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May 13, 1963

Honorable John F. Kennedy
President of the United States
White House
Washington, D. C.

Re my telegram of Sunday night, May 12, 1963,, to which
you have not replied.

I am requesting once again that you immediately with-
draw all federal troops deployed to bases in the State
of Alabama under your order of May 12.

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successful efforts is regrettable. I feel you have disregarded the sovereignty of the State of Alabama and those law enforcement agencies who have risked the lives of their men to control lawless Negro mobs.

I certainly recognize that two incidences of bombings took place in Birmingham, Alabama, Saturday night. I will point out, however, that I have ordered a full and complete investigation of these bombings and I have requested and invited the Federal Bureau of Investigation to participate -- as this conforms with Federal statute. However, these incidents give no
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JUSTIFICATION

~~request~~ for the use of federal troops.

I wish to reiterate to you that law enforcement agencies of the State of Alabama, the City of Birmingham, Alabama, and Jefferson County, Alabama, are fully in control of the situation. No request has been made by the legislature of the State of Alabama or by myself for federal armed forces. In my judgment no laws of the United States of America are being violated and the action by you denies the people of the State of Alabama their right to a republican form of government under the Constitution of the

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United States.

George C. Wallace
Governor of Alabama

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