

STATEMENT OF  
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In ordering the federal troops to invade Alabama, President Kennedy stated, "The truce agreement reached last week by Negro and white leaders in Birmingham is a fair and just accord-----the federal government will not permit it to be sabotaged by a few extremists".

We have heard and read much about the "agreements" entered into by this group of so-called negotiators, but most of their activities have been clothed in secrecy and all local and state officials have denied the authority of this group to enter into any valid agreements. With the exception of the chairman, Sydney Smyer, they have even refused to identify themselves. Since the President's action has been based upon the actions of these secret negotiators, we must have a full disclosure of their activities. On behalf of the people of Alabama, I demand that they make public the names of those participating in these bi-racial discussions, upon whose authority they were acting in general that they fully apprise the people and the responsible elected officialdom of this state of their actions over the past few weeks.