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REFERENCE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN YOUR HEADQUARTERS AND HEADQUARTERS 7/8 MISS NATIONAL GUARD 7/8 JACKSON 7/8 MISS ON THE SUBJECT OF RELEASE OF CERTAIN UNITS OF THE MISS NATIONAL GUARD THAT WERE CALLED TO FEDERAL SERVICE BY THE PRESIDENT UNDER PROVISIONS OF EXECUTIVE ORDER 11053, DATED 30 SEP 62 7/8 WHICH WAS EFF 0002 HRS 7/8 EDST 7/8 30 SEP 62.

CERTAIN OF THESE UNITS 7/8 AS PER CONVERSATION WITH GENERAL MCGOWAN 7/8 ARE SUPPOSED TO BE RELEASE TO STATE CONTROL AS OF MIDNIGHT 4 OCT 62. THE EXECUTIVE HEAD OF THE STATE OF MISS 7/8 AS WELL AS THE ADJUTANT GENERAL OF THE STATE OF MISS 7/8 DESIRES TO KNOW HOW THESE

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INDIVIDUALS AND UNITS ARE TO BE RELEASED 7/8 HOW THEY WERE SELECTED.

THE STATE OF MISS DESIRES THAT THE FOLLOWING UNITS OF THE 1ST BATTLE GROUP 7/8 155TH INFANTRY 7/8 NOW ON ACTIVE DUTY AT OXFORD 7/8 MISS BE RELEASED BECAUSE THEY ARE IN THE DANGER ZONE OF THE SUNKEN BARGE LOADED WITH CHLORINE GAS WHEN IT WILL BE RAISED 1/8

CO B 1ST BG 155TH INF NATCHEZ 7/8 MISS

CO C 1ST BG 155TH INF MEADVILLE MISS

3D PLAT CO E 1ST BG 155TH INF GLOSTER MISS

THESE UNITS ARE IN THE DANGER RADIUS AS GIVEN BY THE HEALTH DEPT. OFFICERS AND MEN OF THE ABOVE UNITS HAVE RELATIVES AND PROPERTY 7/8 SUCH AS LIVESTOCK 7/8 THAT WILL DEFINITELY BE AFFECTED BY THE EVACUATION OF THE NATCHEZ AREA. ALL OF THESE UNITS ARE WITHIN A RADIUS OF THIRTY  $\frac{1}{2}$   $\frac{3}{4}$  MILES FROM WHERE THE BARGE LOADED WITH CHLORINE GAS IS SUNKEN.

IT IS FURTHER REQUESTED IF ANY OF THE MISS NG BE RELIEVED THAT THE HQS AND HQS DET 7/8 MISS NATIONAL GUARD 7/8 NOW ON FEDERAL SERVICE AT THEIR HOME STATION 7/8 JACKSON MISS BE RELIEVED IN ORDER THAT THE MILITARY DEPARTMENT 7/8 STATE OF MISSISSIPPI 7/8 MAY HAVE A HQS AND A STAFF THAT IS SUFFICIENTLY TRAINED TO CARRY ON THIS PROJECT OF EVACUATING THE NATCHEZ AREA IF THE OCCASION ARIESES. THE HQS OF THE MISS NATIONAL GUARD HAS BEEN PREVIOUSLY SET UP TO HANDLE THIS

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THIS OPERATION 7/8 IF AND WHEN IT IS PUT INTO BEING. IT WOULD BE MOST DESIRABLE IF THIS STATE HAD THE USE OF THE OFFICERS AND MEN WHO HAVE MADE RECONNAISSANCES AND PLANS FOR THE EVACUATION OF THE NATCHEZ AREA. THIS LAST REQUEST INCLUDES BOTH ARMY AND AIR GUARDSMEN ASGD TO HQS AND HQS DET. REQUEST IS MADE ALSO FOR THE RELEASE OF THE 102D PUBLIC INFORMATION DETACHMENT FOR THE PURPOSE OF DISSEMINATION OF INFORMATION NECESSARY TO THE OPERATION.

WITHIN THE LAST 24 TO 48 HRS 7/8 THE OFFICER IN CHARGE OF THIS OPERATION 7/8 HQS MISS NATIONAL GUARD HAD A QUERY FROM COLONEL AHEE OPERATIONS & TRAINING OFFICER 7/8 UR BUREAU 7/8 AS TO WHAT NUMBER OF UNITS OF THE MISS NATIONAL GUARD THAT WILL BE REQUIRED TO CARR ON THIS OPERATION AND WHAT UNITS WILL BE REQUIRED. UNITS THAT HAVE BEEN IN THE PLANS OF THIS STATE FOR THIS OPERATION WERE GIVEN TO COLONEL AHEE BY NAME. THIS INFORMATION HAS ALSO BEEN GIVEN TO HQS THIRD US ARMY 7/8 AS WELL AS THE DIRECTOR OF CIVIL DEFENSE 7/8 AND THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MISS.

YOU 7/8 YOURSELF 7/8 GENERAL MCGOWAN 7/8 WERE ADVISED BY GENERAL WILSON BY TELEPHONE THAT PLANS HAD BEEN MADE TO USE CERTAIN UNITS OF THE MISSISSIPPI NATIONAL GUARD IN THIS OPERATION AND THE ORGANIZATION TO WHICH THESE UNITS ARE ASSIGNED HAD MADE PLANS AND RECONNAISSANCES OF THE NATCHEZ AREA 7/8 TO INCLUDE ROADS AND ROUTES IN AND OUT OF NATCHEZ 7/8 BIVOUAC AREAS 7/8 SUPPLY POINTS AND COMMUNICATION

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NETS FOR THIS OPERATION. YOU ARE ADVISED THAT NATCHEZ 7/8 MISS IS ON THE MAIN ARTERY OF ROADS 7/8 RAILROADS AND WATERWAYS OF INTRASTATE TRAVEL 7/8 WHERE THIS BARGE LOADED WITH CHLORINE GAS IS LOCATED.

THE DECISION OF RAISING THIS BARGE WAS MADE BY THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT AND THEY SHOULD BEAR ALL OF THE EXPENSES INCIDENTAL TO THE RAISING OF THIS BARGE. YOU ARE ADVISED THAT THE MILITARY DEPT STATE OF MISS 7/8 DOES NOT HAVE SUFFICIENT MONIES IN ITS PRESENT APPROPRIATION TO UNDERTAKE SUCH A TASK AS THIS. IF YOUR HEADQUARTERS IS NOT THE PROPER AUTHORITY TO MAKE THIS REQUEST TO 7/8 WILL YOU SEE THAT IT IS GIVEN TO THE PROPER HEADQUARTERS AND THIS OFFICE ADVISED OF YOUR ACTIONS.

FOR THE GOVERNOR STATE OF MISSISSIPPI

SIGNED WILLIAM P WILSON MAJ GEN ADJUTANT GENERAL STATE OF MISS

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