiring the President is appreciated.

With kind regard,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow  
Administrative Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable George Huddleston, Jr.  
Member of Congress  
284 Federal Building  
Birmingham, Alabama

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

YOUR ACTION IN FEDERALIZING THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD  
AND IN ORDERING REGULAR TROOPS TO LITTLE ROCK TRANSCENDS  
ANY QUESTION OF INTEGRATION OR SEGREGATION.

THE FOUNDATIONS OF THE AMERICAN DEMOCRACY HAVE BEEN  
IMPERILED. THE CONDUCT OF THE FEDERAL JUDICIARY AND  
THE EXECUTIVE IN THE LITTLE ROCK SITUATION CAN HAVE

*no memo to Mr Harlow  
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ONLY ONE RESULT, AND THAT IS TO DESTROY WHAT LITTLE  
SOVEREIGNTY IS LEFT IN OUR STATE GOVERNMENTS. THE FUTURE  
OF THE AMERICAN SYSTEM IS AT STAKE. RESPECTFULLY

GEORGE HUDDLESTON JR MC NINTH DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

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September 30, 1957

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With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Bryce N. Harlow  
Administrative Assistant  
to the President

The Honorable Hugh Alexander  
Member of Congress  
Kannapolis, North Carolina

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

YOUR ACTION IN SENDING FEDERAL TROOPS INTO LITTLE ROCK IS MOST DISTURBING, IT IS SETTING A PRECEDENT IN WHICH THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT IS AGAIN TAKING OVER THE RIGHTS OF STATES TO DEAL WITH THEIR INTERNAL PROBLEMS STATE AUTHORITY. I STRONGLY FEEL THAT THE RIGHTS OF STATES TO DEAL WITH THEIR OWN INTERNAL PROBLEMS SHOULD BE

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RESERVED. I CANNOT SEE THAT THE USE OF FEDERAL TROOPS, IN A SITUATION OF THIS KIND CAN SOLVE THE BASIC PROBLEM AND SINCERELY BELIEVE IT WILL MAKE MATTERS WORSE. I TRUST YOU WILL SEE YOUR WAY CLEAR TO IMMEDIATELY WITHDRAW FEDERAL TROOPS FROM THE STATE OF ARKANSAS.

RESPECTFULLY

HUGH ALEXANDER MC.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 15, 1957

L JACK MARTIN

MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

Record of telephone conversations on Monday, October 14, 1957, with Representatives Joel Broyhill, Bruce Alger, William C. Cramer, Charles R. Jonas, and Richard Poff, concerning their request for a conference with the President on integration. - [Handwritten initials]

Congressman Broyhill - He desired to visit the President and show his interest and concern so that it would be a matter of record. Also, he felt the conference was necessary so that the President could secure the attitudes of people in different parts of the South. He felt the participants would be more restrained after the conference. He also stated that a release could be worked out to be used upon their departure which would not be embarrassing to the White House.

Congressman Poff - He said he did not ask for the conference - he received a telegram from Broyhill asking him if he would participate in one. He had misgivings about such a conference now. He thinks it should be postponed until the President can withdraw the troops and if there would be any gain for the Southern Republican Congressmen, the conference would be arranged before any decision was announced. He said he would let Broyhill's request die without any formal reply at all.

Congressman Alger - He said he has been thinking a great deal about the situation and that he would like to give the President his observations and also some suggestions. He was concerned about the five coming together, as he felt he would not be bound by the other four. He thinks perhaps individual conferences would be better, and he feels that he has gone so far with the request to see the President now that he would have to follow through. He wanted us to remember that Dallas County would probably be the next district which would be integrated. He said he is working on a plan similar to the Louisville plan. He was not anxious to participate in a conference with the other Southern Republican Representatives.

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Congressman Jonas - He felt that although nothing could happen now which would cause him any trouble, he did not dream up the idea of this conference. He thought it would be better for Broyhill to have talked to the White House first before he released the request for a conference. He stated he was coming to Washington on Friday, October 25th for a couple of days, and that he would like to have a conference with Governor Adams about the matter and that would satisfy him. He could then explain to his people that he gave his suggestions to the White House as to how to solve the problem. His solution is to let the Deputy Marshals take over the situation.

