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Target output

- ① University sub.
 - a) Faculty or new students
 - b) Income or work
- ② Any two books
- ③ Cd. Dept.
- ④ Mentors room

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Mr. John Doar

The Deputy Attorney General

May 7, 1963

Ramsey Clark, Assistant Attorney General, Lands Division

Reck:

Pursuant to your request, I proceeded to Oxford, Mississippi, Sunday evening, May 5th, returning Tuesday A. M. May 7th, to survey the possibility and methods for, adjustment or reduction in Military and Marshal strength assigned to enforcement of the Court order in the Meredith case. On the basis of lengthy interviews with Mr. Meredith, United States Attorney Ray, Colonel Lynch and members of his staff, Lt. Gallagher, Dean Love, Mr. Cotton, the F. B. I. agent (resident), Deputy Marshal Haislip and several other Deputys, and two responsible local attorneys (one the immediate past United States Attorney, the other a former F. B. I. agent), and a survey of the campus, I have made the following findings and conclusions:

The present force is approximately 300 soldiers and 12 marshals. This is the same force agreed to as adequate when I left the campus in mid-October 1962. Campus police have increased from 6 to 10 since October 1962. It is working on substantially the same procedure then in effect - close watch on all campus movement - maximum security in the dormitory. The campus is very quiet insofar as manifested hostility toward Mr. Meredith is concerned. There have been no demonstrations of consequence this semester.

Mr. Meredith is determined to have his family with him in University facilities during the summer session. The school will do what it can to avoid this, including delaying or refusing assignment of family quarters, but will probably accede to a firm demand backed up with promised court action.

Enrollment in summer school will be approximately 2,000 compared to present 4,500. There will be many rural school teachers and serious students, plus a group making up course failures, a cheer leader - baton twirler school bringing high school and younger girls.

Mr. Meredith's actions will probably be substantially more conservative if wife and child are present. The residence area, Apt. 134 seems best, is less secure than Baxter Hall from outside approach, but more remote from all campus activity. Mr. Meredith should graduate at the end of summer school.

The present dangers to Mr. Meredith's security are of three types:

1. Rioting.
2. Unpremeditated violence.
3. Deliberate attempt at murder or serious injury.

The Army is more effective than Marshals or police primarily for protection from and as a deterrent to rioting, though to some extent also as against deliberate assaults.

After seven full months without any direct attack on Mr. Meredith, the probability of such an attack on campus with any significant police protection appears no greater than present probability on or off campus. Probability of present or future rioting because of Mr. Meredith seems slight without new causative factors which seem unlikely.

The present Governor and pre segregationist candidates in the August 1963 primary want Federal troops to remain at Oxford through the summer, because of the political issue. Moderate candidates, such as former Governor Coleman, would prefer to see the University and State and local authorities reassume responsibility for law and order. Many local businessmen will want the security of troop protection. Many faculty members, alumni and supporters of the University want to see it assume responsibility for law and order on the campus regardless of State Government position. The Chancellor will tend to avoid assuming formal responsibility and would defer to the

Board of Trustees. A majority of the Board might support assumption of responsibility for security in accordance with the interests outlined above.

The University may require a Court order before admitting additional Negroes in September. Unless troops are removed during summer school, it may be very difficult to remove them before the fall semester. If they are present at that time little state, local, or university security effort is likely.

Conclusions

Federal security forces are substantially in excess of what is reasonably required.

Adequate security can be obtained through either of the following recommendations.

A change should be effected during the times stated.

To accomplish this, we must act right away.

Recommendations

I. Commence immediate person to person negotiations with University personnel to have it assume formal responsibility for campus security. Proceed simultaneously through available channels to secure favorable support by Board of Trustees, alumni, etc. Require University to provide acceptable quality and quantity of police protection for campus movement, dormitory. Obtain cooperative indication from city police and sheriff. Support with necessary federal manpower. Marshal, or more in downstairs unit, full time services of resident F. B. I. agent, stand by military police (as R. O. T. C. unit, instructors, camp protect detail, etc) - on request of University, if possible. Constantly review needs.

If University assumes authority, announce troop withdrawal immediately before summer school begins (June 1). Withdraw M. P.'s from campus, 1st week; reduce force to 50 in 2nd week, if all goes well reduce to minimum circumstances then indicate.

patrol

If University fails or refuses to assume responsibility or to demonstrate adequate capacity, or skill, then write letter to Chancellor at beginning of summer school stating the apparent degree of security, need for additional campus police (or apparent adequacy) intention to reduce military force. Demonstrate belief that State, local and University have responsibility and desire to reduce federal force together with the plan to do so. If conditions do not get worse remove military from campus patrol within 1st two weeks; reduce number to not more than 50; reduce Marshals to 6 or 8. Reduce further as summer progresses, if conditions permit.

