

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

MW:

Jake Jacobsen appointment

10:30 Sat., March 20

with Larry O'Brien

implications of  
fourth way (late March)  
talks of / pop. bi-lateral  
negotiations on air  
routes

C. R. Smith

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March 20, 1965

Office of the White House Press Secretary  
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THE WHITE HOUSE

President Johnson today announced his intention to nominate Stanley R. Resor of New Canaan, Conn., as Under Secretary of the Army. Mr. Resor will replace Paul R. Ignatius, recently appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense, Installations and Logistics.

Mr. Resor served in the Army during World War II. He saw action in France, Belgium and Germany and rose from 2nd Lieutenant to Major. He received the Purple Heart, the Bronze Star, the Silver Star and a Distinguished Unit Citation for the defense of Bastogne. He has been a member of the law firm of Debevoise, Plimpton, Lyons and Gates of New York City since 1955.

Mr. Resor was born December 5, 1917. He was graduated from Yale University in 1939. From 1939 to 1942 he attended the Yale Law School, interrupted his studies to serve with U. S. military forces, and afterward, completed his law studies at Yale, where he received an LLB degree in 1946, graduating in the upper quarter of his class.

Mr. Resor and his wife, the former Jane Lawler Pillsbury, have seven children.

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Howard B. Woods was born in Perry, Oklahoma, January 9, 1917 and educated in the Public School System of St. Louis, Missouri.

His career has been in newspaper and radio work serving at various times with the St. Louis Call, as St. Louis Bureau Chief with the Chicago Defender, as a newscaster for Radio Station WTMV, and becoming Executive Editor of the St. Louis Argus in 1954.

In addition to his newspaper duties, Mr. Woods has participated in a broad variety of government, civic and welfare activities. He has served as a member of the President's Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity, as a member of the National Citizens' Advisory Committee to the Community Relations Service established under the Civil Rights Act of 1964, and as a member of the Missouri State Commission on Human Rights.

He has been active in urban affairs in St. Louis. He has been Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the St. Louis Housing Authority, a member of the St. Louis and St. Louis County Transit Committee, Vice Chairman of the Board of Commissioners of the St. Louis Land Clearance Authority and a member of the St. Louis Bicentennial Corporation.

Mr. Woods has been a member of the operating board of Radio Station KFUP, The Voice of Lutheranism, and has been a member of the Executive Committee of the Metropolitan Church Federation of St. Louis.

He has received numerous awards for his professional and public service.

Mr. Woods resides at 4595 Easton in St. Louis. He is a widower with two children aged 21 and 6.

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The President today announced his intention to nominate Sam Zagoria to the National Labor Relations Board to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Boyd Leedom.

Mr. Zagoria is presently Administrative Assistant to Senator Clifford P. Case of New Jersey, a post he has held for the past ten years.

From 1946 to 1955 Mr. Zagoria was a reporter for the Washington Post. While employed at the Post, he also taught journalism part-time at the University of Maryland and American University.

His earlier employment included the New Jersey unit of the Federal Office of Government Reports, the Public Relations Department of the New Jersey State Civil Defense Council and the National Committee for a Fair Minimum Wage, headed by Bishop Bernard J. Sheil of Chicago.

During the war, Mr. Zagoria served in the Southwest Pacific as a Staff Sergeant in the Air Force.

He is 46 years old and a native of Somerville, New Jersey. He is a graduate of the Somerville Public Schools, and Rutgers University where he received a degree in literature.

He resides with his wife and three children at 3537 Marlborough Way, College Park, Maryland. Mr. Zagoria is a registered Republican.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

TEXT OF THE TELEGRAM SENT BY THE  
PRESIDENT TO GOVERNOR GEORGE WALLACE  
OF ALABAMA

The Honorable  
George Wallace  
Governor of Alabama  
Montgomery, Alabama

Responsibility for maintaining law and order in our federal system properly rests with state and local governments. On the basis of your public statements and your discussions with me, I thought that you felt strongly about this and had indicated you would take all necessary action in this regard. I was surprised, therefore, when in your telegram of Thursday you requested federal assistance in the performance of such fundamental state duties. Even more surprising was your telegram of yesterday stating that both you and the Alabama legislature, because of monetary considerations, believed that the state is unable to protect American citizens and to maintain peace and order in a responsible manner without federal forces.