He thought the conference idea looked too political, but Broyhill felt there were other more important issues at stake. He felt that it might be a good idea to let the conference idea be kept in abeyance for a while, and that we could say that it was difficult to get the group together and we might have to handle the conference on an individual basis.

Congressman Cramer - He thought that it was a question of willingness to discuss the matter. Whereas the Democrat governors who came to the White House confined their talk to the Arkansas situation, he felt it was important that the Southern Republican Representatives confer with the President on the whole matter of integration. He thought it would be a good idea for them to bring their observations to the President on this matter. He felt, of course, that integration was a question of timing. He said he is still in favor of having the conference, and that any format would be acceptable to him. However, if we hold it in abeyance for a week or so, it would be all right with him.

He liked Poff's suggestion. In fact he told Broyhill it should be timed that way. He said one political consideration that we should keep in mind is that the Northern Democrats can criticize the Southern Democrats, and the Southern Democrats can criticize the President, so each group of Democrats comes out all right.

  
I. Jack Martin



Dream it up better to have convention  
first Bragwell just called asked if he  
would go along

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take care of his situation - would enable  
to explain to his people - he's trying.

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didn't think this important.

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whole integration situation

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pure compromise of party want

to talk about overall picture - Democrats

afraid to talk about it. but ~~not~~

Republicans want to bring back President

to President. perhaps have on

integration.



BRUCE ALGER  
5TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

October 15, 1957

Mr. Jack Martin  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jack:

With reference to our telephone conversation, I enclose newspaper clippings and reaffirm my wholehearted interest in trying to be of help. We must find a way to withdraw the Federal troops. For my part, I can not understand the haste in using Federal troops, nor the Constitutional basis for so doing. Was not the 1871 (the justification for troop use, so I understand) rescinded by the "posse comitatus" Act, 1878, which cannot, by its own terms, apply here?

Judge Davies said there would be no violence and then the President sends troops to prevent violence. Both the Judge and the President had the same F.B.I. report (yet this report is unknown to me and to the public).

Dallas is under Court order to integrate at mid-term. I must learn the lessons of Little Rock in order to help smooth the way for the citizens of the Fifth District.

In an effort to be of some constructive help, I enclose articles outlining a suggested triple system of schools. Surely, we can find a way to accomplish desegregation and also allow a freedom of choice. Perhaps, the Louisville plan offers a possibility. Perhaps, a Washington, D. C. system offers a pilot plan. Further, why not set up a commission now of Northern and Southern leaders of prominence to study all possibilities of desegregation without "forced integration".

I heartily disapprove the Supreme Court reversal of '54. I hold this reversal is the "law of the case" not the "law of the land". Remember the Tidelands decision? Put temperately, non-politically, and factually, I'm eager to help solve the present dilemma in order to remove the Federal troops.

While joining other members, I do not intend to be responsible for their views or statements. Dallas has its own problems and I intend to continue to represent the majority view of my District according to my own understanding and judgment of the facts. A visit now with the President is timely. It is my prayerful hope that we can find the solution to the present Little Rock situation and removal of Federal troops. I look forward to seeing you soon.

With kind personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

*Bruce*  
Bruce Alger, M. C.

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## Alger Vows Push For Meet With Ike

Rep. Bruce Alger Friday said he would persist in efforts to achieve an understanding with President Eisenhower on the integration dispute despite the failure of Southern Governors to gain the same end.

The Dallas congressman was one of five Southern Republicans in the House who Thursday requested a conference with the President to review the Little Rock situation.

By mid-Friday, there had been no reply to the request from the White House.

"I'm doing everything I can to get the facts," Rep. Alger said. "It bothers me not one bit that the Southern governors apparently failed in their conference. I'm approaching this in a spirit of determination."

The congressman said the breakdown of the President's conference with Southern Governors should not mean an end to attempts to settle the problem.

"This problem we must solve and solve it we shall," he said.

He added that he would not be bound by the actions or statements of the other Southern GOP congressmen if he felt they were playing politics.

"This cuts across party lines," he said.

