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TO: GOVERNOR DAN K. MOORE

ATTENTION: MR. TOM WALKER

FROM: LIEUTENANT COLONEL EDWIN C. GUY

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There were six arrests made ranging from destruction of personal property to attempted arson. Approximately 50 students from Johnson C. Smith University were joined by 50 outsiders (hoodlum type) making a total of 100 Negroes involved at one time or another. There were no organized marches.

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