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Integration Program for Public Schools, Colleges, and
Universities, Little Rock, Ark School Integration-Gov
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Newport, Rhode Island,
September 13, 1957.

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Dear Mrs. Patten:

Thank you for taking the time to write me concerning one problem that is troubling you. I merely can assure you that I am by no means unsympathetic to the problems of the South and that I am firmly convinced that we cannot stress too much the necessity for patience on both sides.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

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Mrs. Lupton Patten,
Republican National Committee, x OF 138-C-1
1625 Eye Street, Northwest,
Washington 6, D. C.

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The President
The White House
Washington, D.C. o

DEar Mr. President,

As one born and reared in the South, I would like to express my views on our troubles due to the Supreme Court decision. First, definitely, I am NOT anti- Negro. we like them, we trust our children to them, they cook our food here, and we can't get along without them. Jim Lenyear, 87 years old, associated with my family for 50 years, is, and always be, one of the few of God's noblemen that it has been my privilege to know in life. We all love and look after Jim. We always will. Due to that and many other pleasant associations with his race, I will continue to feel that no "poor black trash has ever been as low-down and mean as poor white trash." By nature they are so much more kind than we are. Our best and most revered friends of our families are colored, and we take care of them in their old age.

don't do Please excuse my wordiness, my point is that they do not segregation. They are scared to death that their school teachers will lose their jobs, and I keep getting phone calls on this subject. We must protect their jobs. Walter Robinson, the Republican political leader of the Negroes here, stands so highly in our estimation, that I and I know he could be President if he were not dark. His word is better than any other accepted bond. My request is, please just let us work our own problems out down here. It upsets all of us when we see the exodus to the North, but we glory in their coming back home. Some of them do come back home where they are appreciated. *(Negroes)*

I disagree with some of your appointments, Warren Stassen and the latest New Mexico appointment, but you are real, honest true, and trying to do your best. That I most admire. May God bless and keep you for our nation, we need you,

Sincerely,

Mary S. Patten
(Mrs. Lupton Patten)

THE EDITOR'S LETTER TO PRESS READERS

Glad a Level Head Was in White House In Little Rock Crisis

DEAR PRESS READERS:

I have been doing a lot of thinking about something a friend of mine said to me in a brief conversation earlier this week.

The conversation took place right when the Little Rock situation was at its height and there was a lot of tenseness in the air.

To put what he had to say in proper focus, I must tell you these facts about this friend.

In the first place he is very much opposed to integration. He is very strong for the Democratic Party and while, of course, I don't know how he voted, I am quite sure he never voted for a Republican in his life and didn't vote for Eisenhower in 1952 or 1956.

"I'm going to say this," he told me, "I think we are very lucky during this Little Rock episode that we had a man like Eisenhower in the White House who didn't go off half-cocked.

"I shudder to think what might have happened if a Morse or a 'Soapy' Williams or a CARMACK Kefauver had been President. And I'm not too sure what would have happened if Adlai Stevenson had been in the White House.

"If there ever was a situation that called for going slow, not getting excited and thinking twice before acting, this was it."

There was a little coincidence in connection with our conversation.

Shortly after we talked a news story came over the United Press wire saying that the President was going to use "patience" in the situation.

While I don't believe my friend used that exact word, it was the very gist of his comment.



Remembers the Suez Canal Crisis

Ike's quiet, deliberate manner in this situation reminded me of another incident.

This was back during the peak of the Suez Canal crisis.

A story came over the wire saying that Ike one afternoon spent an hour or so out on the White House lawn by himself pitching and putting on his practice golf green.

One or two people in our office expressed outrage at what they felt was Ike's indifference—

"Imagine the world going to pot in a hack and Ike out playing golf! If that's not the last straw!"

My reaction was entirely different.

I thought to myself . . .

"Brother, what a situation this is . . . England, France and Israel marching on Egypt . . . Russia growling on the sidelines . . . World War III could just be one step away . . ."

"How glad I am that Ike is out there on that White House lawn!"

"He's got a big decision to make and one false move may bring on war . . . I'm glad he's out there . . . by himself . . . thinking this thing through . . . letting all his emotions . . . and all his urge to do something drastic and dramatic . . . simmer down . . ."

"Thank Heaven, Ike's got the guts to pay no attention to this phony 'green fairways of indifference' golf talk . . . and can get out by himself and think . . ."

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PHILIP L. GRAHAM
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September 17, 1957

PERSONAL

Dear Governor:

I talked to ^XBrooks Hays at 1:00 o'clock this morning, after he had had his session with the Governor last night. He is seeing the Governor early this morning Caval E. Faubus (about 10:00 or 11:00 our time, since we are two hours ahead of them). I hope you can call me before Brooks Hays calls, as I may have some useful information for you.

Sincerely,



Philip L. Graham

Honorable Sherman Adams,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

nothing else sent
to file as of 9-23-57

Little Rock, Ark.
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To Ann Whitman via pouch

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 19, 1957

Dear Mr. Jackson:

I have your telegram of September tenth concerning the problems attendant upon integration in Arkansas. As we all recognize, the situation is one calling for wise judgment and patience on the part of all responsible citizens. With respect to the legal issues, I believe you ought to consider the fact that the Supreme Court's decision in 1954 was a holding that the segregation of Negro children in public schools solely because of their race was a deprivation of the equal protection of the laws in violation of the Constitution of the United States. The authority of the Supreme Court as the final arbiter of the Constitution in cases that come before it has been established since the early days of the Republic. It is therefore incumbent upon all officials to enforce the Constitution as interpreted by the highest Court.

Your interest in communicating your views to me is appreciated, as is your kind thought for Mrs. Eisenhower.

Sincerely,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

The Honorable Howard W. Jackson
Chamber of Commerce Building
Baltimore, Maryland

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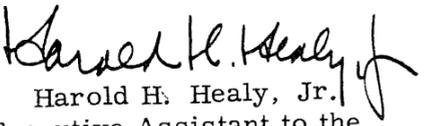
Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D. C.

September 18, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR

Gerald D. Morgan ✓
Special Counsel to the President

In accordance with your request I am enclosing a draft of suggested reply for the President's signature to the telegram to the President from Howard W. Jackson returned herewith.


