EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 13

Having heard that State law enforcement officers engaged in preserving law and order in Mobile, Tuskegee, and Birmingham, Alabama, have been enjoined at the instance of the Attorney General of the United States from the lawful performance of their duties;

And being mindful and grateful of the fact that wherever and whenever the officers and men constituting the Alabama State Troopers have been given the responsibility of maintaining order and preserving the peace as in Tuscaloosa, Birmingham, Huntsville, Mobile, and Tuskegee, Alabama, peace has prevailed and order has been maintained;

And being unwilling through my orders to subject these faithful and courageious men to the threat of fine and imprisonment at the hands of the Federal judiciary;

And being advised by responsible and reliable means, and being convinced to my satisfaction that in order to preserve the peace, protect the life and property of our citizens, and to assure the safety and welfare of the students and teachers of those public schools of this state directed by order of the Federal Courts to admit certain students not entitled to attend such schools, that there be present at such schools and in such communities trained personnel who are com petent and able to preserve the peace and who stand ready to meet and cope with circumstances and actions reasonably calculated to result in a breach of the peace and in public disorder.

NOW, THEREFORE, I do order and direct the Adjutant General of the State to call into active military service of the State such units and personnel of the Alabama National Guard as he deems necessary to carry out the objective of this order, maintain the existing status as respects attendance at such schools, preserve the peace and assure tranquility in and around the public schools of Mobile, Birmingham, Tuskegee, and such other places in the State as such action may be warranted.

DONE this 9th day of September, 1963, at 7:09 P.M.

George C. Wallace

GEORGE C. WALLACE, AS
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE
OF ALABAMA

ATTEST:

Mrs. Agnes Baggett
Secretary of State