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Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Military Operations

SITUATION REPORT: ARKANSAS131700 - 141700 Eastern Standard Time February 19581. Events at Central High School

a. Central High School opened at 0830 hours, Central Standard Time, 14 February 1958 and closed at 1530 hours, Central Standard Time. Eight Negro students arrived and departed in private vehicles. Minnie Brown (colored student) is in suspended status.

b. There was no significant change in attendance at Central High School.

2. Dispositionsa. During school hours(1) Central High School

One Platoon, Task Force, 153d Infantry

(2) Camp Robinson

One Platoon, Task Force, 153d Infantry (30 minute alert)
One Company (-), Task Force, 153d Infantry (60 minute alert)
Balance of Task Force, 153d Infantry

b. During all other hours - Camp Robinson

One Platoon, Task Force, 153d Infantry (30 minute alert)
One Company (-), Task Force, 153d Infantry (60 minute alert)
Balance of Task Force, 153d Infantry

3. Items of Significant Interest

a. Ernest Green (colored student) reported to school officials on 13 February 1958 that his locker had been damaged. (This is in addition to the previous report of three damaged lockers on 13 February 1958.)

b. At 1250 hours, Central Standard Time, 14 February 1958, Ernest Green (colored student) reported that his locker had been damaged beyond use, and that all his books had been stolen.

c. The original three-day suspension of Minnie Brown of 6 February has been increased to two weeks. The two-week suspension is not in addition to the original three days as previously reported.

d. The three white boys, who were suspended for a minimum of three days on 30 January 1958 for starting a fire in Central High School, have been permitted to return to school.

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e. No action will be taken against Raymond Robinson (white student) who was reported as having spit on two colored students on 13 February 1958.

f. Upon the release of the students at Central High School at 1530 hours, Central Standard Time, 14 February 1958 a snowball throwing developed among the students. As the game developed, several students were observed throwing stones and gravel. Primary targets were the cars of the parents of colored students. Two police cars were called to the scene by school officials, but the policemen made no effort to stop the disturbance. School officials have no knowledge of any injuries.

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