### WIRE DELIVERED

The brief wire was delivered to the White House Thursday afternoon. Sent over the signature of U.S. Rep. Joel T. Broyles of Virginia, it read:

"On behalf of my Southern Republican colleagues in the Congress, Rep. Bruce Alger of Dallas, William C. Cramer of Florida, Charles R. Jonas of North Carolina and Richard H. Poff of Virginia, I respectfully request a conference with you on the entire Little Rock situation, with a view to the withdrawal of federal troops.

"Our group will be available on any date convenient to you. We would, however, appreciate 24 hours' advance notice to enable some of us to reach Washington from our respective congressional districts."

In explanation, Rep. Alger appeared to veer away from the official stand taken on the Little Rock situation by the Texas GOP Executive Committee here last week. The committee defended the President's use of

troops, saying the action was taken to halt mob violence.

"The use of force may antagonize law-abiding citizens," Rep. Alger said. "We Americans are not used to being pushed around. We are law-abiding, and we in the South bow to nobody as law-abiding citizens."

### SEEKS ANSWER

The Dallas congressman said he would like to determine if it was constitutionally right to send troops into Little Rock and the reason for the haste.

"For the answer to this and other questions I would appreciate learning the contents of the 400-page FBI report given to the federal judge in Little Rock just before his ruling that integration must proceed," he said. "Did the judge feel that integration could go forward peacefully after reading the report?"

"It is my feeling that if we Southerners are to help solve the problem, or even take a firm stand on the Little Rock situation, we must have the facts. These are presumably in the report," he added.

Rep. Alger said he would also like to know what evidence Gov. Orval Faubus had that there would be violence if integration was attempted.

The congressman took note that Dallas may be next for integration (ordered by the courts for mid-term) and expressed hope that lessons learned in the Little Rock dispute might help ease the pain here.

"I am hopeful that Dallas can solve the problem peacefully," he said.

## Dixie GOP Group Asks Ike for Talk

By BILL GLINES

Dallas Congressman Bruce Alger and four other Southern Republican colleagues Thursday sought a conference with President Eisenhower to discuss the Little Rock situation, "with a view to withdrawal of federal troops."

"This whole situation is above party politics," he said in Dallas. "We want to go to Washington as Southerners, get the facts, carefully analyze them and then offer the President whatever help possible."

"It must be recognized that the integration problem is a sectional one that cuts across party lines."

"None of us in the South approves of force. You cannot legislate customs and morals."

"In fact, the use of force may

antagonize law-abiding citizens. We Americans are not used to being pushed around. We are law abiding. And we in the South bow to nobody as law abiding citizens."

The request for the conference was contained in a telegram sent the President over the name of Congressman Joel T. Broyhill of Arlington, Va.

The wire read as follows:

"On behalf of my Southern Republican colleagues in the Congress, Representatives Bruce Alger of Texas, William C. Cramer of Florida, Charles R. Jona of North Carolina and Richard H. Poff of Virginia, I respectfully request a conference with you on the entire Little Rock situation with a view to the withdrawal of federal troops. Our group will be available on any date convenient to you. We would, however, appreciate 24 hours advance notice to enable some of us to reach Washington from our respective congressional districts."

The five represent the South's entire Republican contingent in the House of Representatives.

Alger's remarks concerning the interview he wants marked his first major pronouncement on the Little Rock situation.

"One of the things I would like determined is if it was constitutionally right to send in the troops," he said. Not being a constitutional lawyer myself I am all the more careful in Congress before voting to get authoritative viewpoints and study them as to whether specific legislation violates the Constitution.

"Beyond this concern is this question: Why the haste in sending troops to Little Rock? For the

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The Dallas Morning News

Fair officials pointed out that on the first Thursday of the fair last year, Elvis Presley was on hand to boost the attendance.

### DIXIE

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"There is another gap in the link that we do not have, as I see it."

"Governor Faubus of Arkansas claimed that he had evidence that there would be violence if forced integration was attempted. What was his evidence?"

