



STATE OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
AUSTIN

THE WHITE HOUSE
JUL 17 11 52 AM '53
RECEIVED

ALLAN SHIVERS
GOVERNOR

July 16, 1953

Honorable Dwight D. Eisenhower
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

I know how difficult it is for a busy executive to read even a small percentage of his mail, but I do hope you have an opportunity to read this personally.

The Supreme Court has recently invited your Attorney General to file a brief or submit argument in a case involving segregation in the schools of Virginia and South Carolina. The United States is not a party ~~to~~ this lawsuit except insofar as Truman and former Attorney General McGranery intervened. The case has been fully argued on all sides.

XOF11-C-1

I see in this unusual Supreme Court invitation an attempt to embarrass you and your Attorney General. There is nothing more local than the public school system. The decision in these cases will have a wide influence in the future economic and political life of our nation, particularly in the 17 southern and southwestern states where this problem is being solved on the local level as it must and should be.

I assume that the invitation to your Attorney General by the Supreme Court will be accepted. I trust that he will see the implications involved and advise the Court that this local problem should be decided on the local and state level.

Most sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Allan Shivers in cursive script.
ALLAN SHIVERS

AS:ec