The governor's prepared statement

In a prepared statement issued to newsmen at the state mansion shortly after a 60-man Louisiana delegation presented the governor a plaque, Barnett said he "will not add to the present tense situation, any act that will further disrupt the university."

"I have no intention, at the present time, even to consider the closing of the university... let us all forget the closing of the university and concentrate on meeting the unnatural federal power that is being directed against each of us, our state and our institution."

"I told the Louisianians on the step of the state mansion that "we intend to fight this battle all the way through the courts. we know we are right."

After the 10-minute ceremony in which Webster Parish Rep. Perry Branton presented a plaque congratulating Barnett for his stand and assuring him of Louisiana support, a highway patrol officers touched Barnett on the arm several times and repeated several times "Governor, please come in now."

Before dawn today, more troops were arriving hourly from several southern points after the army dispatched at least 2,500 soldiers to nearby Memphis Naval air station to back up the guardsmen if necessary in the Mississippi integration crisis.