Because the court order must be obeyed and the rights of American citizens protected, I intend to meet your request by providing federal assistance to perform normal police functions.

I am calling into federal service selected units of the Alabama National Guard and also will have available police units from the regular Army to help you to meet your state responsibilities. These forces should be adequate to assure the rights of American citizens, pursuant to a federal court order, to walk peaceably and safely without injury or loss of life from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

PROVIDING FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, On March 17, 1965, the United States District Court middle district entered an order in the case of Williams et al, Plaintiff, United States of America, Plaintiff -- Intervenor v. Wallace et al., Defendants, Civil Action no. 2181-N, approving an exercise by the Plaintiff and the members of the class they represent of their right to march along United States highway 80 from Selma to Montgomery, Alabama, commencing in Selma, Alabama, not earlier than Friday, March 19, 1965, and not later than Monday, March 22, 1965, and terminating in Montgomery, Alabama, within five days of commencement; and

WHEREAS, in relation to such judicial order and march the Governor of the State of Alabama has advised me that the state is unable and refuses to provide for the safety and welfare, among others, of the plaintiffs and the members of the class they represent; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of such inability and refusal of the State of Alabama, and by reason of recent events in and about Selma and Montgomery, Alabama, there is a substantial likelihood that domestic violence may occur in connection with such march, with the consequence of obstructing the execution and enforcement of the laws of the United States, including the afore said judicial order:

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Lyndon B. Johnson, President of the United States of America, under and by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States including Chapter 15 of Title 10 of the United States Code, particularly Sections 332, 333, and 334 thereof, do command all persons engaged or who may engage in such domestic violence obstructing the execution and enforcement of the laws to cease and desist therefrom and to disperse and retire peaceably forthwith.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States of America to be affixed.

Done at Johnson City, Texas, this  
twentieth day of March in the Year of  
our Lord Nineteen hundred and sixty  
five, And of the Independence of the  
United States of America the one hundred a  
and eighty-ninth.

By the President:

By the President:  
/s/ Lyndon B. Johnson

Secretary of State



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THE WHITE HOUSE

EXECUTIVE ORDER

PROVIDING FEDERAL ASSISTANCE

IN THE STATE OF ALABAMA

WHEREAS, on March 20, 1965 I issued Proclamation no. 3645 pursuant in part to the provisions of Section 334 of Title 10, United States Code; and

WHEREAS, the likelihood of domestic violence and obstruction of the execution and enforcement of the laws of the United States referred to therein continues:

NOW, THEREFORE, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the United States, including Chapter 15 of Title 10, of the United States Code, particularly Sections 332, 333, and 334 thereof, Section 301 of Title 3 of the United States Code, it is hereby ordered as follows:

Section 1. The Secretary of Defense is authorized and directed, for the period commencing with the signing of this order and ending as soon as practicable after the termination of the march referred to in the above-mentioned proclamation, to take all appropriate steps, including the provision of assistance to the law enforcement agencies of the State of Alabama, to remove obstructions to the execution and enforcement of the laws of the United States in that state, including the order of the court referred to in the above-mentioned proclamation, and to suppress domestic violence in any way related to the said march.

Section 2. In furtherance of the authorization and direction contained in Section 1 hereof, the Secretary of Defense is authorized to use such of the Armed Forces of the United States as he may deem necessary.

