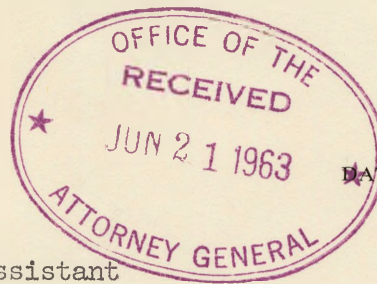


UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum



TO : Mr. Robert F. Kennedy
Attorney General

DATE: June 21, 1963

FROM : Louis F. Oberdorfer, Assistant
Attorney General, Tax Division

SUBJECT: Material For Use in Connection with President's
Meeting with Lawyers - June 21, 1963

1. Progress in desegregation since meetings began May 22, 1963. -
Our survey of racial practices with respect to public commercial facilities covers about 500 cities in the fifteen states comprising the Old Confederacy, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Maryland and West Virginia. Principal attention has been given to those cities with a population of over 10,000.

Since our meetings began on May 22, concrete progress in desegregation of public commercial facilities has been reported in 179 of these cities.* In 161 of these 179, visible acts of desegregation have been reported, while in the remaining 18, there has been reported some concrete advance such as activities of a civic committee or the issuance of desegregation instructions by management.

We thus know of progress reported in about 36% of the principal cities in this area in less than a month's time.

These reports demonstrate that the South is not a monolithic bastion of resistance to desegregation. They demonstrate that a great many people in the area are ready to make changes.

The following changes by numbers of cities have been reported since May 22:

	Reported as of		
	June 4	June 19	June 21
Lunch counters desegregated	22	62	65
Theatres desegregated	3	78	80
Hotels desegregated	5	23	25
Restaurants desegregated	4	70	72
Civic machinery organized or active	19	51	55

* Since last Tuesday, June 11, we have received reports of recent acts of desegregation in 98 cities.

Classification of Cities. - For your June 4, 1963, meeting with businessmen, we furnished a list of 173 cities broken down into the three categories. Comparison between June 4 and today is as follows:

<u>Category</u>	<u>June 4</u>	<u>June 19</u>	<u>June 21</u>
Category 1 - cities in which changes have been made or could be made immediately	90	167	196
Category 2 - cities in which changes could be made through coordination among business groups and local leadership	49	39	42
Category 3 - cities in which changes will be more difficult	<u>34</u>	<u>38</u>	<u>38</u>
Total	173	244	276

Progress has been reported in 68 of the cities in our original category 1, in 24 of the cities in our original category 2, and in 3 of the cities in our original category 3. These figures indicate (1) that our sources of information are reasonably accurate, and (2) that with effort changes can be made even in the more difficult areas.

CLASSIFICATION OF CITIES ACCORDING
TO POSSIBILITIES OF RACIAL PROGRESS

June 21, 1963

1. Progress Made or Possible Immediately

ALABAMA

Anniston
Birmingham
Decatur
Huntsville
Mobile

ARKANSAS

El Dorado
Fayetteville
Ft. Smith
Hot Springs
Little Rock
Pine Bluff

FLORIDA

Boca Raton
Boynton Beach
Bradenton
Carol City
Cocoa
Coral Gables
Dania
Daytona Beach
Delray Beach
Ft. Lauderdale
Ft. Myers
Ft. Pierce
Ft. Walton Beach
Gainesville
Hollywood
Homestead
Jacksonville
Jacksonville Beach
Kendall
Key West
Lakeland
Lake Worth
Miami
Miami Beach
North Miami Beach
Ocala
Orlando
Pensacola
Pompano Beach
Riviera Beach
St. Petersburg
Sarasota
Tallahassee
Tampa

West Palm Beach

Winter Park

GEORGIA

Athens
Atlanta
Augusta
Brunswick
Columbus
Decatur
Gainesville
Macon
Valdosta

KENTUCKY

Ashland
Bowling Green
Danville
Frankfort
Fulton
Hopkinsville
Lexington
London
Louisville
Owensboro
Paducah
Richmond
Somerset
Winchester

LOUISIANA

Baton Rouge
New Orleans

MARYLAND

Baltimore
Bethesda
College Park
District Heights
Easton
Hagerstown
Hyattsville
Ocean City
Rockville
Salisbury
Silver Spring
Takoma Park
West Hyattsville
Wheaton

NORTH CAROLINA

Asheville
Burlington

Chapel Hill
Charlotte
Concord
Durham
Elizabeth City
Fayetteville
Gastonia
Greensboro
Henderson
High Point
Kinston
Mt. Airy
New Bern
Newport
Raleigh
Rockingham
Rocky Mt.
Salisbury
Shelby
Statesville
Wilmington
Winston-Salem

OKLAHOMA

Durant
Enid
Mc Alester
Muskogee
Oklahoma City
Tulsa

SOUTH CAROLINA

Anderson
Charleston
Columbia
Greenville
Orangeburg
Spartanburg

TENNESSEE

Alcoa
Bristol
Chattanooga
Clarksville
Elizabethton
Johnson City
Kingsport
Knoxville
Madison
Memphis
Nashville
Oak Ridge
Ripley

TEXAS

Abilene
Amarillo
Austin
Big Spring
Brenham
Brownsville
Colorado City
Commerce
Corpus Christi
Dallas
Del Rio
El Paso
Ft. Worth
Galveston
Houston
Laredo
Lubbock
Midland
Mineral Wells
Mission
Pasadena
Pecos
Raymondville
San Angelo
San Antonio
Sherman
Texarkana
Waco

VIRGINIA

Alexandria
Arlington
Chantilly
Charlottesville
Christianburg
Clifton Forge
Fairfax
Falls Church
Fredericksburg
Harrisonburg
Lawrenceville
Lexington
Lynchburg
Marion
Martinsville
Merryfield
Newport News
Norfolk
Petersburg
Portsmouth

Radford
Richmond
Roanoke
South Boston
Springfield
Staunton
Waynesboro
Winchester
WEST VIRGINIA
Charleston
Clarksburg
Fairmont
Morgantown

2. Progress Possible with Assistance from other Businesses and/or
Local Governments.

ALABAMA

Auburn
Dothan
Montgomery
Prichard
Tuscaloosa

FLORIDA

Clearwater
Hallandale
Lake City
St. Augustine

LOUISIANA

Hammond

MISSISSIPPI

Biloxi
Columbus
Greenville

NORTH CAROLINA

Edenton
Enfield
Goldsboro
Hendersonville
Hickory
Lexington
Plymouth
Wilson

SOUTH CAROLINA

Florence

TENNESSEE

Gallatin
Jackson
Murfreesboro

TEXAS

Beaumont
Brownwood
Denison
Denton
Eastland
Harlingen
Hillsboro
McAllen
Mercedes
Paris
Pharr
Port Arthur
Sweetwater
Temple
Vernon
Wichita Falls

VIRGINIA

Hampton

3. Progress More Difficult

ALABAMA

Florence
Gadsden
Opelika
Sylacauga
Talladega

ARKANSAS

Forrest City
Helena
Jonesboro
West Memphis

GEORGIA

Albany
Griffin
Moultrie
Newnan
Rome
Savannah

LOUISIANA

Alexandria
Lake Charles
Monroe
Shreveport

MARYLAND

Cambridge

MISSISSIPPI

Brookhaven
Clarksdale
Greenwood
Gulfport
Hattiesburg
Jackson
Laurel
Meridian
Natchez
Tupelo

NORTH CAROLINA

Greenville
Lenoir
Lumberton

SOUTH CAROLINA

Greenwood
Sumter

TEXAS

Gainsville
Tyler

VIRGINIA

Danville