

STATE OF MINNESOTA

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 5

To Adjutant General Joseph E. Nelson, or in his absence  
To Major General Richard Cook, Troop Commander National  
Guard, Albert Lea, Minnesota:

WHEREAS, By proclamation of the undersigned, this date,  
certain territory within the State of Minnesota as therein described  
was placed, and still is, under martial rule, and

WHEREAS, By the terms of said proclamation you were directed,  
as troop commander of said prescribed area, to restore law and order,  
because of the inability of civil authorities to maintain the same,  
and

WHEREAS, An industrial dispute has created an emergency  
which has resulted in conditions necessitating the continuance of  
martial rule, now centered about the premises known as the Wilson  
Packing Company at Albert Lea, Minnesota, and

WHEREAS, The circumstances of the industrial dispute were  
such that workers and strikers approaching and leaving the plant  
were committing acts of violence and vandalism as described in said  
executive order, and

WHEREAS, said plant was closed pursuant to my directive  
in order to preserve life and property and restore law and order, and

WHEREAS, You were by verbal order directed to take all  
practicable steps as would mitigate the damage to products under-  
going processing in that plant, and

WHEREAS, You are in the process of carrying out these orders.

NOW, THEREFORE, You are directed to carry out the verbal  
orders previously given and herein made of written record.

ALSO, WHEREAS, The State of martial rule can and should be  
imposed only under these circumstances where an extreme emergency  
constituting a state of insurrection exists,

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NOW, THEREFORE, You are hereby directed to forward to this office with due dispatch your evaluation of the circumstances in and about the territory involved based upon your preliminary observation, investigation, and any action you have taken.

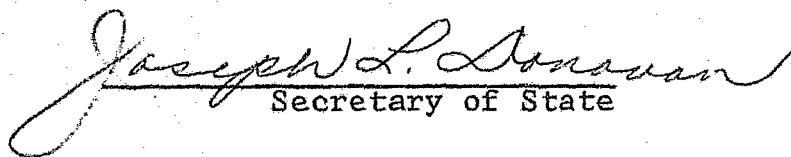
You are further ordered to advise me on a day to day basis of any changes which might in your judgment alter the original situation as it existed to the extent that you could give reasonable assurances that property would not be destroyed nor lives lost by bringing to an end in whole or in part martial rule and any and all orders imposed pursuant thereto so that civilian law and law enforcement might be restored at the earliest date consistent with protection of life and property and the prevention of insurrection.

Dated December 11, 1959.

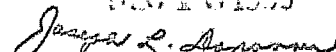
  
ORVILLE L. FREEMAN

Commander-in-Chief  
Minnesota National Guard

ATTEST:

  
Secretary of State

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