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Mr. Houston Wade
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San Marcos, Texas

Dear Mr. Wade:

I would like to advise you that members of my staff and I have been following closely the developments of the situation in Rosman concerning Summerlane Camp.

The State has the responsibility of maintaining law and order when local law enforcement officials fail to do so. This is the course the State will follow.

After an investigation of the situation in Rosman concerning Summerlane this office gave a frank appraisal of the findings to Rev. George von Hilsheimer. I would interject that the findings indicated that the people of the Rosman community were concerned not only that the camp would be integrated in a community which has had no Negro for sixty years, but also that the camp would be staffed and directed by individuals, who in their opinion, had questionable character. In consideration of these circumstances, my office advised Rev. von Hilsheimer to consider moving the camp to another location. After receiving this information and hearing out thoughts, Rev. von Hilsheimer called one of the Rosman community leaders and said that Summerlane would come to Rosman on a non-integrated basis and stay only for the duration of the summer contracts.

The office is much concerned with the situation and will continue to follow its developments so that law and order will be upheld.

Thank you again for your interest.

Sincerely,

Terry Sanford