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Memorandum for: David K. Niles ^{x502}
Administrative Assistant to the President

From: The President

Attached is a memorandum left with me by
the Negro Committee which was in to see me yesterday.
I am sending it to you so you will be familiar with the
conversation between us.

H.S.T.

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Dear Mr. President:

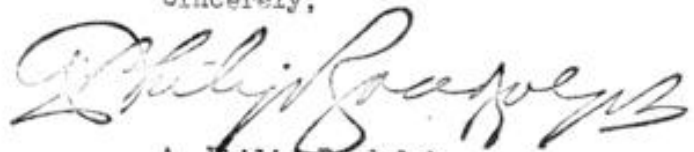
On Monday, February 9, 1948, Mr. David Niles, one of your administrative assistants, reached me by long-distance telephone in Pittsburgh to ascertain if a delegation from this Committee would meet with you on Friday, February 13.

Because of previous FEPC commitments in the Mid-West, I was unable to go to Washington on that date. Mr. Niles then asked me to telephone him when I returned to the East around February 23. When I attempted to reach him the other day, however, I learned that he was out of Washington for several weeks, as were Mr. Connelly and Mr. Ross.

In regards to the conference on the issue of racial segregation and discrimination under pending Universal Military Training legislation, a small delegation from this Committee stands ready to meet with you upon my return East again after March 18. We look forward to hearing from you at your earliest convenience.

May I in the meantime call to your attention the recent newspaper confirmation of a rumor widely current in Negro circles. In "Washington Notebook" under the by-line of Lem Graves, Jr., the Pittsburgh Courier of February 21, 1948, states that the Department of the Army removed from the second section of the UMT legislation, as originally written in the Office of Selective Service Records, an anti-discrimination proviso.

Sincerely,



A. Philip Randolph
National Treasurer

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cc David Niles

