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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE THE PARENTS OF NINE NEGRO CHILDREN ENROLLED AT LITTLE  
ROCK CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL WANT YOU TO KNOW THAT YOUR  
ACTION IN SAFE GUARDING THEIR RIGHTS HAVE STRENGTHENED  
OUR FAITH IN DEMOCRACY STOP NOW AS NEVER BEFORE WE HAVE  
AN ABIDING FEELING OF BELONGING AND PURPOSEFULNESS STOP  
WE BELIEVE THAT FREEDOM AND EQUALITY WITH WHICH ALL MEN

ARE ENDOWED AT BIRTH CAN BE MAINTAINED ONLY THROUGH  
FREEDOM AND EQUALITY OF OPPORTUNITY FOR SELF DEVELOPMENT  
GROWTH AND PURPOSEFUL CITIZENSHIP STOP WE BELIEVE THAT  
THE DEGREE TO WHICH PEOPLE EVERYWHERE REALIZE AND ACCEPT  
THIS CONCEPT WILL DETERMINE IN A LARGE MEASURE AMERICAS  
TRUE GROWTH AND TRUE GREATNESS STOP YOU HAVE DEMONSTRATED  
ADMIRABLY TO US THE NATION AND THE WORLD HOW PROFOUNDLY  
YOU BELIEVE IN THIS CONCEPT STOP FOR THIS WE ARE DEEPLY  
GRATEFUL AND RESPECTFULLY EXTEND TO YOU OUR HEARTFELT  
AND LASTING THANKS STOP MAY THE ALMIGHTY AND ALL WISE

FATHER OF US ALL BLESS GUIDE AND KEEP YOU ALWAYS

OSCAR ECKFORD JR 4405 WEST 18TH LOTHAIRE S GREEN 1224

WEST 21ST ST JUANITA WALLS 1500 VALENTINE W B BROWN

1117 RINGO LOIS M PATTILLO 1121 CROSS H C RAY 2111

CROSS ELLIS THOMAS 1214 WEST 20TH W L ROBERTS 2301

HOWARD H L MOTHERSKED 1313 CHESTER.