

PART FOUR: The Reaction, 1954-1959

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SITUATION REPORT: ARKANSAS

071700 - 101700 Eastern Standard Time March 1958

1. Events at Central High School

a. Central High School opened at 0830 hours, Central Standard Time, 10 March 1958 and closed at 1530 hours, Central Standard Time. Eight Negro students arrived and departed in private vehicles.

b. There was no significant change in attendance at Central High School.

2. Dispositionsa. During school hours(1) Central High School

One Platoon, Task Force, 153d Infantry ✓

(2) Camp Robinson

One Platoon, Task Force, 153d Infantry (30 minute alert)
One Company (-), Task Force, 153d Infantry (60 minute alert).
Balance of Task Force, 153d Infantry

b. During all other hours - Camp Robinson

One Platoon, Task Force, 153d Infantry (30 minute alert)
One Company (-), Task Force, 153d Infantry (60 minute alert)
Balance of Task Force, 153d Infantry

3. Items of Significant Interest

a. On 7 March 1958, Elizabeth Eckford (colored student) reported to school officials that she had been splattered by fragments from a raw egg while changing classes. She had no knowledge of who threw the egg.

b. On 7 March 1958, wife of Superintendent Blossom received a call from an unidentified man who threatened her husband's life.

c. While driving home on the night of 8 March 1958, Superintendent Blossom heard a shot when he was within two blocks of his home. He found evidence which indicated that his car had been hit by a bullet. This evidence is being investigated by local police.

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