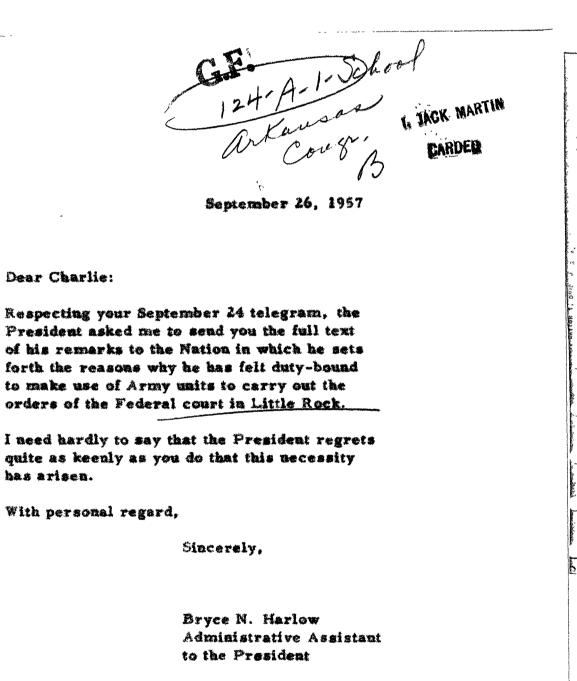
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The Honorable Charles E. Bennett Member of Congress Ŕ 2130 Riverside avenue Jacksonville, Florida

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CHARLES E BENNETT MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

t-Aring Kourt of Config. Schamber S September 26, 1957 Respecting your September 24 telegram, the 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 solu-With kind regard, Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Selden:

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 Fock.

> Bryce N. Harlow administrative -- ssistant to the President

The Monorable Armistead belden Member of Congress X Greensboro, Alabama

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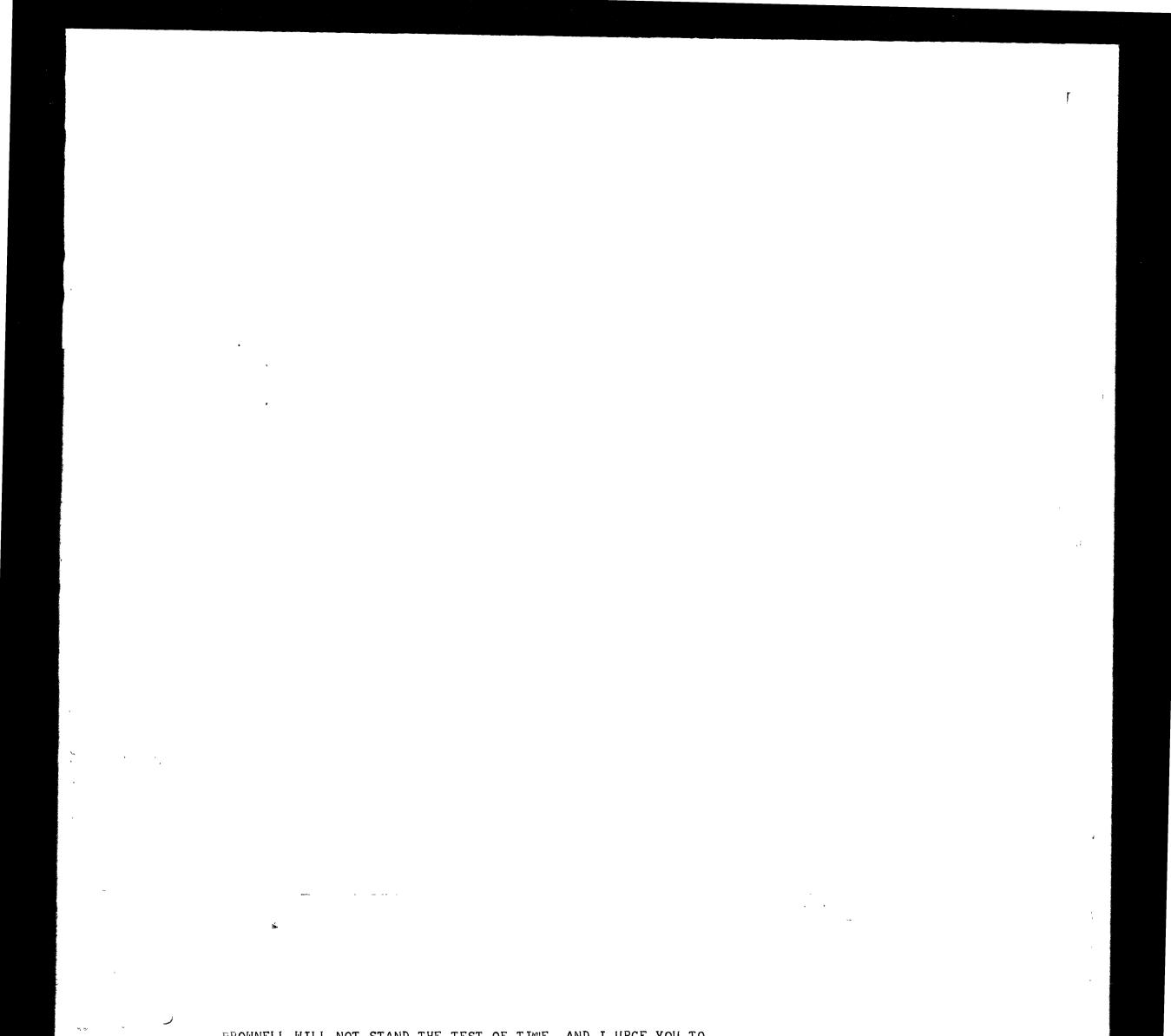
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-ARMISTED I SELDEN JR MEMBER OF CONGRESS.

