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THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN. *18.*

THE WHITE HOUSE

ACTION

WASHINGTON

October 17, 1974

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE PRESIDENT
FROM: KEN *COLE*
SUBJECT: BOSTON SITUATION

The Department of Justice has informed me, in both the morning and afternoon reports, that there have been no extraordinary incidents today in Boston. Deputy Attorney General Silberman reported that today was quieter than yesterday, which was quieter than the day before.

At your instruction, the Department of Defense has 1500 troops of the 82nd Airborne on an increased state of readiness which would allow them to land in Boston in nine hours. Their normal state of readiness would be 24 hours.

Because of the improved situation, as well as the upcoming weekend, Silberman, Areeda, and I recommend that these troops be returned to their normal state of readiness.

I will inform you immediately if there is any significant change in the situation.

MCJ APPROVE _____ DISAPPROVE

