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# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

W. P. MARSHALL, President

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SP-1201 (4-60)

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1210P CST MAY 13 63 NSA275  
NS TKAO10 PD TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE ALA 13 1146A CST  
THE HONORABLE GEORGE C WALLACE  
GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA MONTGOMERY ALA  
CURRENT TRAGEDIES IN BIRMINGHAM FOLLOW INEVITABLY THE MANY YEARS DURING WHICH NEGROES LIVING AND VISITING IN THAT CITY HAVE EXPERIENCED THE VIOLENCE OF PERSONAL INDIGNITIES AND THE ARBITRARY AND REPEATED DENIAL OF ALMOST EVERY OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE AS AMERICAN CITIZENS IN THE LIFE OF BIRMINGHAM. WE URGENTLY NEED YOUR LEADERSHIP TO HELP BRING A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING AND TO MAKE SECURE THE RIGHTS OF NEGROES TO LIVE, WORK, AND PARTICIPATE RESPONSIBLY IN CIVIC AFFAIRS. ANY EFFECTIVE ATTEMPT TO SETTLE THE PRESENT DIFFICULTIES MUST DEAL FAIRLY WITH THE CENTRAL ISSUE OF HUMAN AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS FOR EVERY CITIZEN.  
AS THE GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA YOU HAVE A MAGNIFICENT OPPORTUNITY TO LEAD ALABAMAINS TO A NEW AND FINER HOUR OF HUMAN UNDERSTANDING  
BASED ON THE CHRISTIAN ETHIC AND THE ASSOCIATED RESPECT WHICH EVERY HUMAN BEING DESERVES  
L H FOSTER PRESIDENT TUSKEGEE INSTITUTE  
(52).

DOCUMENT A

"Telegram from L.H. Foster, 05/13/63," Alabama Governor Wallace Administrative files, SG12655, folder 3, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama.

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1239P CST MAY 13 63 NSA298  
RBO73 WE224 W BXA085 GOVT PD BX WASHINGTON DC 13 137P EDT  
THE HONORABLE GEORGE C WALLACE, GOVERNOR  
STATE OF ALABAMA MONTGOMERY ALA  
REURTEL HAVE SENT THE FOLLOWING TELEGRAM TO PRESIDENT KENNEDY  
" PLEASE REMOVE TROOPS AND LET ME REPEAT MY TELEGRAM OF LAST WEEK BY ALL MEANS REMOVE MARTIN LUTHER KING FROM ALABAMA. IF HE IS REMOVED THERE WILL BE NO NEED FOR TRIIPS".  
GEORGE ANDREWS MEMBER OF CONGRESS  
(40).

DOCUMENT B

"Telegram from George Andrews, 05/13/63," Alabama Governor Wallace Administrative files, SG12655, folder 3, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama.

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**1032A CST MAY 16 63 NSA189**  
**DEB071 DE NA162 PD WUX NEW YORK NY 16 1149A EDT**  
**GOVERNOR GEORGE C WALLACE**  
**MONTGOMERY ALA**

RE YOUR TELEGRAM, NBC NEWS COVERAGE OF BIRMINGHAM SITUATION HAS BEEN ACCURATE AND INBIASED. SPONSORS OF OUR NEWS PROGRAMS DO NOT PARTICIPATE IN ANY WAY IN DETERMINATION OF CONTENT OF SUCH PROGRAMS. THAT IS RESPONSIBILITY OF NBC NEWS AND WE SEEK TO CARRY IT OUT CONSCIENTIOTUSLY

WILLIAM R MCANDREW EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT NBC NEWS  
 (14).

**DOCUMENT C**

Telegram from NBC News, 05/16/63, Alabama Governor Wallace Administrative files, SG12655, folder 6, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama.

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**714P CST MAY 28 63 NSA447**  
**NS BMA735 PD FAX BIRMINGHAM ALA 28 700P CST**  
**HON GEORGE C WALLACE, GOVERNOR OF ALABAMA**  
**GOVERNOR'S MANSION MONTGOMERY ALA**

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM IN REFERENCE TO USE OF FORCES OF THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA IN CONJUNCTION WITH LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES FOR THE MAINTENANCE OF LAW AND ORDER IN BIRMINGHAM. WE THANK YOU AND THE PERSONNEL UNDER YOUR DIRECTION WHICH HAVE RENDERED A VALUABLE AND NECESSARY SERVICE TO THIS CITY AND IT'S PEOPLE. AFTER CAREFUL CONSULTATION WITH CHIEF OF BIRMINGHAM POLICE, JAMIE MOORE, AND OTHER LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICIALS AND AFTER OUR OWN INTESIVE APRaisal OF THE SITUATION WHICH NOW PREVAILS, IT IS OUR CONSIDERED BELIEF THAT WHILE PRESENT LAW ENFORCEMENT PROBLEMS ARE NORMAL, THE POTENTIAL OF VIOLENCE OR DISORDER REMAINS TO SUCH AN EXTENT THAT THE CONTINUED PRESENCE OF THE PERSONNEL FROM THE DEPARTMENT

OF PUBLIC SAFETY OF THE STATE OF ALABAMA IS BOTH NECESSARY AND DESIRABLE. MAYOR BOUTWELL AND THE COUNCIL CONCUR IN THIS MESSAGE.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BIRMINGHAM AND ALBERT BOUTWELL, MAYOR OF BIRMINGHAM.

**DOCUMENT D**

Telegram from Mayor Boutwell, 05/28/63, Alabama Governor Wallace Administrative files, SG12655, folder 5, Alabama Department of Archives and History, Montgomery, Alabama.

Telex

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CALL LETTERS

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CHARGE TO

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Montgomery, Alabama - May 13, 1963

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

The statute you cite as authority for sending troops to the City of Birmingham even though invoked previously by you is in direct conflict with Art. 4, Section 4 of the Constitution of the United States which states that the U.S. shall guarantee to every state of the Union a republican form of government and which also provides that the U.S. can use its National Military forces to quell domestic violence only when requested to do so by the Legislature of that State or the Governor if the Legislature cannot be convened. Neither the Legislature or I, as Governor, has  
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Send the above message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

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requested you to send troops into the state to quell domestic violence.

The constituted authorities of the State of Alabama, City and County are able and have not failed or refused to suppress domestic violence which has occurred in the City of Birmingham. I refer you to Title 10, Section 333.

Our founding fathers in drafting Article 4, Section 4 of the Constitution expressly limited the central government in matters of domestic violence within a state. Neither the Congress of the United States nor you as the Chief Executive of the United States can violate this most basic constitutional guaranty.

You imply in your telegram that you will use federal troops to implement an alleged agreement worked out by "Community Leaders."  
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DOCUMENTS ON HUMAN RIGHTS IN  
ALABAMA



THE INTER-CITIZENS COMMITTEE, INC.

BOX 1443

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

REV. J. L. WARE  
PRESIDENT

REV. C. H. OLIVER  
SECRETARY

DOCUMENT F