Mindful of the fact that the Dallas public school system faces integration by court order at midterm, Alger further commented:

"Dallas is next for integration. The local school board, the intelligent and clear-thinking citizens, a co-operative mayor and governor are reasons why I am hopeful that Dallas will solve the problem peacefully."

"Maybe lessons will come from the solution to the Little Rock situation from which we can benefit."

"I am offering my help because I know my community better than any other congressman, even better than the President himself."

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## THINKING OUT LOUD

# The Solution Is Plain

By LYNN LANDRUM

**CUSTOMERS** are beginning to shower down the brickbats on the column. And that is a good sign. It is a sign, first of all, that they are reading the paper. Anybody who reads the paper has a license to heave a brick at the column. Moreover, bricks zeroed in on the editorial desk make for more agile editors. It is good for arthritis, they say, for the patient to stir about. Finally, the customers enjoy the fracas, so who is the Columnator to tell them nay?

**OF COURSE**, the column can be wrong about what ought to be done with our public schools. It is always possible to be wrong. The discouraging thing about it is that there are so many different ways to be wrong.

But David Lawrence, writing in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, is saying that up in Washington, D.C., the high advisers of the President are cooking up a proposal to lay before the President along these lines:

An act of Congress would set up a three-fold school system by which parents who want mixed education (blacks and whites in the same classes) would get it, parents who want all-white schools would get them for their children and parents who want all-black schools would be satisfied also. Congress would appropriate money for extra school buildings and so on.

These deep-thinkers up in Washington believe that this is the



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pepper-and-salt school system. On the surface it is. But it is also federal education. Integration which is voluntary is obviously the freedom way. But a sad day dawns for freedom when first Uncle Sam begins to take over our educational system in any degree at any level.

Congress has no more authority to order the manner of our educational system than the Supreme Court has. Tacking on an appropriation to the pepper-and-salt plan will add attractiveness to it in the eyes of the politicians. But federal money for state schools means one more area of invasion.

**CONGRESS** should pass a resolution that it is the sense of the House and Senate and is the public policy of the nation that legislative decrees by the Supreme Court are ultra vires, null and wholly void; that the Fourteenth Amendment declares that power to enforce the amendment by appropriate legislation is in Congress; that such power is in Congress alone.

Then Congress should enact for the District of Columbia (which is, by the Constitution, in the particular charge of Congress) a complete pepper-and-salt system of public schools. If Congress does this, it will be adopted as the pattern throughout the entire South, without any U.S. marshals, without any bayonets, without any troops and without any bitterness. The way to retreat from error is to retreat.

**THINKING OUT LOUD**

## Pepper-and-Salt Best

By LYNN LANDRUM

**SHOOTING PEOPLE** or jailing them is the poorest of all ways to foment or further brotherly love and mutual respect between two groups of citizens arrayed against each other. All the troops in the world, if converged on Little Rock, would add not one whit to the solution of a problem born in evils of another day and generation. War and its engines will not gain anything except sullen submission to an outrageous invasion of the folkways of a people who already have shown their disposition to accommodate those folkways to the necessities of a new day, given the time to do so.

**PIGHEADEDNESS** begets pigheadedness. Persuasion and experiment in cordial relations in the school system of a community can and will give everybody freedom of choice, freedom of development.

A school in which integration is forced by the power of armed troops is not in any way better than a school in which integration is prevented by the power of armed troops. Picture the atmosphere inside a school house occupied by Negro students who are there simply because somebody will get shot if they are not allowed to be there.

Do you think those students in any degree can expect to be accepted in the lunch room, on the playground, in any team or group?

Do you think that the business of getting an education or of acquiring a conception of free and

unfettered American opportunity will be forwarded by compulsions triggered in politics? Can ~~good~~ come of authority out of touch with the deep currents of prejudice, suspicion and misunderstanding which motivate both the white man and the black man in economic and social contacts in every Southern State, as well as in many Northern States? Every Southerner knows that, given a riot in New York or Michigan or Illinois or even greater proportions than anything which has happened in Arkansas, President Eisenhower would not dare to send in troops.

**DALLAS** ought now to take counsel for a peaceful and orderly solution of the problem which caught Little Rock unprepared.