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

Enclosure

DRAFT OF SUGGESTED REPLY FOR THE
PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE TO HOWARD W.
JACKSON, BALTIMORE, MARYLAND

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SEP 20 1957
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MEMORANDUM FOR

Harold H. Healy X OF 5
Executive Assistant to the Attorney General

May we have a draft of a suggested reply
for the President's signature to the attached
telegram from Howard W. Jackson.

Gerald D. Morgan
Special Counsel to the President

Enclosure
Telegram dtd 9/10/57

THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE

ROUTE SLIP

(To Remain With Correspondence)

TO Mr. Morgan ✓

PROMPT HANDLING IS ESSENTIAL.
WHEN DRAFT REPLY IS REQUESTED
THE BASIC CORRESPONDENCE MUST
BE RETURNED. IF ANY DELAY IN
SUBMISSION OF DRAFT REPLY IS
ENCOUNTERED, PLEASE TELEPHONE
OFFICE OF THE STAFF SECRETARY.

Date September 12, 1957

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

ACTION: Comment _____
Draft reply _____
For direct reply _____
For your information _____
For necessary action _____
For appropriate handling _____
See below _____

Remarks:

By direction of the President:

A. J. Goodpaster
A. J. GOODPASTER
Staff Secretary

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PRESIDENT DWIGHT D EISENHOWER, CARE NAVAL BASE
NEWPORT RI

DEAR PRESIDENT EISENHOWER AS A FORMER MAYOR AND
PERSONALLY I WAS GLAD TO HAVE YOU IN BALTIMORE A
FEW DAYS AGO STOP WHAT HAS HAPPENED IN ARKANSAS AND
OTHER STATES HAS RAISED A MOST SERIOUS CONSTITUTIONAL
ISSUE THAT IS WHAT COMMA IF ANYTHING COMMA LIMITS THE
SUPREMACY OF THE SUPREME COURT COMMA WHICH HAS IN MANY
INSTANCES BECOME MORE GLEGISLATATIVE THAN JUDICIAL STOP
WE HAVE ALWYS HAD IN MANY STATES WHAT IS COMMONLY KNOWN
AS MIXED SCHOOLS STOP WHEN I BECAME MAYOR OF
BALTIMORE 1923 I LEARNED THAT THERE WERE TWO GRADES
OF SALARIES FOR SCHOOL TEACHERS- A LOWER GRADE FOR
NEGRO TEACHERS THAN FOR WHITE TEACHERS STOP I HAD THE
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TO THE SAME LEVEL AS WHITE TEACHERS SALARIES FOR EQUAL
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BOARD AND HOUSING AUTHORITY STOP A CONFERENCE OF
GOVERNORS WOULD NOT MEET THE PREVAILING SITUATION STOP
THE CONGRESS WITH YOUR APPROVAL SET ASIDE A DECISION
OF THE SUPREME COURT TO OPEN THE FILES OF THE FEDERAL

*C. W. C. O.
Balt., Md.*

BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION STOP MAY I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST

THAT YOU GIVE CONSIDERATION TO CALLING A SPECIAL . X OF 99-F
SESSION OF CONGRESS TO CONSIDER LEGISLATION TO MEET
THE SITUATION CAUSED BY SUPREME COURT DECISION STOP
THIS WOULD BE VERY MUCH BETTER PROCEDURE THAN TO HAVE
THE STATES RESORT TO INTERPOSITION STOP IF WE ARE NOT
CAREFUL SUPREME COURT DECISIONS AND FEDERAL AID TO
EDUCATION WILL DESTROY OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM-
PUBLIC, PRIVATE AND PAROCHIAL RESULTING IN OUR
CHILDREN BEING TAUGHT BY PEOPLE THAT MANY OF US WOULD
NOT WANT TEACHING OUR CHILDREN AND THE TEACHING OF
SUBJECTS THAT WE WOULD NOT WANT TAUGHT STOP I KNOW YOU
WILL ACCEPT THIS TELEGRAM IN THE SPIRIT IN WHICH IT IS
INTENDED STOP I AM GLAD THAT MRS EISENHOWER HAS
RECOVERED SINCERELY YOURS

HOWARD W JACKSON(135PME)

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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE CITY POLICE, TOGETHER WITH THE STATE POLICE, MADE A VALIANT EFFORT TO CONTROL THE MOB TODAY AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL. IN THE FINAL ANALYSIS, IT WAS DEEMED ADVISABLE BY THE OFFICER ON THE GROUND AND IN CHARGE TO HAVE THE COLORED CHILDREN REMOVED TO THEIR HOMES FOR SAFETY PURPOSES. XOF 142A

repeated to
Mr. Hagerty
6:35 pm
23 Sept 57
and to
Mr. Brownell
7:30 pm
23 Sept 57
XOF 5

THE MOB THAT GATHERED WAS NO SPONTANEOUS ASSEMBLY. IT WAS

Little Rock, Ark, School Integration

AGITATED, AROUSED, AND ASSEMBLED BY A CONCERTED PLAN OF ACTION.

ONE OF THE PRINCIPAL AGITATORS IN THE CROWD WAS A MAN BY THE NAME OF JIMMY KARAM, WHO IS A POLITICAL AND SOCIAL INTIMATE OF GOVERNOR FAUBUS, AND WHOSE WIFE IS NOW WITH GOVERNOR'S PARTY AT THE SOUTHERN GOVERNOR'S CONFERENCE. KARAM HAS A LONG RECORD OF EXPERIENCE IN STRIKE-BREAKING, AND OTHER ACTIVITIES SUCH AS HE ENGAGED IN TODAY.

THE MANNER IN WHICH THE MOB WAS FORMED AND ITS ACTION, TOGETHER WITH THE PRESENCE OF JIMMY KARAM, LEADS TO THE INEVITABLE

CONCLUSION THAT GOVERNOR FAUBUS AT LEAST WAS COGNIZANT OF WHAT WAS GOING TO TAKE PLACE.

DETAILED INFORMATION ON THE EVENTS OF THE DAY WILL BE TURNED OVER TO THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT FOR SUCH ACTION AS THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT DEEMS APPROPRIATE.

IF THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT DESIRES TO ENFORCE THE ORDERS OF THE FEDERAL COURT IN REGARD TO INTEGRATION IN THIS CITY, THE CITY POLICE WILL BE AVAILABLE TO LEND SUCH SUPPORT AS YOU MAY REQUIRE.

