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July 18 1863

Send the following Message—subject to the above Conditions.

To Genl. J. E. Johnston

Brandon Missi.

Your dispatch of yesterday received, informing me of your retreat from Graham towards the East. I desire to know your ulterior purpose. The enemy may not pursue but move up the central road, by waste the rich country towards Memphis, and cooperate afterwards with Rosecrans, another column

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Eastern Louisiana being abandoned may be swept  
from N. O. to attack Mobile on the land side.

The recommendation to furlough the paroled troops  
from Vicksburg offers a hard alternative under  
the pressure of our present condition.

J. D. ...