

## Handout D: The Mayor and the President – Tuesday, September 24, 1957

9:14 AM, September 24, 1957 – Telegram from Mayor Mann to President Eisenhower

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PRESIDENT DWIGHT D EISENHOWER =		
THE WHITE HOUSE NEWPORT RI =		
THE IMMEDIATE NEED FOR FEDERAL TROOPS IS URGENT. THE MOB IS MUCH LARGER IN NUMBERS AT 8AM THAN AT ANY TIME YESTERDAY PEOPLE ARE CONVERGING ON THE SCENE FROM ALL DIRECTIONS MOB IS ARMED AND ENGAGING IN FISTICUFFS AND OTHER ACTS OF VIOLENCE. SITUATION IS OUT OF CONTROL AND POLICE CANNOT DISPERSE THE MOB I AM PLEADING TO YOU AS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IN THE INTEREST OF HUMANITY LAW AND ORDER AND BECAUSE OF DEMOCRACY WORLD		
THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE		

1. When was this telegram sent?
2. What was the purpose of this telegram? Why do you think Mann reached out to the president?

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WIDE TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY FEDERAL TROOPS WITHIN SEVERAL HOURS. ACTION BY YOU WILL RESTORE PEACE AND ORDER AND COMPLIANCE WITH YOUR PROCLAMATION =		
WOODROW WILSON MANN MAYOR OF LITTLEROCK ARKANSAS =		
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