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WE PROTEST THE PRESIDENT FEDERALIZING ALABAMA NATIONAL GUARD  
WITHOUT PREVIOUS DISTURBANCE

MRS [REDACTED] PRES OF THE WOMENS CONSTITUTIONAL GOVE OF  
FORREST COUNTY MRS [REDACTED] MR AND MRS [REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON ARMED SERVICES

HARRY L. WINGATE, JR., CHIEF CLERK

June 18, 1963

Mrs. [REDACTED]  
President  
The Womens Constitutional Government  
of Forrest County  
RFD 4  
Hattiesburg, Mississippi

Dear Mrs. [REDACTED]:

This is a special word of thanks for the telegram signed by you and others protesting the action of the President in federalizing the Alabama National Guard.

I agree with you wholeheartedly the action was unnecessary, unjustified, and downright illegal. I am deeply concerned about the policy which seems to be prevalent in Washington that the use of federal troops, or federalizing the National Guard, is the answer to almost any action. I am convinced that the action of the President in federalizing the National Guard in Alabama, Mississippi, and in Little Rock, Arkansas under the Eisenhower Administration, was illegal in each case. It was never intended that the Guard be used in such an unlawful manner.

I am a firm believer in a strick interpretation of the Constitution, including the Tenth Amendment which reserves to the States and to the people all powers not specifically delegated to the federal government. I am doing what I can here in working with others who believe in constitutional government to bring this home to other members of the Congress and to the entire nation.

Sincerely yours,

John Stennis  
United States Senator

JS:cb