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Governor McCall's Statement on the Disturbance at the University of Oregon
on April 15, 1970

The disturbance caused last night by a small group of students and non-students at the University of Oregon campus is appalling. It obviously was a well organized attempt to destroy property and endanger human lives.

I have been in consultation with President Clark since the initial outbreak and have provided him every support possible to prevent harm to the law abiding preponderance of students and the facilities of the University of Oregon. President Clark is to be warmly commended for his responsible attitude and firm handling of this situation as are the vast majority of the students who refused to join in the wanton destruction.

Last night I instructed the State Police to move a sizable component into the Eugene area. I also instructed the National Guard to put units on alert status. It is my hope that their in-close availability will dissuade this tiny minority of anarchists from choosing to go to war against law and order again. It is the conclusion of the University, city law enforcement officials, and me that rapid response is the only answer to those who would change society by destroying it.