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Bryce N. Harlow Admivalstrative Assistant to the President

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The Honorable George Huddle ston, Jr. Member of Congress X 284 Federal Building Birmingham, Alabama

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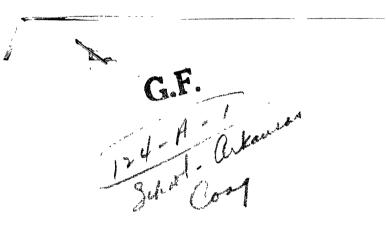
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ONLY ONE RESULT, AND THAT IS TO DESTROY WHAT LITTLE SOVEREIGNTY IS LEFT IN OUR STATE GOVERNMENTS. THE FUTURE OF THE AMERICAN SYSTEM IS AT STAKE. RESPECTFULLY GEORGE HUDDLESTON JR MC NINTH DISTRICT OF ALABAMA

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Dear Mr. Alexander:

The President asked me to reply to your telegram of September twenty-seventh about the use of Federal troops in Little Rock. In his telegram of September twentyseventh to Senator Ruesell, 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 peaceably 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 gove 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 Hugh Alexander Member of Congress Kannapolis, North Carolina

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KANNAPOLIS NCAR SEP 27 1957 1041AME THE PRESIDENT THE WHITE HOUSE Same 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 P RESERVED. I CANNOT SEE THAT THE USE OF FEDERAL TROOPS,

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IN A SITUATION OF THIS KIND CAN SOLVE THE BASIC PROBLEM

RESPECTFULLY

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HUGH ALEXANDER MC.

A HILNEY THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON L'MCK MARTIN October 15, 1957

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.

<u>Congressman Broyhill</u> - 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.

<u>Congressman Poff</u> - 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.

<u>Congressman Alger</u> - 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. <u>Congressman Jonas</u> - 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.

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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.

<u>Congressman Cramer</u> - 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.



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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.

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Dear Jack:

With reference to our telephone conservation, 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 Fresident sends troops to prevent violence. Both the Judge and the Fresident 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 Mashington, 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? Eut 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 Hock situation and removal of Federal troops. I look forward to seeing you soon.

with kind personal regards.

Sincerely/yours, Bruce Alger, M. C.

