On Monday, September 29, 1958, the Supreme Court of the United States handed down an opinion of momentous consequence to the people of this country and especially to the people of the South. On the second day following, the President of the United States solemnly warned all the citizens and officials of the southern States that they must abide by the Supreme Court's school integration decisions.

In the light of the gravity and transcendent importance of these developments, I deem it my duty as a citizen, as a lawyer and as a public official to rise in defense of the southern people, whom both the Court and the President would subjugate.

This opinion of the Court is not the law. It is another attempt by the Court to substitute its false and vicious ideology for the Constitution in many fields, of which the school problem is only one.

The Court's utterances in violation of the Constitution and in defiance of the expressed will of the people are beyond the scope of its power. I urge the people of the country who believe in constitutional government to stand firm in their opposition to the tyranny of the Court, regardless of the degree of force employed by the Federal Government.

The people of Arkansas and Virginia are undergoing the brunt of a brutal persecution directed at the South. They must be given the vigorous support of all the southern people and all others who support a government of laws.
The Supreme Court has flung the challenge in the face of the South. 
Our answer must be/that we will not permit the Supreme Court/or any power upon 
earth/to make pawns or hostages of the school children of the South; that we, 
the people of the South, shall maintain an adequate system of mass education 
for all our children/and we shall operate such system, in accordance with our 
constitutional authority, as we see fit.

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