

On September 13<sup>th</sup>, three days after the Confederates left Frederick, MD a Union private copy found of Lee's Special Order #191 (the same document you just viewed) under a tree wrapped around 3 cigars. Before the end of the day, the order was authenticated and given to General McClellan. Upon receiving the order, McClellan reportedly exclaimed, "Now I know what to do!" and "Here is a paper with which, if I cannot whip Bobby Lee, I will be willing to go home." McClellan then telegraphed President Lincoln to tell him that he had Lee's battle plans and knew exactly how to beat him.

**Your Task:** Imagine you are a group of advisors to General McClellan. You are asked to present a strategy for defeating the Confederates at a Council of War. Use Lee's order and the map provided to create a Union strategy to defeat General Lee. Be specific in your plans considering dates, numbers of troops, and geographic conditions. Be prepared to present your battle plans to the class.

**Army strengths on Sept. 13<sup>th</sup> (rounded):**

**Union = 111,000 total**

79,000 near Frederick (under McClellan)  
20,000 near Point of Rocks (under Franklin)  
12,000 in Harpers Ferry (under Miles)

**Confederates = 60,000 total**

19,000 near Hagerstown (under Longstreet)  
5,000 near Boonsboro (under Hill)  
12,000 north of Harpers Ferry (under McLaws)  
6,000 south of Harpers Ferry (under Walker)  
18,000 west of Harpers Ferry (under Jackson)