I AM NOT MAKING THIS WIRE PUBLIC. THIS IS FOR YOUR INFORMATION AND FOR THE JUSTICE DEPARTMENT TO USE AS IT CONSIDERS NECESSARY

WOODROW W MANN, ^{XUF14713} MAYOR LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS.

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WOODROW W MANN, ^{XUF147B} MAYOR LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS.

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September 23, 1957

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MAIL FILE

Dear Ken:

I have your letter of September 20th, and, of course, I will be very happy to see to it that the name of William R. Ming, Jr., is submitted for consideration in connection with this meeting.

I don't know what can be worked out, but I very much appreciate having your suggestion.

With kind regards,

Sincerely,

Maxwell M. Rabb
Secretary to the Cabinet

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Mr. Kenneth M. Birkhead
Executive Director
American Veterans Committee
K 1830 Jefferson Place, N. W.
Washington 6, D. C.

MMR:sw

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Executive Director

September 20, 1957

Mr. Maxwell Rabb
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Max:

According to the public press, the President is ^{XOF147-J} considering the possibility of meeting with some Negro leaders ^{XOF142-A} to discuss the problems in the South today, and particularly, the question of Arkansas. ^{XOF147 - Arkansas}

As you know, the National Chairman of AVC now is William R. Ming, Jr. of Chicago. He is the first Negro in our history to head a national non-segregated veterans organization. In addition, Bob is a former professor of law at the University of Chicago and a former Assistant Attorney General of Illinois.

Currently, Bob is a partner in one of the largest law firms in Chicago and in addition to his work with AVC is a key member of the national legal committee of the NAACP.

I do not know who the President may extend invitations to for this conference, but I am communicating with you about Bob with the possibility that he might be considered as one of those who should be a part of this conference.

With every good personal wish, I am,

Most sincerely,

Kenneth M. Birkhead
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Executive Director

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THE WASHINGTON POST and TIMES HERALD
A 10 Tuesday, September 24, 1957

CROWD—From P. 1

Mob Had Job And Leaders Saw It Done

Violence Outbreak At Little Rock Was Well Planned

By Robert E. Baker
Staff Reporter

LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 23—This was a mob with a job to do and the leadership to do it.

The men of the mob, dressed in gray and khaki work clothes, straw hats and heavy work shoes, rolled in early from outlying areas.

At 8 a. m. (CST) there were 250 persons at the northern boundary of the school at 14th and Park sts. and another 250 at the southern boundary two blocks away.

Between 14th and 16th sts., about 50 blue-shirted city policemen formed a skirmish line down Park st. in front of the school.

Obvious ringleaders moved busily among the men, keeping them advised. One man, who seemed to be the top ringleader, kept placing telephone calls from a booth in a service station at 14th and Park sts. One call went to Jacksonville, Ark., 10 miles away and another to Pine Bluff, Ark., 40 miles away.

The men kept pulling in and
See CROWD, Page A10, Col. 3

Jerry . . .

Interesting connections here! Do you suppose the FBI could gather enough evidence on such a one to prosecute?

It would help like everything in placing responsibility and determining the reasons why and so forth . . .

Howard Pyle

Mob Has

by 8:15 a. m.—30 minutes before the first class—there were 500 at each of the two boundaries of the school.

An old man passed out copies of "Common Sense," a notorious "hate" newspaper published by Conde McGinley, of Union, N. J. The front page contained stories of a so-called "Communist conspiracy" involving the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People.

"That's what we're fighting, you see," shouted one man, better dressed than most, and he held high a copy.

The pulse of the crowd quickened. The man who waved the paper was the same man who placed the telephone calls. He passed through the crowd and sought out a friend and said:

"Get five or six men over on that corner. That's where the niggers came in last time."

Talks With Karam

This ringleader then went to Jimmy Karam, State athletic commissioner, former football coach, known in Arkansas for alleged strike-breaking activities and a close friend of Gov. Orval E. Faubus.

Karam's wife is with the Arkansas delegation at the Southern Governor's Conference at Sea Island.

The ringleader told Karam: "I hear the niggers will try to enter the other end (the southern entrance to the school) at 8:30 sharp, but it may be a decoy."

Karam nodded and moved off into the mob.

A young man sought out a reporter and said what many other members of the mob were to say:

"Well, do you believe there will be violence now? The Governor was right. You can see that."

The Governor grudgingly obeyed a Federal Court order Friday, pulled off his National Guard troops from Central

Little Rock School Integration

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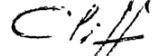
Dear Chief:

As our British partners would say, "We couldn't agree with you more" on your Arkansas decision. We are grateful for your leadership. #

We are grateful also for your "max" presentation last night. We felt your ringing sincerity and I feel sure that the vast majority of Americans agree with you whole-heartedly.

Please do not think of having this note acknowledged. Just know you, dear Mamie, and all those dearest to you both continue in the prayerful best wishes of

Your devoted friend,


John C. H. Lee


President Dwight D. Eisenhower
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Checked by Kardon

Newport, Rhode Island,
September 25, 1957.

PERSONAL

Dear Ralph: ✓

I realize you do not want an answer to your wire of yesterday, but at the very least I did want you to know of my appreciation of your message.

With warm personal regard,

Sincerely,
DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

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Mr. Ralph McGill,
Editor, The Atlanta Constitution
Publishing Company,
Box 4689,
Atlanta 2, Georgia.

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PRESIDENT DWIGHT D EISENHOWER

NEWPORT RI

THERE IS A FIFTH COLUMN OF DECENCY HERE IN THE SOUTH
WHICH APPLAUDS YOUR ACTION IN THE LITTLE ROCK CASE.
MANY OF THEM DO NOT AGREE WITH THE COURT DECISION, BUT
THEY DO TAKE THEIR STAND BY THE SIDE OF LAW AND ORDER,
AND WE ARE HAPPY EDITORIALY TO COMMEND YOUR DECISION.
WARM PERSONAL REGARDS. NO ANSWER NECESSARY

RALPH MCGILL EDITOR THE ATLANTA CONSTITUTION *P. M. McGill*

(159PME)

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Atlanta 2, Ga*

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Newport, Rhode Island,
September 25, 1957.

