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At Key West, Florida
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Dear Senator:

I read your letter of the 5th with a great deal of interest, and I appreciate your writing me as you did on the subject.

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd) HARRY S. TRUMAN

~~Hon. Irving M. Ives X
United States Senate
Washington, D. C.~~

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WASHINGTON, D. C.
December 5, 1949

President Harry S. Truman
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Mr. President:

My attention has been directed to an apparently well-substantiated report that the Army, despite your policy pronouncement to the contrary, is still adhering to a policy of racial segregation. I am greatly concerned about this matter and am writing to you, as Commander-in-Chief, to express my concern and protest.

I understand that the Department of Defense and in particular the Army are continuing to prevent the creation of a proposed Commission of Inquiry to investigate conditions in the American Zone of Germany. Furthermore, I have been advised that communications dealing with this matter, which have been written by the Co-Chairmen of the Committee Against Jim Crow in Military Service and Training, have been not only unanswered, but completely ignored.

It would appear that the Army is not carrying out your Executive Order of July 1948 and Secretary Johnson's Anti-discrimination Directive of April 1949.

If my information is correct, as I assume it to be, I respectfully urge you, as Commander-in-Chief, to intervene not only for the purpose of insisting that your own Order be obeyed, but to the end that the proposed Commission of Inquiry may be established and authorized to conduct the investigation which is proposed.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely yours,

I. M. Ives
IRVING M. IVES

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