The more you think about it in all its bearings, the more you will see that the pepper-and-salt plan best fits the needs of Dallas. If the federal court here will agree to that plan, the rest will be as peaceful as paving streets or ending double parking down town.

This is the plan: (1) Make a survey of parents to find out all who will co-operate in the plan. (2) Establish two high schools to be integrated, one now a Negro school and one a white school. (3) Permit the children of the co-operating parents to attend the school of their choice. (4) Operate these schools as premium show places, open to inspection by everybody interested. (5) Be guided by what the results show. (6) Escort agitators out of town.



Thinking Out Loud

## It Is the Middle Way

By LYNN LANDRUM 10 12 57

IT IS APPARENT that integration has got to the jumping-off place in Arkansas. Neither the Governor nor the President is in the mood or in a position where he can back down gracefully. The Supreme Court itself is obviously in a bad spot. It is now clear also that no political advantage is to be reaped by the Democrats so long as Northern Democrats are compelled to declare themselves in favor of the use of troops whenever a federal court can not enforce its decrees. In short, it has got to where everybody concerned is looking for a way out of the mess into which the country has been thrust.

THESE are some of the reasons why the column believes that there is hope of a compromise in Washington. Practically everybody is out on a limb.

The pepper-and-salt school plan offers common ground to many elements in the hassle prevailing all over the country.

The proposal: Congress is to pass a law, applicable to the District of Columbia only, the statute to provide for an integrated school for the children of all parents who want such facilities, with an all-white setup in the schools for children from homes so disposed and an all-black school for Negro students whose parents prefer that kind of school.

Note how neatly this fits the requirements of the emergency:

(1) It does not require the Su-



preme Court to pass on it, because the Fourteenth Amendment is applicable to the states but not to the District of Columbia. At the same time, it gives to Congress the prerogative of declaring the national policy by legislative action. The court can gracefully take note of that in any future litigation affecting schools maintained by the states.

(2) Such an enactment by Congress raises no constitutional question.

Congress has full authority under Art. I, Sec. 8, Par. 17.

(3) Faubus and the people of Little Rock could well afford a consent decree providing for the adoption of pepper-and-salt for their city.

(4) The President can logically adopt the plan as in conformity to his "Golden Middle Way" which he has proclaimed.

(5) States' rights partisans can not object to introducing the principle of voluntary integration in Washington.

(6) Washington authorities may well welcome a solution which is likely to stop the flight of the white population from the city.

(7) Northern integrationists can afford to concede much to a plan which permits everybody to do just what he wants to do.

(8) The Department of Justice can afford to announce that it will hold up action to give time for everybody to cool off while the plan is tried out.

WHAT the National Association for the Agitation of the Colored People does will prove whether it wants a row—or a solution.

BRUCE ALGER  
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The situation in Little Rock, if news reports reflect it accurately, is explosive, with every prospect of further violence and bloodletting. Through a court order compelling immediate integration may have brought on this crisis the immediate prevention of mob-rule and violence is the real concern to all thinking citizens now, whatever their views on integration.

Whatever his own views the President's responsibility to maintain order and to enforce the decisions of the federal courts is clear and inescapable. Though we in the South disagree with the court's decrees and with the present use of federal force in support of them, I feel the President is being consistent in his efforts to compel obedience to the law by every legal and peaceful means. I believe further that the President is trying to prevent violence until a peaceful and legal solution may be reached.

Whenever the federal and state governments stand in such irreconcilable opposition that a test of naked force results obviously the federal government will triumph. We fought a civil war settling this issue once before, and I doubt that any of us would advocate secession again.

We Southerners hope and must strive for an understanding of our viewpoint by the people of this nation, regardless of sectionalism or politics. A solution to the serious problem confronting us must be found, but bitterness and violence will contribute nothing at such a serious time.

Should the situation in Little Rock become more inflamed rather than calmed by the presence of troops I'm confident the President will take whatever action may be necessary for I'm sure he's aiming, rightly or wrongly, at preventing needless and senseless violence.

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Mr. Stephens

Mr. Martin asked if  
you would call him  
on the attached telegram.

