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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.

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THE MOB THAT GATHERED WAS NO SPONTANEOUS ASSEMBLY. IT WAS

repeated to
Mr. Hagerty
6:35 pm
23 Oct 57
SEPT

and to
Mr. Brownell
1:30 pm
23 Oct 57
SEPT

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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, MAYOR LITTLE ROCK ARKANSAS.