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THE PRESIDENT ✓

THE WHITE HOUSE

MY DEAR MR. PRESIDENT: I RESPECTFULLY WISH TO STRONGLY
PROTEST YOUR PRECIPITOUS ACTION IN ORDERING FEDERAL
TROOPS TO ARKANSAS FOR THE PURPOSE OF ENFORCING SCHOOL
INTEGRATION.

IN RECOGNITION OF THE RESPONSIBILITY OF STATE AND LOCAL
AUTHORITIES AND IN JUSTICE TO THE PRINCIPLE OF STATE

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RESPONSIBILITY IN LOCAL MATTERS, I URGE YOU TO WITHDRAW
ARMED FEDERAL TROOPS IMMEDIATELY.

IF THE PEOPLE OF THIS STATE ARE GIVEN TIME AND
OPPORTUNITY THEY WILL RESOLVE THIS AND OTHER LOCAL
PROBLEMS ON A SOUND AND EQUITABLE BASIS UNDER LAW. THIS
QUESTION AT LITTLE ROCK IS A PART OF THE OVERALL CIVIL
RIGHTS PROGRAM LONG CONSIDERED AND DEBATED IN THE
CONGRESS.

ON PROPOSED LEGISLATION RECOMMENDED AND URGED BY YOU
COVERING THE ENTIRE FIELD OF CIVIL RIGHTS, THIS YEAR, WHICH

INCORPORATED THIS QUESTION IN LITTLE ROCK TO IMPLEMENT THE SUPREME COURT DECISION AND THE SAME QUESTION IN FEDERAL SCHOOL CONSTRUCTION RECOMMENDED BY YOU, THE CONGRESS HAS REFUSED TO ACT.

AS I RECALL WHEN YOUR CIVIL RIGHTS BILL AS ORIGINALLY PROPOSED WAS BEING CONSIDERED YOU WERE ASKED HOW SUCH LAWS WOULD BE ENFORCED AND RESPONDED, I BELIEVE, THAT BY "COURT ACTION". YOU WERE ASKED, AS I REMEMBER, IF YOU WOULD ENFORCE SUCH LAWS BY THE USE OF FEDERAL TROOPS AND YOU STATED EMPHATICALLY THAT YOU HAD NO INTENTION OF USING MILITARY FORCE.

YOUR ACTION YESTERDAY IS CONTRARY TO THIS STATEMENT
AND I THINK A REFLECTION AND DANGEROUS ENCROACHMENT
UPON THE PREROGATIVES AND RESPONSIBILITY OF STATE AND
LOCAL AFFAIRS

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