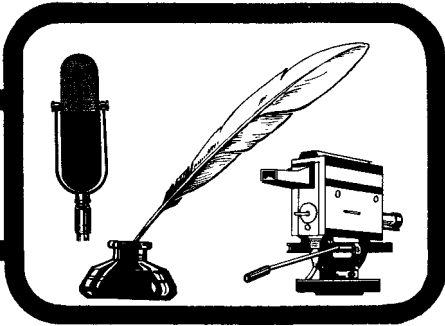


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GERALD R. FORD
HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER



COMPLETE TEXT OF AN EXCHANGE OF TELEGRAMS
BETWEEN MR. CHARLES EVERS, MISSISSIPPI
FIELD DIRECTOR OF NAACP; AND
CONGRESSMAN GERALD R. FORD

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
Nov. 6, 1965

"DEAR CONGRESSMAN:

"WE UNDERSTAND BY NEWS MEDIA THAT YOU WILL SPEAK FOR THE
REPUBLICAN PARTY OF NATCHEZ ADAMS COUNTY MISS WHICH IS A TOTAL
SEGREGATED PARTY THIS COMMITTEE IS MADE UP OF 12 THOUSAND WHITE
11 THOUSAND NEGROS WE URGE YOU TO EMPHASIZE TO THOSE WHO ARE
RESPONSIBLE FOR YOU COMING HERE THAT WE THE NEGRO COMMUNITY
WILL LIKE TO BE IN ATTENDANCE IF THEY WILL NOT ACCEPT THE
ATTENDANCE OF NEGROS WE REQUEST THAT YOU CANCEL YOUR ENGAGEMENT"
(Signed) CHARLES EVERS MISS FIELD DIRECTOR NAACP

"Dear Mr. Evers:

"I have been informed by Republican officials sponsoring Nov. 15
luncheon meeting in Natchez, Miss., that tickets are available
for purchase by anyone who is willing to pay regular charge.
I assume anyone attending the luncheon is interested in building
the two-party system in Mississippi through the Republican Party."

(Signed) Gerald R. Ford, M.C.

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