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from godfrey hodgen oxford mississippi begin it
campus university of mississippi here is eye of
hurricane this weekend stop all is calm again colon
students still hoarse from shouting quote go home nigger
unquote on thursday are off to shout for the miss famous
football team today para

but this ominous calm stop whole country is watching
to see how president kennedy will meet challenge offered
here this week dash most insolent challenge to federal
authority of unites states xxxxx xxxxx since civil war com-
and on same two indissoluble grounds of states rights and
white supremacy para

no action is expected here now before monday stop but
then federal officers will presumably try xxxxx once again
to escort in twentynine yearold james hhh meredith to
register here as first negro student dash unless you
count one who claims he quote passed unquote unnoticed after
last war para

this threat xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx xxxxx x drivenx to cherished citadel
of rebel chivalry and segregation has already driven states
ambitious racist governor ross barnett from more
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than faubus ventured at little rock stop
he has ignored repeated orders from federal courts colon
physically blocked chief marshal of unistates colon and
virtually denied federal sovereignty by reviving ancient
doctrines of states rights para
so in new orleans yesterday afternoon he was formally
found guilty of contempt by unistates circuit court that
has jurisdiction over mississippi stop he failed to turn
up in court come out sent lawyers to make plea which court
dismissed as quote frivolous unquote that whole state
should replace him there stop now he has until tuesday
morning to purge contempt or be jailed and pay ten thousand
dollars one day fine para

governor has gone to ground stop but in his capital
comma jackson comma halfway south between here and new orleans
comma his official mansion is ringed with his private army
of state policemen stop only skeleton force of
grimlooking deputies with stars on their chests
and cowboy hats covers campus stop on thursday there were
four hundred of them with truncheons comma gas masks comma
and dogs dash formidable enough display to make presidents
more
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brother comma attorney general bobby kennedy comma call off fourth attempt to register meredith when his car was already on way here for fear of bloodshed para

bobby kennedy has said he will use whatever force is necessary to get meredith registered since his forces are seventy miles north of here comma at naval air base near memphis stop seven hundred unistates marshals have been flown in stop this represents almost entire police force at presidents disposal stop xxxxx only arm unit moved in so far is one hundred ten engineers xx in logistic support stop whole force is commanded by james meshane comma chief marshal who was escorting solben when he stabbed himself on plane para

president can fly in troops whenever he wants to dash either eightysecond airborne division from north carolina on hundred and first from kentucky comma unit which president eisenhower sent to little rock five years ago para

but for moment decision seems to have been taken to try marshals first comma and to keep troops as last resort stop president has probably been influenced by three reasons in this colon dash first is enormous american respect for
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two straight years than of booklearning or of

xxxyxxyxxxxxxx oxfordis greatest son who

lies in his fresh grave nearby para.

vyxvvdvdxxvilxxmxx where would willam faulkner

have stood in this fight stop he diagnosed xxxxxxx

 these peoples
disease more pessimistcally than stranger presumes to stop

yet he said he would take down his old musket from wall to
tfight their last battle stop and what do this towns

other

fonty citizens think comma negroes who saw the wood

and pick the cotton and speak only when spoken to query

stop in excitement of integration comma they get little

forgotten endit

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