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## Senator James O. Eastland to President Richard Nixon, 9 April 1969

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THE PRESIDENT  
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SWITCHMEN AND BRAKEMEN STRUCK THE ILLINOIS CENTRAL RAILROAD THIS MORNING. THIS SUDDEN AND COMPLETELY UNEXPECTED ACTION HAS CREATED A CHAOTIC CONDITION IN MY STATE. COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY ARE CRIPPLED BY THIS BREAK IN A VITAL LINK OF OUR TRANSPORTION NETWORK. POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK INTERESTS FACE A PARTICULARLY CRITICAL SITUATION.

THESE INTERESTS HOLD LIMITED SUPPLIES OF FEED AND IF RAIL MOVEMENT IS NOT RESUMED IMMEDIATELY ~~AND LIVESOCK~~ OUR LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY INDUSTRIES WILL SUFFER IRREPARABLE DAMAGE.

I URGENTLY REQUEST THE FULL UTILIZATION OF THE INFLUENCE OF YOUR OFFICE AND THE POWERS FURNISHED YOU BY LAW TO AVERT A MAJOR DISASTER.

JAMES O. EASTLAND USS

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