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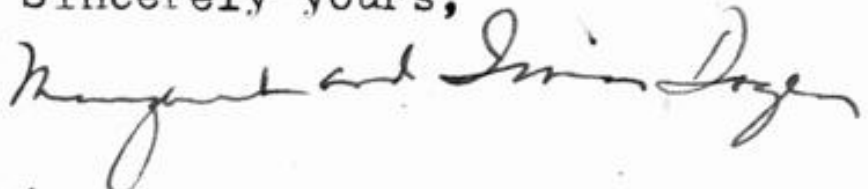
Dear President Truman:

As white residents of a city which is seething with Negro resentment at the possibility of having to serve in a Jim Crowed military force again, we wish to ask you to use all the power you have to abolish such undemocratic segregation of ANY kind in all of the branches of the armed services. ^{7/285} *misc*

We feel that one of the most effective, firm, and noticeable ways in which we can show the rest of the world we believe in Democracy is to practice such a virtue in all possible places at home. We believe that this will still Russian propaganda against us for this gross injustice in our country.

We commend you for your Civil Rights Report. And we ask you further to use your Presidential Power to declare that emergency exists and to hand down an Executive Order which will abolish such practices immediately and completely.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Dagen