

EXECUTIVE ORDER

PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR THE REMOVAL OF AN OBSTRUCTION
OF JUSTICE WITHIN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

WHEREAS on September 23, 1957, I issued Proclamation No.
3204 reading in part as follows:

"WHEREAS certain persons in the State of Arkansas, individually and in unlawful assemblages, combinations, and conspiracies, have wilfully obstructed the enforcement of orders of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas with respect to matters relating to enrollment and attendance at public schools, particularly at Central High School, located in Little Rock School District, Little Rock, Arkansas; and

"WHEREAS such wilful obstruction of justice hinders the execution of the laws of that state and of the United States, and makes it impracticable to enforce such laws by the ordinary course of judicial proceedings; and

"WHEREAS such obstruction of justice constitutes a denial of the equal protection of the laws secured by the Constitution of the United States and impedes the course of justice under those laws:

"NOW, THEREFORE, I, DWIGHT D. EISENHOWER, President of the United States, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and statutes of the United States, including Chapter 15 of Title 10 of the United States Code, particularly sections 332, 333 and 334 thereof, do command all persons engaged in such obstruction of justice to cease and desist therefrom, and to disperse forthwith;" and

WHEREAS the command contained in that Proclamation has not been obeyed and wilful obstruction of enforcement of said court orders still exists and threatens to continue:

country are united in their respect for observance of the law -- even in those cases where they may disagree with that law. They deplore the call to violence of extremists.

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I have confidence that the overwhelming majority of the people

in the South are of good will, united in their efforts to preserve and

respect the law even *when* they disagree with it. They will *do not* reject the *sympathy* *with* *the* *law* and they have *not* *lost* *their* *loyalty* *to* *the* *law*. They recognize their moral and public responsibilities. *for* *the* *Commissioner* *of* *Education* *is* *an* *active* *agent* *of* *law*.

to *the* *South*, *as* *shown*, *citizens*
that has been done to the people of Arkansas in the eyes of the nation, and

that has been done to the nation in the eyes of the world.

and *so*, *with* *confidence* *and* *trust*
I call upon *all* citizens of the State of Arkansas to bring to an

immediate end all interference with the law and its processes. If re-

sistance to the Federal Court orders *ceases at once* is brought to an immediate end,

the further presence of Federal troops will be unnecessary. *It is my*

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The decision of the Supreme Court concerning school integration affects the South more seriously than it does other sections of the country. In that region I have many warm and personal friends, and I have heard of a great many families who are being forced to open their doors to

The Commission prints since the meeting and my other recollections prints since the meeting