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"I'm doing everything I can to the 400-page FBI report given get the facts," Rep. Alger said, to the federal judge in Little "It bothers me not one bit that Rock just before his ruling that the Southern governors appar-integration must proceed," he ently failed in their conference said. "Did the judge feel that I'm approaching this in a spirit integration could go forward of determination." peacefully after reading the The congressman said the report?

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Republican colleagues in the	solve the problem peacefully,"
Congress, Rep. Bruce Alger of	he said.
Dallas, William C. Cramer of	
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on the entire Little Rock situa-	
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on any date convenient to you	
We would, however, appreciate	
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GOF Executive Committee here	
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By BILL GLINES antagonize law-abiding citizens. By BILL GLINES antagonize law-abiling citizens. Dallas Congressman Bruce Al-ger and four other Southern Re-publican colleagues Thursday sought a conference with Presi-tent Ensenhower to discuss the Little Rock situation, "with a view to withdrawal of federal troops." The request for the conference was contained in a telegram sent the President over the name of Congressman Data and the South bow

troops." "This whole situation is above Congressman Joel T. Broyhill of party politics," he said in Dallas. Arlington, Va.

party politics," he said in Dallas. Arlington, Va. "We want to go to Washington as Southerners, get the facts, care-fully analyze them and then of-fer the President whatever help possible. "It must be recognized that the of Florida, Charles R. Jona of integration problem is a sectional North Carolina and Richard H. Dong that cuts across party lines. Poff of Virginia. I respectfully re-

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. . . Friday, October 11, 1957

The Dallas Morning Ni

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

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Continued from Page 1 answer to this and other questions I would appreciate learning the contents of the 400-page FBI re-port given the federal judge in Little Rock just before his ruling that integration must proceed. "Did the judge feel that inte-gration could go forward peace-"It is my feling that if we southerners are to help solve the problem, or even take a firm stand on the Little Rock situation.

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Little Rock situation.	The local school board, the intel-
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THINKING OUT LOUD 11-1 The Solution Is Plain

By LYNN LANDRUM

CUSTOMERS are beginning to pepper-and-salt school system. On shower down the brickbats on the surface it is. But it is also the column. And that is a good federal education. Integration sign. It is a sign, first of all, which is voluntary is obviously that they are reading the paper. Anybody who reads the paper has a license to heave a brick at the col-heave a brick at the col-umn. Moreover, bricks zeroed in on the editorial desk make for more agile editors. It is good for arthritis, they say, for the prefirm the say, for ., M the patient to stir about. Finally, the customers en-joy the fracas, so who LAWRENCE Court has. Tacking on an appropriation to the pepjoy the fracas, so who

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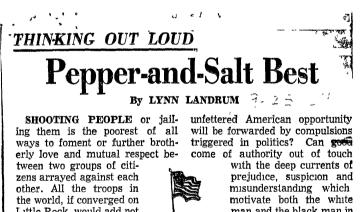
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degree at any level. Congress has no more authority to order the manner of our educational system than the Supreme

is the Columntator to tell them per-and-salt plan will add at ractiveness to it in the eves of

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	the politicians. But federal money for state schools means one more area of invasion. CONGRESS should pass a reso- lution that it is the sense of the
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 pro- posal 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 ed- ucation (blacks and whites in the same classes) would get it, par- ents who want all-white schools would get them for their chil- dren and parents who want all- black schools would be satisfied also. Congress would appropriate money for extra school buildings and so on.	Iution that it is the sense of the House and Senate and is the public policy of the nation that legislative decrees by the Su- preme Court are ultra vires, null and wholly void; that the Fourteenth Amendment declares that power to enforce the amend- ment 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.
These deep-thinkers up in Wash- ington believe that this is the	The way to retreat from error is to retreat.



zens 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 gener-**AC**i ation. War and its engines will not gain anything ex-cept sullen submission to ĥ an outrageous invasion of "The

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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,

