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Dwight Eisenhower
President
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Your use of Federal Troops at Little Rock, Arkansas is viewed with dismay. As a constituent I have never written a letter to a politician or statesman before. I have been a good Republican and wholeheartedly supported you in your two previous elections. I am the Mother of three children and have not heretofore been particularly concerned on the school integration question; however, I am against it now. Our separate neighborhood sections here in Oklahoma have attributed to the fact that we have not encountered serious difficulty in relation to announced integration of schools which I feel is comparative to other Northern sections of the country.

In view of my previous agreement with the moderation view supporting the principles of integration, I now wonder if any principles ever existed excepting the desire of politicians to incite race hate and gain more Negro votes in strategic areas of our country where this vote might normally be of value in an election.

We get along since the 18th, Amendment was appealed and the local or state option system appears satisfactory to all concerned. If you would advocate letting the people decide the racial situation either in their own communities or nationally through the ballot boxes instead of with guns and bayonets, we might get back to our old and good system of government.

It is very improbable that this letter will ever come to your attention, Mr. President; however, it would do well for party statisticians to note the possible en-masse defection of good Republicans from the folds of party alignment.

Respectively yours,

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