

Handout E: Executive Order 10730, September 24, 1957

EXECUTIVE ORDER 10730

PROVIDING ASSISTANCE FOR THE REMOVAL OF AN OBSTRUCTION OF JUSTICE WITHIN THE STATE OF ARKANSAS

... WHEREAS the command contained in ... Proclamation [3204] has not been obeyed and willful obstruction of enforcement of said court orders still exists and threatens to continue...

Section 1. I hereby authorize and direct the Secretary of Defense to order into the active military service of the United States as he may deem appropriate to carry out the purposes of this Order, any or all of the units of the National Guard of the United States and of the Air National Guard of the United States within the State of Arkansas to serve in the active military service of the United States for an indefinite period and until relieved by appropriate orders.

SEC. 2. The Secretary of Defense is authorized and directed to take all appropriate steps to enforce any orders of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Arkansas for the removal of obstruction of justice in the State of Arkansas with respect to matters relating to enrollment and attendance at public schools in the Little Rock School District, Little Rock, Arkansas...

Critical Thinking Questions

1. What type of document is this?
2. Why does Eisenhower refer to his earlier proclamation (Proclamation 3204) ?
3. What action does Eisenhower “authorize and direct” in Section 1?
4. What action does Eisenhower “authorize and direct” in Section 2?