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ready have shown their disposi-	thing which has happened in Ar-
tion to accommodate those folk-	kansas, President Eisenhower
ways to the necessities of a new	would not dare to send in troops.
day, given the time to do so.	
	DALLAS ought now to take
PIGHEADEDNESS begets pig-	counsel for a peaceful and order-
headedness. Persuasion and ex-	ly solution of the problem which
periment in cordial relations in	caught Little Rock unprepared.
the school system of a community	The more you think about it in
can and will give everybody free-	all its bearings, the more you will
dom of choice, freedom of develop-	see that the pepper-and-salt plan
ment.	best fits the needs of Dallas. If
A school in which integration	the federal court here will agree
is forced by the power of armed	to that plan, the rest will be as
troops is not in any way better	peaceful as paving streets or end-
than a school in which integra-	ing double parking down town.
tion is prevented by the power	This is the plan: (1) Make a
of armed troops. Picture the at-	survey of parents to find out all
mosphere inside a school house	who will co-operate in the plan.
occupied by Negro students who	(2) Establish two high schools to
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allowed to be there.	(3) Permit the children of the co-
Do you think those students in	operating parents to attend the
any degree can expect to be ac-	school of their choice. (4) Op-
cepted in the lunch room, on the	erate these schools as premium
playground, in any team or group?	show places, open to inspection
Do you think that the business	by everybody interested. (5) Be
of getting an education or of ac-	guided by what the results show.
quiring a conception of free and	(6) Escort agitators out of town.

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IT IS APPARENT that inte-gration has got to the jumping-off place in Arkansas. Neither the Governor nor the President 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 Demo-crats so long as Northern Democrats are compelled to declare themselves in

favor of the use of troops whenever a federal court can not Congress has full authority under enforce its decrees. In short, it Art. I, Sec. 8, Par. 17. has got to where everybody con-(3) Faubus and the people of

of declaring the national policy by legislative ac-tion. The court can gracefully take note of that in any future litigation af-fecting schools main-tained by the states. (2) Such an enactment

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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 isclear 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 complet obedience to the law by every legal and peaceful means. I be ieve 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 se-

cession 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

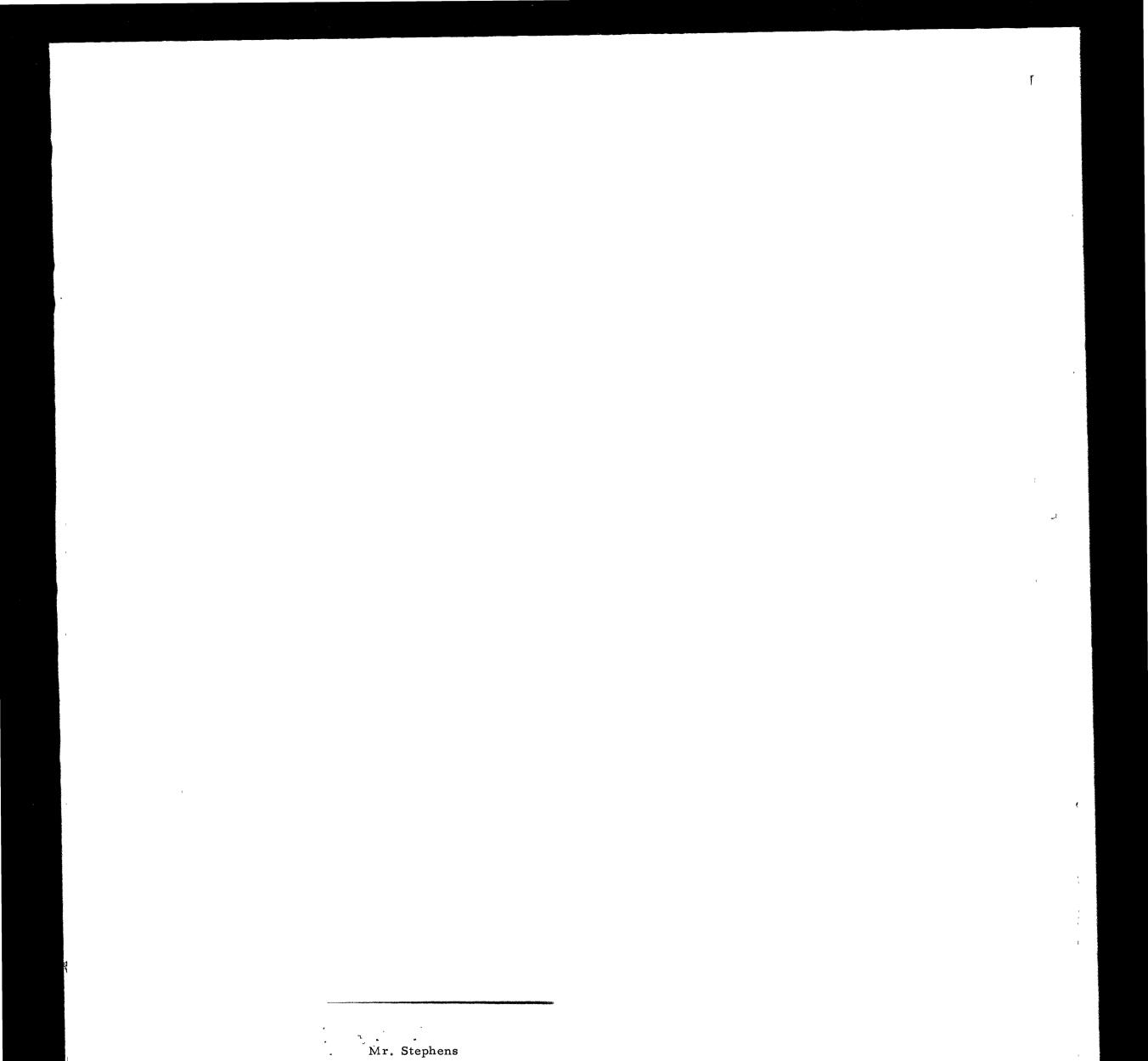
confronting us must be found, but bitterness and violence will contribute nothing at such