Dear Harold: ✓

Your message of yesterday arrived in the midst
of my efforts to prepare the television talk of
last night, but I did want to assure you that I
considered carefully your suggestions regarding
the difficult situation in Little Rock.

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With warm regard,

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Sincerely,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

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The Honorable Harold E. Stassen,
The White House.

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THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC SEPTEMBER 24 1957
TO MRS. WHITMAN
FROM GENERAL GOODPASTER
GOVERNOR STASSEN HAS SENT THE FOLLOWING WITH A REQUEST THAT IT BE
CONVEYED TO THE PRESIDENT:

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
SEPTEMBER 24 1957

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL
DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

MAY I RESPECTFULLY SUGGEST FOR YOUR EARNEST CONSIDERATION A PROGRAM
SUCH AS THE FOLLOWING FOR LITTLE ROCK:

1. ANNOUNCE THIS MORNING THAT YOU WILL GO TO LITTLE ROCK ON THURSDAY.
2. SUGGEST THAT THE NEGRO CHILDREN WAIT UNTIL AFTER YOU HAVE COME TO
LITTLE ROCK BEFORE RESUMING THEIR ATTENDANCE IN SCHOOL.
3. REQUEST GOVERNOR FAUBUS TO CONFER WITH YOU IN LITTLE ROCK
4. SCHEDULE AND CAUSE TO BE ARRANGED AN OPPORTUNITY TO SPEAK TO THE
PEOPLE OF LITTLE ROCK. GIVE TO THEM DIRECTLY AN APPEAL FOR THEIR
COOPERATION, EMPHASIZE THAT THE SCHOOL PROGRAM FOR BOTH WHITE AND
NEGRO CHILDREN IN THE SOUTH IS ONE OF OUR MOST IMPORTANT PROBLEMS
WHICH MUST BE WORKED OUT PEACEFULLY, TELL THEM OF THE HUNDREDS OF
DISTRICTS IN THE SOUTH WHERE IT HAS BEEN WORKED OUT PEACEFULLY, TELL
THEM YOU INTEND TO ASK GOVERNOR FAUBUS TO USE THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL
GUARD TO ASSURE LAW AND ORDER AT CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL.
5. REQUEST GOVERNOR FAUBUS TO USE THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD TO
ASSURE ORDER.
6. IF HE DECLINES, FEDERALIZE THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD ON THE SPOT
AND HAVE THEM ESTABLISH EFFECTIVE PATROL TO KEEP ORDER.
7. WHEN THE GUARD IS ESTABLISHED GO TO CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL AND TALK
TO THE STUDENTS, ENLISTING THEIR COOPERATION AND TELLING THEM OF THE
FUNDAMENTALS THAT ARE INVOLVED.
8. THEN INVITE THE NEGRO CHILDREN TO RE-ENTER LITTLE ROCK SCHOOLS.
9. IF FOR ANY REASON THE ARKANSAS NATIONAL GUARD CANNOT BE
EFFECTIVELY USED, AND IF THE GOVERNOR REFUSES YOUR REQUEST,
HAVE SUFFICIENT FEDERAL FORCES STANDING BY FOR IMMEDIATE ENTRY INTO
LITTLE ROCK BY AIR, WHILE YOU ARE THERE AND TO UNMISTAKEABLY
STRAIGHTEN OUT THE SITUATION AND ASSURE THE RE-ENTRY OF NEGRO STUDENTS.

A PROGRAM SUCH AS THE FOREGOING SHOULD BE REFINED BY YOU IN
CONFERENCE WITH FOUR OR FIVE OF YOUR MOST EXPERIENCED MEMBERS OF YOUR
ADMINISTRATION IN MATTERS OF THIS KIND. A PROGRAM SUCH AS THE FORE-
GOING CAN ESTABLISH THE ESSENTIAL, CLEAR IMPRINT OF YOUR LEADERSHIP
IN THE RIGHT MANNER AND WITHOUT THE EXTREME EXPLOSIVENESS OF THE DESPATE
OF FEDERAL TROOPS FROM A DISTANCE. IT WILL ASSURE THAT THE OVER-
WHELMING MAJORITY OF LITTLE ROCK PEOPLE AND OF THE SOUTH WILL BE ON
YOUR SIDE IN THE SITUATION, AND IT WILL GIVE GOVERNOR FAUBUS ONE LAST
CHANCE TO COOPERATE OR TO BE COMPLETELY REPUDIATED AND CIRCUMVENTED.

RESPECTFULLY,
HAROLD
HAROLD E STASSEN.

END MESSAGE

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Newport, Rhode Island,
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DAY LETTER

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^X
^X PPZ 1556
The Honorable James C. Auchincloss
Rumson, New Jersey

^X
Dear Jim: I warmly appreciate the motivation and sincerity of your September twenty-fourth wire urging me to meet with the Arkansas^X Congressional delegation. I just agreed to a meeting ^X early next week with a committee of governors representing the Southern Governors' Conference. This meeting, I believe, is a step in the direction you have in mind. With warm regard.

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

drafted by Bryce Harlow; sent by acw.

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TO BRYCE HARLOW
FM ANN WHITMAN

*Dear Jim:
I warmly appreciate the
motivation and sincerity
of your September 24
urging me to meet with
the Arkansas Congressional
delegation. I have just agreed
to a meeting early next week
with a group composed of
southern governors representing
the southern conference.
I believe this meeting
is a step in the
direction you have in*

WILL YOU PREPARE REPLY--THIS I THINK FOR PRESIDENT'S SIGNATURE
ANN



010 PD RUMSON NJER SEP 24 825AME
THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
NEWPORT RI

SEP 25 1957
CARDED

WITH PROFOUND RESPECT AND SINCERE EARNESTNESS I URGE YOU TO
INVITE THE SENATORS AND CONGRESSMAN FROM ARKANSAS TO CONFER
WITH YOU ABOUT THE SERIOUS SITUATION IN THEIR STATE THESE
ELECTED REPRESENTATIVES TO THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT SHOULD
RECEIVE YOUR VIEWS AND HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXPRESS
THEIRS ABOUT THIS PROBLEM IT MIGHT WELL BE THAT SUCH A
CONFERENCE WOULD RESOLVE THE SITUATION I ASSURE YOU OF THE
UNQUALIFIED SUPPORT OF MY CONSTITUENTS IN YOUR DETERMINATION
TO UPHOLD THE CONSTITUTION AND RESTORE LAW AND ORDER
JAMES C AUCHINCLOSS MEMBER OF CONGRESS
3RD DISTRICT NJER
(933AME)

next Fri. pm WH 230

*5 W J
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MCK Hodges
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PRESIDENT DWIGHT D EISENHOWER

