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Alexandria, Virginia

O. ASHBY REARDON
PRESIDENT

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Governor J. Lindsay Almond, Jr.
Governors Office, Capitol Building
Richmond, Virginia

Dear Lindsay:

Your decision not to visit the White House certainly was applauded here. I seem to sense a change in attitude or a slow down. The election of Governor Faubus, the opinion of Judge Hutchenson on Prince Edward and your declining to meet with the President is bringing an orderly resistance.

Undoubtedly other Southern Judges and Governors will follow with like decisions, then if any rioting occurs, it should not start at the school level as they will be temporarily closed, therefore no mixed crowds and milling around the schools. The blood, if any will then be clearly on Federal hands. If we only can prevent rioting from breaking out in the entire south, then what can they send troops for.

We are having a gala celebration "Alexandria Days", sponsored by the Merchants of the City. King Street is decorated with the Flag of the State, Confederacy and U. S. on every lamp post. Confederate money is given as trading stamps, useable at auctions at nights. This used to be a new deal town.

We of Alexandria are proud of you and backing you to the end.

Sincerely,

Ashby.

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PS Hope nothing prevents you from making the cruise. Armit Boothe is wearing a very worried & H O H R