

248 Oxford Street
Rochester 7, New York
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The President
The White House
Washington 25, D.C.

Mr. President:

The attached article is but one among many that have indicated in this nation's press the puzzlement and near incredulity of the people at the lack of your moral stand on the issue of racial integration - particularly in the case of those Negro students in Little Rock. It looks as though the United States Supreme Court has issued a decree which the states are then permitted to invalidate. And in the meantime, the Negro students at Little Rock have no hero in their President and must indeed be wondering if it is at all possible for them to hear your usual greatness - of if freedom and "equal rights" guaranteed in our Constitution are really not understood nor in sympathy with your own feelings. I truly cannot believe this. I truly cannot understand why this logical and humane statement of support has not come from your lips, why you have allowed the emotions of some of the people at Little Rock to take over in the place of sound human ethics, justice, and opportunity. I believe that you will find the needs of your citizens guiding your future verbal action and leadership in the case of Little Rock.

Respectfully yours,

(Miss) Lavonne Swearingen

I attached copy of article from
Rochester Democrat and Chronicle of
Sunday, October 26, 1958 entitled
"Thousands March in Capital for Integration"