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 whtatever action may be necess-

ary for I'm sure he's aiming, rightly or wrongly, at preventing needless and senseless violence.



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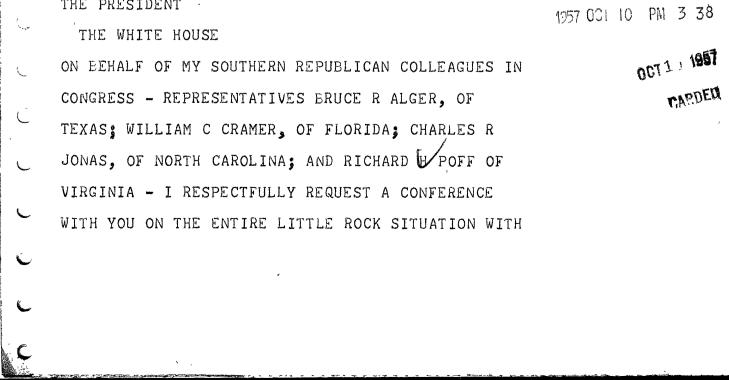
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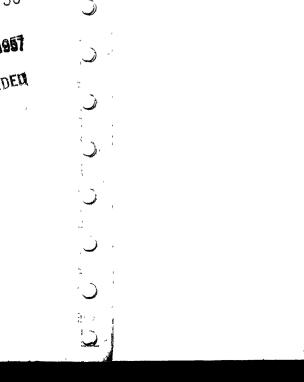
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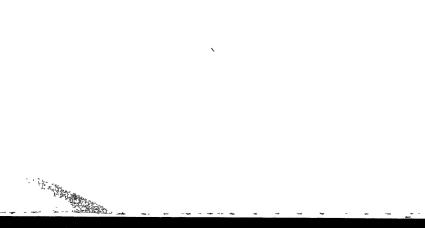
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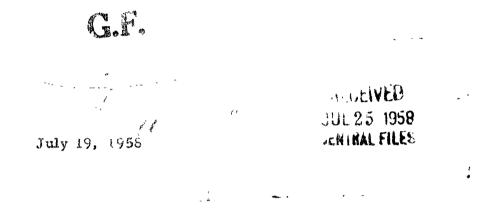
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Dear Mr. Diggs:

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

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

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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.

