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August 28, 1961

Hon. Robert F. Kennedy
Attorney General
Department of Justice
Washington, D. C.

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The people of the State of Alabama view with alarm the brazen and arrogant invasion of North Carolina, and particularly the City of Monroe, by lawless elements from the North who call themselves freedom riders. Surely, you have ample evidence by now that these invaders are nothing more than rabble rousers and law violators whose aim is to create riots and breaches of the peace in the southern states. Surely, you know by now that many

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of them are communist and subversives and that their movement is backed and supported by the Communist Party with the intent of dividing our country and creating domestic disturbances at a time of international crisis.

As I have stated to you on numerous occasions it has been difficult for me to understand the position you have taken in supporting and encouraging these lawless elements. Your position has brought about a wave of lawlessness and racial strife throughout our country. Your encouragement of these rabble rousers is bringing about a disregard and disrespect for law and order by these

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and other elements. Your encouragement of these lawless groups is making them more arrogant and bolder and unless you change your policy of encouraging lawlessness, it will certainly lead to grave consequences. Once again, I call on you to take a public stand against these rabble rousers who call themselves freedom riders and publicly tell them to get out of North Carolina and go home and mind their own business. If you want to serve the cause of good law enforcement you will do this. I also ask you not to send your marshals and federal investigators and agents into North Carolina, but leave North Carolina alone and let them handle

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their own domestic matters which they are certainly capable of doing. Interference in North Carolina affairs by federal agents will only serve to increase the racial tension and strife.

Please leave the people of the South alone and tell your freedom riders to go home.

JOHN PATTERSON
Governor of Alabama

(Please send carbon copies of the above to the following:

Hon. Terry Sanford

Mayor Fred Wilson

Monroe, North Carolina

Gov. of North Carolina, Raleigh, N.C.

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