SUMMER WHITE HOUSE NEWPORT RI

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR ADVANCEMENT OF COLORED PEOPLE

RENEWS ONCE AGAIN ITS REQUEST OF MORE THAN A YEAR AGO

FOR A CONFERENCE BETWEEN YOU AND THE LEADERS OF NEGRO

ORGANIZATIONS ON THE CONTINUED PERSECUTION OF NEGRO CITIZENS

IN CERTAIN AREAS OF THE SOUTH. EVENTS OF THE PAST THREE

WEEKS HAVE SHAMED ALL AMERICANS WHO LOVE THEIR COUNTRY AND

HAVE HUMILIATED THE UNITED STATES BEFORE THE FAMILY OF

NATIONS. LEADERS IN THE NAACP IN ALL SECTIONS OF THE COUNTRY

REPORT THAT THESE DEGRADING SPECTACLES HAVE ALSO EMBITTERED

SIXTEEN MILLION NEGRO AMERICANS, MANY OF WHOM ARE BEING DRIVEN

TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THEY MAY EXPECT NO HEARING

OF THEIR GRIEVANCES ON ANY LEVEL AND NO SUCCOR FROM ANY

SOURCE. WHEN A GOVERNOR MAY CALL OUT TROOPS TO BAR THEIR

CHILDREN FROM SCHOOL ANY HOODLUM FEELS FREE TO ATTACK THEM

IN ANY LOCALITY ON ANY PRETEXT OR NONE AT ALL. WE KNOW THAT

THESE MATTERS ARE OF CONCERN TO YOU, NOT ONLY BECAUSE YOU

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ARE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES, BUT BECAUSE YOU ARE A
MAN OF DEEP RELIGIOUS AND HUMANITARIAN CONVICTIONS. BUT, CONCERNED
AS YOU MUST BE, WE DO NOT BELIEVE THE FULL IMPACT OF THE
SITUATION CAN BECOME CLEAR WITHOUT YOUR HEARING DIRECTLY
FROM THOSE WHO REPRESENT THE DEEP FEELINGS OF THE PEOPLE
WHO SUFFER IN THIS HOUR. WHEN YOU WERE TROUBLED OVER THE
EXPRESSED VIEWS OF SENATOR RICHARD B RUSSELL ON THE CIVIL
RIGHTS BILL YOU GRANTED HIM A HEARING. WHEN YOU WERE TROUBLED
OVER THE ACTIONS OF GOVERNOR ORVAL E FAUBUS OF ARKANSAS
YOU GRANTED HIM A HEARING. THE CITIZENS WHO HAVE A PRIME
AND INTENSELY PERSONAL INTEREST IN ON BOTH THESE SITUATIONS
WERE NOT OFFERED AN OPPORTUNITY TO BE HEARD. LIKE ALL AMERICANS
THEY DO NOT RELISH THE DEBATE AND SETTLEMENT OF THEIR DESTINY
BY OTHERS WHILE THEY SIT IN AN ANTEROOM.
WE BELIEVE YOU WILL AGREE THAT THEY DESERVE TO BE HEARD
THROUGH AN ADEQUATE CROSS SECTION OF THEIR REPRESENTATIVES
VERY RESPECTFULLY YOURS

ROY WILKINS, EXECUTIVE SECRETARY 20 WEST 40TH STREET

NEW YORK N Y

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Dear Miss and Mr. Sayre:

Your telegram of the twenty-third arrived on my desk at a time when I had just completed the draft for my speech of Tuesday evening. I appreciate the thought that prompted your suggestion that the Vice President or I go to Little Rock. I assure you that, in this particular situation, I was, as I implied in my talk, conscious of your grandfather's high idealism.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

X
Miss Eleanor Sayre,
Mr. Woodrow Wilson Sayre, X
1377 Massachusetts Avenue,
Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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DRAMATIC SYMBOLS ARE SOMETIMES MORE POWERFUL THAN AN
ARMED FORCE IF YOU OR MR NIXON AS VICE PRESIDENT SHOULD
WALK WITH THE NEGRO CHILDREN INTO THEIR SCHOOL YOU MIGHT
BY A SINGLE ACT UNDO MUCH HARM BOTH AT HOME AND ABROAD
WE OFER THIS SUGGESTION IN THE NAME OF OUR GRANDFATHER
PRESIDENT WOODROW WILSON= x 0 F 101-00

ELEANOR AND WOODROW WILSON SAYRE=

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Newport, Rhode Island,
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Dear Harry: ✓

Thank you for your message. I find highly gratifying your approval of the difficult, but necessary, steps I had to take in the troublesome Little Rock situation.

With warm regard, #

Sincerely,

D.E.

X P P E 275
X
Mr. Harry A. Bullis,
Chairman of the Board,
General Mills, Inc.,
400 Second Avenue South,
Minneapolis, Minnesota.

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PRESIDENT DWIGHT D EISENHOWER=

NEWPORT RI=

HEARTY CONGRATULATIONS FOR YOUR EXCELLENT TELEVISION ADDRESS TUESDAY EVENING AND FOR THE CONSTRUCTIVE ACTION YOU HAVE TAKEN AT LITTLE ROCK. THIS IS THE SENTIMENT I AM FINDING AMONG BUSINESS EXECUTIVES IN NEW YORK AND WASHINGTON. REGARDS=

HARRY A BULLIS.

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Governor Adams:

Governor Adams R. x

Governor McKeldin gave me this yesterday at the Southern Governors' Conference at Sea Island, Georgia, and stated he was mailing a copy to the President. *- note sent to file 10-17-57*

The Little Rock affair was the only topic anyone wanted to talk about there.