Section 3. I hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of Defense to call into the active military service of the United States, as he may deem appropriate to carry out the purposes of this order, any or all of the units or members of the Army National Guard and of the Air National Guard of the State of Alabama to serve in the active military service of the United States until relieved by appropriate orders. The Secretary of Defense is further authorized to recall any unit or member so relieved if he deems such recall appropriate to carry out the purposes of this order. In carrying out the provisions of Section 1, the Secretary of Defense is authorized to use the units, and members thereof, called or recalled into the active military services of the United States pursuant to this section.

Section 4. The Secretary of Defense is authorized to delegate to the Secretary of the Army or the Secretary of the Air Force, or both any of the authority conferred upon him by this order.

/s/ Lyndon B. Johnson  
March 20, 1965

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MARCH 20-21, 1965  
MR. VALENTI's notes

*Transferred to original's file 11/1/76*

Cy Vance <sup>Mar 20</sup> 11:00 pm Steve Ailes - Ken John

Start at 9:00 am CST.

✓ 2 minor incidents:

one man turned out lights - tried to run down persons.  
man dragged by couple of people

Gen Graham said all is in good hands.

1. local police resp. for maintaining assembly area
2. " " - will travel up to Pettus Bridge.
3. Bridge security - MP's.  
also along road east of bridge.
4. maintain 6-abreast.

Take up two lanes of 4-lane hwy.  
Across the bridge - sheriff + reg army.  
(will not use horses)

5. Drop off squads - move away from road.

Use leap frog techniques along the road.

6. Hwy patrol - stop along the hwy.

7. Real business area - 7.3 miles east  
just north of the bridge - off the hwy. 7 mile.

8. Transportation back / railroad company  
will provide  
9-car shuttle.



1:00  
Mun. 71  
Katzbach Front line just turning on  
Hans St. - just near the  
river.  
Total line has not fully formed.

King praised the President's  
speech - "The we waited a long  
time for it, the words obviously  
came from his heart."

1:40  
Cy Vance all marches over Pettus Bridge.  
No incidents.  
Column slowed by photographers.  
4000 in march  
one man on crutches - one blind  
man being fed.

2:15  
Katzbach  $2\frac{1}{2}$  mi. toward camp site (total 7.3)  
leaving - will go on.  
Tents going up on campsite -  
off the road by .8 mi.

2:40  
Cy Vance Don't know if column is moving (NOW moving!)  
Train will be at Tyler crossing at 6:30  
- will remain there on call until further  
contacts then - Tyler Creek crossing  
is 1 mi from camp site.



3:40 ✓ Passing Cary A.F. base - no  
Cy Vance incidents - 5 mi along route.

✓ 85 cars at Montgomery - 1/2 with  
red-necks - left Patterson football  
field at 2:40 heading for downtown  
Montgomery  
FBI think they will drive thru town + disperse.

✓ Two platoons from Maxwell are  
stationed along their route.

4:40 ✓ Marchers expected to camp  
Cy Vance 6:00 pm tonight.  
1000 will drop off at  
Traver's Crossing where train  
will pick them up.

Montgomery motor-carry loaded to  
Prattville, 10 mi from Montgomery.  
Apparently now dispersed.

7:30

Cy Vance

arrived in berroa area -

logistics situation good.

well fixed for necessities -

200 x 200 yds -

300 yds from natural amphitheatre.

Gen Wright and others from the

military will be present continuously.

No serious tensions during the day.

All is going extremely well.



Mr President

Katzenbach agrees with your changes in the telegram and the release.

He suggests that the telegram be dispatched as soon as you sign the order.

Suggests that the Pentagon release your telegram to Wallace and the details of their activities.

Refer all questions to President's press conference.

He talked to Bobby. He agrees with our actions but suggests we make one thing clear -- write the telegram not to Wallace but to the citizens of the country. Nick and I both believe the telegram is so strongly worded it does just that.

JV

March 19 1965

The reason he suggests the Pentagon release everything is because he sent his press officer to Montgomery with Ramsey Clark.

*[Handwritten notes and signatures in the bottom right corner, including "J.V.", "March 19 1965", and "Clark"]*



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Approved. no.  
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