

My Fellow Citizens:

For a few minutes I ^{want} would like to speak to you about the

serious -- indeed the sad -- situation which has arisen in Little Rock.

In that city, under the ~~premediated~~ leadership of demagogic extremists,

disorderly mobs have ^{deliberately} prevented the carrying out of proper orders of a

Local authorities have not succeeded Federal Court acting in conformity with the requirements of the Constitution of the United States. ^{in circumstances that violate the law, and yesterday issued a}

proclamation calling upon the mob to disperse. ^{This morning the mob again gathered in front} When it becomes necessary for the Executive Branch of the

Federal Government of this nation to use its powers and authority to uphold

^{the President's} Federal Courts ^{responsibility} is ^{manifestly} clear.



I have today issued an Executive Order authorizing and directing

the use of ^{under Federal authority} Federal troops to aid in the execution of the law at Little Rock,

Arkansas. This ^{became} was necessary ^{when} because my Proclamation of yesterday

~~calling upon all persons in the area to refrain from obstructing justice was~~

not observed. Indeed, the situation has progressively worsened. Con-

~~sequently, no reasonable choice remained open to me.~~

It is important that the reasons for my action be completely clear

and fully understood. . .

^{and change unconstitutional}

As you know, the Supreme Court of the United States has declared

that separate educational facilities for the races are inherently unequal.

^{Our personal opinions as to the accuracy of the decision have no bearing on the matter; the authority of the Supreme Court to interpret the Constitution is unquestioned.}

The contents of this order of Little Rock, Arkansas, are being disseminated by the Army and Navy to all military and naval personnel.