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Conference telephone call giving statement on President Eisenhower's civil rights proposals, 3:15 p.m., Thursday, 1959 February 5

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The President's messages on so-called civil rights/never seem to coincide/with his off-the-cuff Press Conference remarks.
His message today/contains integration bribes/and methods for forcing integration/and unwanted employment relationships.

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The President's proposals will/serve to further divide our people/at a time when national unity/is imperative and vital.
I shall vigorously oppose this, and any other punitive-type legislation/directed at the people of the South/or any other section of the country.