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My dear Mr. Higgs:

Your letter of August twenty-seventh has been received and I am enclosing, for your information, a copy of the Executive Order which was signed by the President on July twenty-sixth establishing the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services.

Please be assured that the confidence in the President's leadership which your words imply is deeply appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

MATTHEW J. CONNELLY  
Secretary to the President

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Enclosure



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Hon. Harry S. Truman  
Pres. U.S.A.  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

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Hon. Sir;

I am just back from a cross country trip I even stopped in D.C. for a week, Now I want to make a lillte wager with you, if you will, as Commander in Cheif of the Armed Forces, issue the Exctv. order to ABOLISH ALL SEGGREGATION IN THE ARMED FORCES AS OF THIS DATE.

I will wager that you will be returned to your present seat come this Election, or Myself the the 50-Co-signers will mount bycles and peddle from here to the Capitol doors after the Election is over and if we win we shall expect a free trip from you with all expenses paid. (Smiles)  
I have canvassed ( I KNOW)



Respty. Yours and 49 other signatures.

Leo C. Higgs

*Leo C. Higgs et al*

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