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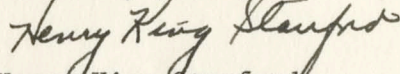
Mrs. John O. Brown
1001 NW 54th Street
Miami, Florida 33127

Dear Mrs. Brown:

I am sure you will be interested in Mr. McCall's
reply to me, as I inquired about whether "Dixie"
was played last Saturday night by our band.

I am enclosing a copy of his comments.

Sincerely yours,



Henry King Stanford
President

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Memorandum

- To: Dr. Henry King Stanford, President
From: Fred McGeel, Director of Bands
Subject: Comments on Band Performance
at the football game Saturday, November 14.
- (1) - I heard the University of Alabama Band play "Dixie" from across the field.
 - (2) - I did not see any Confederate flag during this particular game - I did see one in our student section at the Florida State game.
 - (3) - The University of Miami Band did not play "Dixie" - has not played it since it was first banned. There is no music of "Dixie" in the UM Band library.
 - (4) - I understand that a small number of Band Alumni played "Dixie" while at

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was under the stands for refreshments. I did not hear the song. Some of our alumni (1948-60) still look upon this tune as a pop song of the University and, evidently, took advantage of my absence to do "their thing".

(5) Regretably, there were chants of We want Dixie from the stands above the bowl section (the first time this year).

(6) Paradoxically, there were several black youths sitting near the band cheering for Alabama.

(7) Finally, there have been no attempts to play "Dixie" by the current Band of the Hour anywhere - anytime.

Sincerely,
Fred McCall