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July 27, 1948

Dear Mr. Givens:

Your letter of July 22 has been received.

You doubtless know already that on July 26 the President took action along the line of your discussion. For your information, I am sending a copy of two Executive Orders issued by the President. I thought you would like to have this material.

Sincerely,

Mr. Richard A. Givens
Students For Democratic Action
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Washington 6, D. C.

JRS:vc

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July 22, 1948

Mr. John R. Steelman
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Steelman,

Students for Democratic Action (SDA), the largest student political organization in the nation, agrees with the President's Committee on Civil Rights that military segregation should be abolished.

SDA is also writing to Secretary Forrestall on this issue.

We have not yet decided whether or not to endorse President Truman for the coming elections. That decision will probably be made in mid-August, and the military segregation issue may well be decisive in SDA's case. It may also be decisive in the cases of other liberal, anti-Communist groups.

If the Administration decides to extend the fine present Navy policy to cover the Army also, a heavy blow will have been dealt to Henry Wallace and his leftist fringe. The Soviets will be deprived of an important talking point, and American foreign policy will be spared the blow of having numbers of Americans go to jail for draft Act violations in protest over military segregation.

I would be glad to have an opportunity to see you, if possible, between August 2 and August 8, 1948,

Sincerely yours,

Richard A. Givens

Richard A. Givens
Writing on request of
Jane Wilder, SDA
Executive Secretary.

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