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note to desk: I'll try to call you before
deadline for any questions. also, assume you'll
do any updating necessary from wires which are unavailable
here on Washington etc development.

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Oxford, Miss. -- Hundreds of U.S. Marshals were
massing in nearby Memphis Friday for the next showdown
in the battle over integration of the University of
Mississippi.

no one knew just where the showdown
would come—here, Jackson, New Orleans?
was expected. town probably before the day was gone.

But for a town potentially on the brink of violence
or bloodshed, this tiny university town was a
remarkably peaceful place as dawn broke.

Gov. Ross Barnett, who has been spearheading the
state's defiance of federal court orders to admit
Negro James H. Meredith was nowhere to be seen here.

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