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Executive Assistant to the Attorney General

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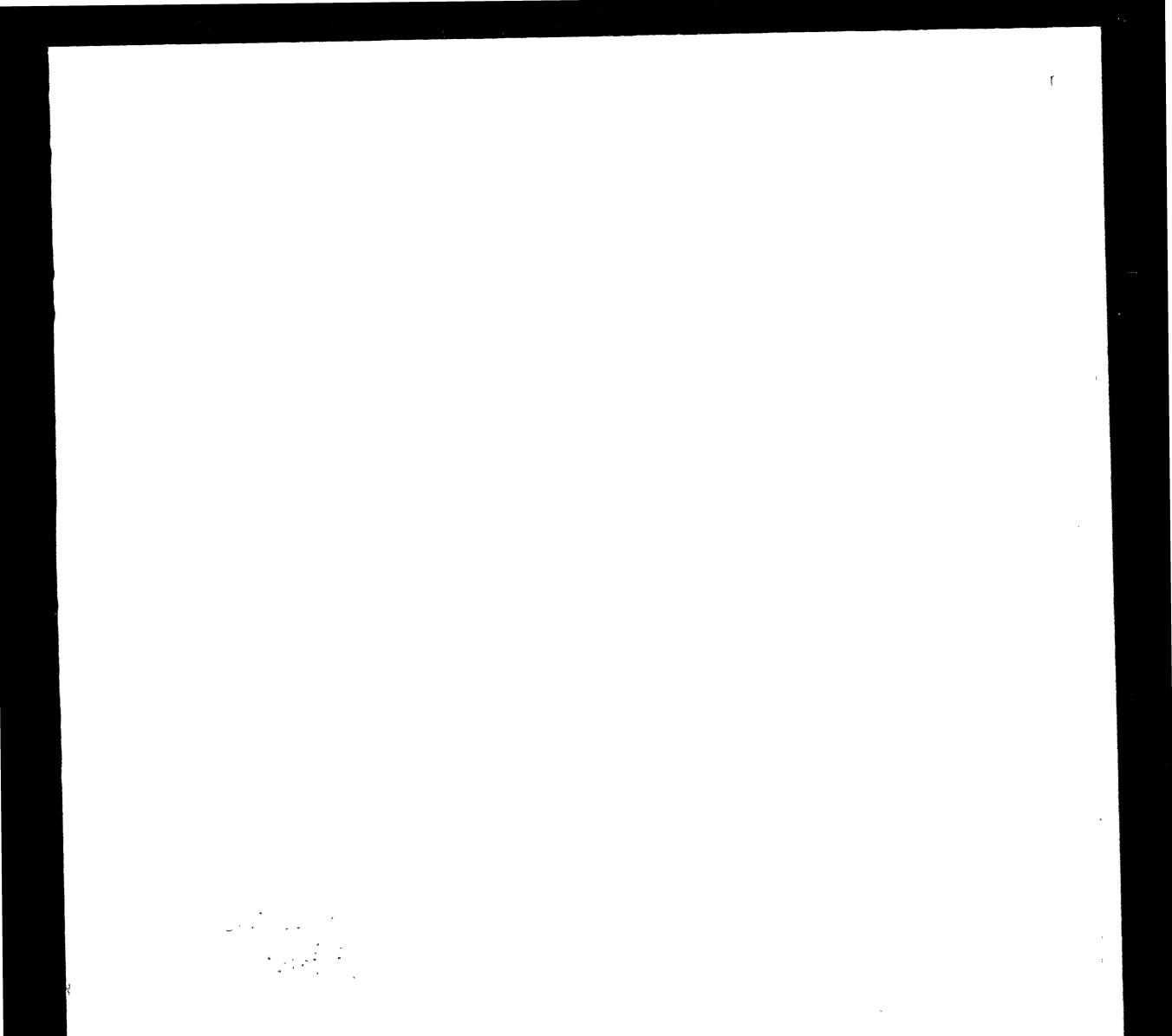
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THE PRESIDENT

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



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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.