John
J. S. Bragdon

Attachment

STATEMENT BY GOVERNOR THEODORE R. MC KELDIN - SEPTEMBER 25, 1957

I voted for the resolution in Committee and I am voting for it here - not because I believe it is needed to correct the unhappy situation created by Governor Faubus in Arkansas - but because I believe a conference at this time between the Southern Governors and the President of the United States would be highly beneficial to the cause of orderliness in the continuing implementation throughout the South of the law contained in the Fourteenth Amendment to the Constitution.

Governor Faubus was the first and only Governor to use the military forces under his command to avoid compliance with the Federal law as clearly interpreted, confirmed and reconfirmed by the Courts.

The contagion of violence and of disrespect for the law which he sowed with reckless abandon spread as a threat to decency, human brotherhood and law-abidance throughout the South.

President Eisenhower, with commendable patience and rare restraint, waited for Governor Faubus to admit the error of his acts and seek to right the wrongs which he created.

When the situation in Arkansas continued to worsen with no effort on the part of the Governor to halt the deterioration, the President acted, neither in vindictiveness nor with exhausted patience, but in accord with necessity under the circumstances.

I know that moderation prevails in the thoughts of most of the Governors in the South. I am sure that all have learned from the horrible example in Arkansas that a repetition of the Faubus' procedure would be tragic if extended to another State.

I feel that a conversation of all of us with the President would do much to further clear the atmosphere and to pave the way for orderly acceptance and implementation of a Federal Law.

BROOKS HAYS
5TH DISTRICT, ARKANSAS

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MRS. LURENE WILBERT
MISS KITTIE JOHNSON
LEGISLATIVE ASSISTANT:
WARREN I. CIKINS
IN CHARGE OF LITTLE ROCK OFFICE
H. A. EMERSON

L. JACK MARTIN

Honorable Sherman Adams
Assistant to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sherman:

I must let you know that I, for one, appreciated the President's effort to deal sympathetically and kindly with the people of Little Rock in making his announcement with reference to the troops. In a public statement today I asked our people, whatever their views on the constitutional question involved in this action or the merits of the Supreme Court decision of 1954, to accept the President's assurance that the troops will be withdrawn when the conditions which he described are met. I am trying now under changed conditions to help create a climate of good will in which a solution may be sought.

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x 07 100-C - 26. 10/22/57

I am sorry that some press reports have made reference to me in connection with the Federal judgeship. I hope it has caused no one embarrassment. I have refused to comment only because it would be presumptuous to assume that it might be tendered me, but in the light of what has happened I want you to be free to say whenever you find it helpful that I would not accept the judgeship even if it were offered to me. I am not releasing this statement and will say nothing at all in the future, but this is for your files in case you need it.

x 07 100-C - 26. 10/22/57
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Sincerely yours,

Brooks Hays

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My decision on judgeship is unalterable.
nothing else sent to file as of 10/22/57

BROOKS HAYS
5TH DISTRICT, ARKANSAS

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Honorable Sherman Adams
Assistant to the President
The White House
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L. JACK MARTIN

My dear Sherman:

Just a line to say thank you. Please be of good cheer. In spite of the tragic events of yesterday you and I can have no regrets over our actions. There is still time to prevent the sharp clash between Federal and State authority, but that will depend on developments. I am available if you need me.

One of my Baptist friends said to me recently, "We Baptists are stuck with you." I told him that it worked both ways. A fellow said to me once, "I would vote for you, except I am afraid you are a narrow Baptist." So, Sherman, you and the Baptists are stuck with me - but I am stuck with you too.

I will be in Washington the week of October 7 and I think I should see you. There are many lessons for all of us in these Little Rock experiences.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Brooks

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Newport, Rhode Island,
September 26, 1957.

Dear Mr. Mayor:

The events since your telegram of the twenty-fourth was sent to me in themselves, I am sure you will agree, serve as both reply and reaction to your request. Your estimate of the situation as it existed at that time was helpful.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

The Honorable Woodrow Wilson Mann,
Mayor of Little Rock,
Little Rock,
Arkansas.

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PRESIDENT DWIGHT D EISENHOWER =

THE WHITE HOUSE NEWPORT RI =

THE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR FEDERAL TROOPS IS URGENT. THE MOB IS MUCH LARGER IN NUMBERS AT 8AM THAN AT ANY TIME YESTERDAY PEOPLE ARE CONVERGING ON THE SCENE FROM ALL DIRECTIONS MOB IS ARMED AND ENGAGING IN FISTICUFFS AND OTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE. SITUATION IS OUT OF CONTROL AND POLICE CANNOT DISPERSE THE MOB I AM PLEADING TO YOU AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE INTEREST OF HUMANITY LAW AND ORDER AND BECAUSE OF DEMOCRACY WORLD

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WIDE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FEDERAL TROOPS WITHIN SEVERAL HOURS. ACTION BY YOU WILL RESTORE PEACE AND ORDER AND COMPLIANCE WITH YOUR PROCLAMATION =

WOODROW WILSON MANN MAYOR OF LITTLEROCK ARKANSAS =

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For your inf -

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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
GENERAL COUNSEL
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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September 26, 1957

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. BRYCE N. HARLOW
Administrative Assistant to the President

This is respect to my telephone conversation with you
at 11:30 this morning in which Frank Bartimo was also on
the telephone. *x*

I am certain that if this problem arises this informa-
tion may be of some help.

Robert Dechert

X of 3-11

Attachment

cc: Mr. W. Wilson White
Assistant Attorney General

Little John, Delaware

September 26, 1957

MEMORANDUM

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The following question may be asked the President by the press: Why in your Executive Order of September 24, 1957, did you "direct the Secretary of Defense to order into active military service of the United States the units of the National Guard of the United States and of the Air National Guard of the United States within the State of Arkansas"? As you know, Mr. President, there is a very important legal distinction between "ordering" the Guard and "calling" the Guard, and the statute to which you referred uses the word "call".

Proposed Answer: It should be noted that Secretary Wilson actually called into Federal service all of the units and members of the Army National Guard and the Air National Guard of the State of Arkansas. Secretary of the Army Brucker's implementing action was exactly along the same lines. He stated in his telegrams to Governor Faubus and to Lt. Gov. Nathan Gordon, as well as to the Adjutant General of the State of Arkansas: "I am in consequence instructed by the Secretary of Defense to transmit through you his call into the service of the United States all of the Army and Air National Guard organizations of the State of Arkansas." Therefore, in answer to your question, the Army National Guard and Air National Guard organizations of the State of Arkansas were called in compliance with the statutes cited in my Executive

Order. Now I want to state that in my Executive Order we used the word "order" in an all-inclusive and non-technical sense. It was merely used to give the broadest authority to the Secretary of Defense to take all necessary action according to the powers vested in the President of the United States under the statutes cited in the Executive Order as well as the Constitution and laws of the United States.

