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Honorable John F. Kennedy, President
White House
Washington, D. C.

I am unable to understand your actions in directing advance echelons of a military striking force into the City of Birmingham while you have publicly indicated that federal troops were only on a standby basis at military installations near Birmingham.

Despite your statements and assurances I

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find there are presently in Birmingham two military headquarters established by Federal forces, these being a brigade headquarters and provisional division headquarters located in downtown Birmingham and staffed by officers and men of the Federal military forces, headed by Maj. Gen. Billingsley, the officer who commanded the troops at Oxford.

At Sumter Smith Air Base in Birmingham there are communications personnel and equipment under the command of Federal military forces, identified
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as the communications control system for the Federal military troops in Birmingham.

Local newspapers this morning carried front page pictures of uniformed federal military troops identified as liaison troops "marking time" in Birmingham.

Therefore federal military troops are now on duty in Birmingham.

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Their unwarranted presence is an open invitation to a resumption of street rioting by lawless Negro mobs, under the assumption they will be protected by Federal military forces.

As Governor of the sovereign State of Alabama I demand that you either remove the national military forces from Birmingham or that you make the true facts of your military operation known to the citizens of the Nation.

Governor of Alabama, GEORGE C. WALLACE

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