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MEMORANDUM

The Army mission in Oxford is to enforce the provisions of Executive Order 503 dated September 30, 1962. Essentially under the Executive Order and the delegation of authority by the Secretary of Defense to the Secretary of the Army, the Secretary of the Army is required to take all appropriate steps to assure that the Federal Court orders concerning James Meredith and the University of Mississippi are carried out.

The Secretary of the Army conducts a continuing review of the number of Army troops necessary to accomplish this mission. The Secretary has determined that under presently existing circumstances 100 troops are the minimum necessary. These troops are presently performing the following duties:

One platoon of 49 men is on immediate alert in a bivouac area 75 yards northeast of Gerard Hall. Of this platoon, eight guards are stationed 24 hours a day at Baxter Hall. Seven of these are stationed inside Baxter Hall: two on the first floor, three on the second floor where Meredith lives and two on the third floor. One walking guard has a post between Baxter and Gerard Halls.

2. A security group, consisting of one sedan, three jeeps, and twelve men, operates when Meredith is on campus or in Oxford. The group monitors Meredith's movements and is alert for any sudden violence directed at Meredith.

3. An aviation detachment of one fixed-wing aircraft, four helicopters, and 6 men is stationed at the University Airfield and possesses a reconnaissance, gas-dispensing, and medical evacuation capability.

4. The other 224 troops at Oxford are at the base camp one mile south of Baxter Hall and consist of the remainder of the MP company and command, administrative and logistical personnel.

While on the surface the current atmosphere at Oxford appears relatively calm, this is not considered a cause for any relaxation of the day-to-day operations. In the past month the following incidents have occurred (most of them unknown to the general public):

- 3 April - Soldier on duty struck by rock
- 17 April - Verbal insults by students to Meredith
- 18 April - Cherry bomb exploded in Baxter Hall

- 20 April - Bomb threat University Library cleared
by campus police
Bomb threat Baxter Hall, cleared by
campus police.
Bomb threat Conner Hall
- 22 April - Bomb threat University Library cleared
by campus police
- 25 April - Bomb threat threat received by Chancellor
200 firecrackers set off in latrine Baxter
Hall
Rifle confiscated by campus police Gerard
Hall
- 27 April - Unexploded molotov cocktail found in alert
platoon area
Dean of Women received several bomb threats
- 29 April - Unexploded molotov cocktail found in rear of
military jeep
Twice military vehicles were forced off the
road by student driving sedan once off campus
once on campus

30 April - Homemade device exploded, Sarn Hall,
six windows blown out.

The Secretary of the Army would remove the troops from the campus of the University if all of the following conditions are met:

1. A signed request for removal of Army forces from the campus is received by the Secretary of the Army from the Chancellor of the University of Mississippi.

2. The Chancellor of the University of Mississippi submits to the Secretary of the Army a signed letter stating that:

a. The provisions of the court order directing Meredith's attendance at the University will be enforced and any obstruction connected therewith will be immediately removed.

b. Guard operations at Baxter Hall will continue.

c. A mobile security guard responsive to any sudden violence toward Meredith will continue.

d. A ready alert force on campus capable of immediate dispatch to reinforce U. S. marshals, Baxter Hall guards, and/or the mobile security guard will continue.

e. The forces referred to above are in being and composed of recognized law enforcement personnel.

f. Administrative procedures available to the University to admonish students interfering with Meredith's education endeavors will be strictly enforced.

3. The Mississippi State Board of Trustees submits to the Secretary of the Army a signed letter stating that the Board indorses the Chancellor's statement and that it will assure that the necessary funding and personnel resources will be made available to the Chancellor to fulfill his commitments.

4. The present U. S. marshal strength at Oxford will not be decreased.

5. The Governor of Mississippi submits to the President a signed letter stating that:

a. He indorses the measures to be taken by the Chancellor and the Board of Trustees.

b. With resources available to him, he will provide sufficient law enforcement reinforcements to enforce the Federal court orders concerning Meredith, take every reasonable precaution to protect Meredith from bodily harm, and respond to any request by the Chancellor in connection with the foregoing.