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Dear Monty:✓

Many thanks for your telegram. I am, of course, highly gratified by the reaction of some of my Southern friends such as yourself to the action that it was necessary, but exceedingly difficult, to take in the Little Rock situation. #

With warm personal regard,

Sincerely,

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Mr. W. A. Moncrief,
W. A. Waggoner Building,
Fort Worth, Texas.

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PRESIDENT DWIGHT D EISENHOWER

NEWPORT RI

YOUR RETURN TO THE WHITE HOUSE FROM YOUR MUCH NEEDED VACATION TO ADDRESS THE NATION ON THE DISGRACEFUL SITUATION IN LITTLE ROCK IS HIGHLY INDICATIVE OF YOUR STERLING CHARACTER AS PRESIDENT AND WHOLLY IN KEEPING WITH THE BEST TRADITIONS OF OUR COUNTRY STOP I HEARTILY COMMEND YOU FOR THE CANDOR CLARITY AND FORTHRIGHTNESS OF YOUR MESSAGE AND I AM CONFIDENT THE OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE ARE IN FULL ACCORD WITH THE DETERMINED ACTION YOU HAVE TAKEN BEST WISHES AND WARM REGARDS

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THE PRESIDENT ✓

THE WHITE HOUSE

THE FINAL SESSION OF THE SOUTHERN GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE
HERE AT SEA ISLAND TODAY ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION
QUOTE THE SITUATION IN LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS, IS A MATTER OF
GRAVE CONCERN PERIOD. IT IS IMPERATIVE THAT A CONSTRUCTIVE SOLUTION
BE FOUND PERIOD. A COMMITTEE OF THIS CONFERENCE, COMMA
APPOINTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN COMMA SHOULD REQUEST A CONFERENCE OR

CONTROLLING PARAGRAPH OF THE ^XRESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE
CONFERENCE ON YESTERDAY, WHICH IS AS FOLLOWS: "A
COMMITTEE OF THE CONFERENCE, APPOINTED BY ITS CHAIRMAN,
SHOULD REQUEST A CONFERENCE OR CONFERENCES WITH THE
PRESIDENT AND THE GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS, SEPARATELY OR
JOINTLY, SEEKING THE WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL TROOPS FROM
ARKANSAS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT." AS INDIVIDUAL
GOVERNORS, HOWEVER, EACH OF US WILL BE FREE TO DISCUSS
ANY PHASE OF THE ^XINTEGRATION PROBLEMS. CORDIALLY AND RESPECTFULLY
^XLEROY COLLINS CHAIRMAN SOUTHERN GOVERNORS CONFERENCE.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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I GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE RECEIPT OF YOUR TELEGRAM OF
SEPTEMBER 26, AND ASSURE YOU THAT THE COMMITTEE OF THE
SOUTHERN GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE WILL BE PLEASSED TO MEET
WITH YOU AT THE TIME AND PLACE SPECIFIED. IN OUR CAPACITY
AS REPRESENTATIVES OF THE SOUTHERN GOVERNORS' CONFERENCE
OUR MISSION AND AUTHORITY ARE OF COURSE LIMITED TO THE

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Cy sent to Attorney Gen, Mr. Morgan Gov. Kyle 9/26



CONFERENCES WITH THE PRESIDENT AND THE GOVERNOR OF ARKANSAS
COMMA SEPARATELY OR JOINTLY COMMA SEEKING THE WITHDRAWAL OF FEDERAL
TROOPS FROM ARKANSAS AT THE EARLIEST POSSIBLE MOMENT. UNQUOTE.
PARAGRAPH I HAVE APPOINTED THE FOLLOWING COMMITTEE COLON
GOVERNOR LUTHER H HODGES, NORTH CAROLINA, CHAIRMAN SEMICOLON
GOVERNOR MARVIN GRIFFIN, GEORGIA SEMICOLON GOVERNOR THEODORE R.
MCKELDIN, MARYLAND SEMICOLON AND GOVERNOR LEROY COLLINS EX OFFICIO
LEROY COLLINS GOV OF FLA CHAIRMAN OF THE SOUTHERN GOVERNORS
CONFERENCE.

Helen Colle

With this, the
original form, you
can start your
file on this
appointment

HW



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Mr. Miller:

Mr. Burton said Mr. Long requested a copy of this telegram right away, so he is sending it up to him now. You won't have to bother with it.

O.F!

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THE WHITE HOUSE OFFICE
ROUTE SLIP
(To Remain With Correspondence)

TO Mr. Rabb ✓

PROMPT HANDLING IS ESSENTIAL.
WHEN DRAFT REPLY IS REQUESTED
THE BASIC CORRESPONDENCE MUST
BE RETURNED. IF ANY DELAY IN
SUBMISSION OF DRAFT REPLY IS
ENCOUNTERED, PLEASE TELEPHONE
OFFICE OF THE STAFF SECRETARY.

Date September 27, 1957

FROM THE STAFF SECRETARY

ACTION: Comment _____
Draft reply _____
For direct reply _____
For your information _____
For necessary action _____
For appropriate handling _____
See below _____

Remarks:

GPO 16-71284-1

By direction of the President:

A. J. Goodpaster
A. J. GOODPASTER
Staff Secretary

J. M.

O.F.

JACK MARTIN
SECRETARY
GARDEIN

Newport, Rhode Island,
September 27, 1957.

Dear Pat:

Many thanks for your support of the difficult,
but necessary, intervention of the Federal
government in the Little Rock situation. I
much appreciate your telegram.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

X
20112372
The Honorable Patrick J. Hillings,
1128 Hugo Reid Drive,
Arcadia, California.

