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W. S. MORRIS, Pres't, Richmond, Va.

Calhoun May 14 1864

~~Send the following Message subject to the above Conditions.~~

To *Col B. H. Hill*
PM Genl

I have just returned from the Rome Road there has been no scouts on that Road they are moving all their dragoons and Troops in the direction Resaca and they say intend to take that

COMPANIES.

...for Transmission

TELEGRAPH

...Received by these Companies are

SOUTHERN

...on which Messages are

W. S. MORRIS, Pres't, Richmond, Va.

Gen'l Supt, Richmond, Va.

Richmond, Va. 1/18/60

~~subject to the above Condition~~

45m 16000

Dr. H. W. Lawrence

14th - this morning, this many

place today the 14th

[Faint, illegible handwriting covering the bottom half of the page]