Barbara

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

ON BEHALF OF MY SOUTHERN REPUBLICAN COLLEAGUES IN  
CONGRESS - REPRESENTATIVES BRUCE R ALGER, OF  
TEXAS; WILLIAM C CRAMER, OF FLORIDA; CHARLES R  
JONAS, OF NORTH CAROLINA; AND RICHARD  POFF OF  
VIRGINIA - I RESPECTFULLY REQUEST A CONFERENCE  
WITH YOU ON THE ENTIRE LITTLE ROCK SITUATION WITH

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The White House  
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A VIEW TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL TROOPS. OUR  
GROUP WILL BE AVAILAELE ON ANY DATE CONVENIENT TO  
YOU. WE WOULD, HOWEVER, APPRECIATE AT LEAST  
TWENY FOUR HOURS ADVANCE NOTICE TO ENAELE SOME  
OF US TO REACH WASHINGTON FROM OUR RESPECTIVE  
CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS

JOEL T BROYHILL MC 10TH DISTRICT VIRGINIA.

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July 19, 1958

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Dear Mr. Diggs:

The President has asked me to acknowledge and thank you for your telegram of July third urging the President to intervene in the Little Rock integration case.

The Department of Justice is closely following all developments in the Little Rock school litigation. You may be assured that we will take any action that may be found necessary or desirable in the interest of the entire country.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Gerald D. Morgan  
Special Counsel to the President

The Honorable Charles C. Diggs, Jr.  
House of Representatives  
Washington 25, D. C.

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Office of the Attorney General  
Washington, D.C.

July 18, 1958

MEMORANDUM FOR

Honorable Gerald D. Morgan  
Special Counsel to the President  
The White House

In accordance with your request of July 7 to the Attorney General, I am attaching a suggested draft reply to the telegram from Congressman Charles C. Diggs, Jr., concerning the President's intervention in the present Little Rock school integration case pending before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals.

Congressman Diggs' telegram to the President is returned herewith.

*Harold H. Healy, Jr.*  
Harold H. Healy, Jr.  
Executive Assistant to the  
Attorney General

SUGGESTED DRAFT REPLY

Dear Congressman Diggs:

The Department of Justice is closely following all developments in the Little Rock school litigation. You may be assured that we will take any action that may be found necessary or desirable in the interest of the entire country.

Sincerely,

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MEMORANDUM FOR

The Honorable William F. Rogers  
The Attorney General

Attached is a telegram from Congressman Charles C. Diggs, Jr., concerning the President's intervention in the present Little Rock school integration case pending before the Eighth Circuit Court of Appeals. Can you give me a draft reply? I would appreciate it if I could have the reply by Friday, July eleventh.

Gerald D. Morgan  
Special Counsel to the President

Attachment  
Tele. to Pres dtd July 3, 1956

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

DEAR MR PRESIDENT:

RESPECTFULLY URGE THAT YOU DIRECT THE UNITED STATES  
ATTORNEY GENERAL TO INTERVENE AS A FRIEND OF THE COURT  
IN THE PRESENT LITTLE ROCK SCHOOL INTEGRATION CASE  
PENDING BEFORE THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT COURT OF APPEALS. THE  
INTEREST AND PRESTIGE OF YOUR ADMINISTRATION IS AN

ABSOLUTE NECESSITY IN EXPRESSING THE WILL OF  
RIGHT-THINKING PEOPLE TO PREVENT THE THWARTING OF SCHOOL  
INTEGRATION IN LITTLE ROCK AND OTHER SIMILAR AREAS IN  
THE NEW SCHOOL TERM BEGINNING IN SEPTEMBER. FAILURE TO  
EXERCISE POSITIVE LEADERSHIP NOW WILL SERIOUSLY  
JEOPARDIZE YOUR ABILITY TO HANDLE INCIDENTS WHICH ARE  
BOUND TO OCCUR IN GREATER NUMBERS AND WITH GREATER  
INTENSITY THIS FALLS WHEN SCHOOL OPENS. MAY I HAVE YOUR  
ASSURANCE THAT YOU WILL TAKE THIS ACTION

CHARLES C DIGGS JR MEMBER OF CONGRESS.