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THE PRESIDENT ✓

THE WHITE HOUSE

I PLEDGE MY COMPLETE SUPPORT IN ACTION YOU HAVE TAKEN
TODAY TO UPHOLD OUR AMERICAN SYSTEM OF GOVERNMENT. OUR
COUNTRY IS FORTUNATE TO HAVE YOUR VIGOROUS AND
FORTHRIGHT LEADERSHIP. BEST WISHES

PAT HILLINGS MC.

O.F.

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Newport, Rhode Island
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Dear Mr. Engstrom:

Thank you very much for your letter; it is heartening to have such tangible evidence that a citizen of Little Rock, a member of the School Board, is thinking so clearly and fearlessly about the problem in your city now occupying the attention of almost the whole country. I was particularly encouraged by your forthright statement that you, the School Board, and other conscientious citizens, will continue your efforts to restore respect and support for the true ideals of America. I believe that if all of us are patient and considerate in our dealings with others, but firm in support of principle, we shall proceed toward a solution to this problem much faster than if we allow emotion and ignorance and demagogic appeals to characterize our words and actions.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

Little Rock School Board

Mr. Harold Engstrom,
Chief Engineer,
Arkansas Foundry Company,
P. O. Box 231,
Little Rock, Arkansas.

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Honorable Dwight I. Eisenhower
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C.

-PERSONAL-
(Not for Publication) ✓

Dear Mr. Eisenhower:

I am a member of the Little Rock School Board. The people here who are doing great harm to our community and nation resent our consistent support of the court decision so much that a public statement from us at this time, would only irritate them and agitate them further.

However, if I met you in an elevator or cab, I would like to tell you that all of your statements and your actions have been most appropriate and accurately analyzed. The responsible citizens of our community and the students of Central High School, have found a man at the top of the executive department who is equal to his responsibility. The student's education at Central High would have been warped had you done otherwise, or done what you did in a different manner.

I apologize for the petty politics which has brought this difficult problem to its present status, but I assure you that I, the School Board, and all other conscientious citizens, will continue our efforts to restore the respect and support for the true ideals of America which you so ably stand for.

Yours very truly,

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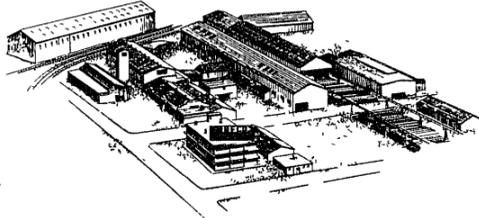
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Dear Tex and Jinx: ✓

I assure you I feel considerably less satisfaction than does a fighter in the ring. In this case I felt duty bound to make the decision I did.

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

Mr. and Mrs. John Reagan McCrary,
The Dorset,
30 West 54th Street,
New York 19, New York.

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THE PRESIDENT ✓

THE WHITE HOUSE

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SCORNED. GO TO IT. THE NATION IS IN YOUR CORNER

TEX AND JINX.

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Newport, Rhode Island,
September 25, 1957.

Dear Mrs. Leinsdorf:

Thank you for your message of yesterday. I am grateful to you for taking the trouble to let me know your views with regard to the difficult situation in Little Rock.

With best wishes,

Sincerely,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

^x
Mrs. Eric Leinsdorf,
25 Larchmont Avenue,
Larchmont, New York.

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wife of prominent symphony conductor,
formerly Rochester Symphony.

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PRESIDENT DWIGHT D EISENHOWER

TEMPORARY WHITE HOUSE NEWPORT RI

DEAR MR PRESIDENT ONLY THE FEW THOUSANDS EXTREMEST HAVE
FOUND ADEQUATE LEADERSHIP IN OUR LAND THIS HAS BEEN ANOTHER
MUNICH WITHOUT PEACE IN OUR TIME WE HOPE YOUR BRAVE
PROCLAMATION OF YESTERDAY AND I QUOTE I WILL USE THE FULL
POWER OF THE UNITED STATES INCLUDING WHATEVER FORCE MAY BE
NECESSARY TO PREVENT ANY OBSTRUCTION OF THE LAW AND TO
CARRY OUT THE ORDERS OF THE FEDERAL COURT UNQUOTE WILL BE A
CALL TO ACTION AND THAT THESE POOR BELEAGERED CHILDREN AND
THEIR BRAVE FAMILIES WILL BE ENCOURAGED TO PUT IT TO THE
TEST MOST RESPECTFULLY

MRS ERIC LEINS DORF

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*25 Larchmont Ave
Larchmont, N.Y.*

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Dear Mrs. Hoppin:

Thank you for your thoughtful letter regarding
the recent decision I felt duty bound to make in
the Little Rock situation. I am truly appreci-
ative of the trouble you took to write to me.

Mrs. Eisenhower joins me in best wishes,

Sincerely,

DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER

Mrs. Mary G. Hoppin,
"The Secret Garden",
Nonquitt, Massachusetts.

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September 26/51.

"THE SECRET GARDEN"
NONQUITT, MASSACHUSETTS

Dear Mr. President: —

I am taking the liberty
of writing you, as I feel
so strongly about the
manner in which you
have handled the tragic
situation in the South —

Your deep understanding
& your fairness in dealing
with the problem brings
to my mind the stories
told me by my Grand
mother, Mrs. Gerry, who
lived on the corner of

Broadway & 19th St. New York
until her death in 1898 -
She often told of the
terrible Race Riots when
my great uncle Peter Golet
drove to house after
house & brought back the
negro servants to their
house & kept them there
while he personally stood
guard over them -
Again, from the negro
point of view, D. Nicholas
Murray Butler, his
daughter Sarah & I
organised a meeting
in Southampton I. I.
during a political campaign
to instruct to answer
questions during the

important news before Election -
A lovely young Colored girl sat
silent & quiet until I asked
her what was worrying her -
She then opened her heart & told
me she had been Educated in
New York & was a College
graduate, but there was no
place for her as a teacher due
to her race & "you Whites only
need us at Election time" -
We got her to organizing a group
& put her at the head of it &
D. Butler told me later that year
that she had done a superb
job - My heart aches for them
& I am so thankful & grateful
to you, Mr. President, for the
attitude which you have taken
in teaching our people that
the Law & Constitution must be
upheld -

I only wish that I could
welcome you & Mrs. Eisenhower
over here in my peaceful little
place in Conquits for a few
hours of relaxation -

Gratefully & Sincerely
Mary Gallatin Hooper -