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From

The White House
Washington

March 17, 1948

MR. A. PHILIP RANDOLPH
SUITE 301
217 WEST 135TH STREET
NEW YORK 27, NEW YORK

THE PRESIDENT WILL BE GLAD TO SEE YOU 11:00 A.M., MONDAY, MARCH 22ND.

PLEASE CONFIRM. REGARDS.

MATTHEW J. CONNELLY
SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT

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MATTHEW J. CUNNELLY

SECTY TO PRESIDENT WHITE HOUSE

APPRECIATE CONFERENCE WITH PRESIDENT MONDAY ELEVEN AM MARCH

22ND DELEGATION WILL BE ON HAND. IMPORTANCE OF ISSUE IS SUCH THAT WE WOULD APPRECIATE HAVING PHOTOGRAPH WITH PRESIDENT

A PHILIP RANDOLPH COMMITTEE AGAINST JIM CROW IN MILITARY SERVICE AND TRAINING SUITE 301 217 WEST 125 ST MONUMENT 22080.
MEMO FOR HONORABLE MATT CONNELLY:

March 15, 1948.

Dear Matt:

The President did agree to see Philip Randolph, you will recall, then Randolph, as he says, left on a trip. He is an important Negro in labor ranks and I think if the President can he should now receive Mr. Randolph.

DAVID K. NILES
Administrative Assistant to the President
MEMORANDUM FOR
HONORABLE DAVID NILES

Will you again look over the attached
file -- along with the latest letter from A.
Philip Randolph -- and let us know if you
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Thank you.

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Need for speed
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1st Feb. 37 to the Press. From A. Philip Randolph, Nat. Press.,
Committee Against Jimcrow in Military Service and Training, 227
W. 125th St., N.Y.— now wants arrangements to be made for group to
see President around Mar. 18 — w.r.f. attached with contains
of previous letters from Mr. Randolph along with memo from Mr.
Niles stating he feels appointment should be made
February 27, 1944

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

Dear Mr. President:

On Monday, February 9, 1944, Mr. David Miles, 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 FSA commitments in the Middle West, I was unable to go to Washington on that date. Mr. Miles then asked me to telephone him when I returned to the East around February 13. When I attempted to reach him the other day, however, I learned that he was out of Washington for several weeks, as were Mr. Cannell 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 from a trip after March 1st. 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 Notebooks" under the by-line of Leon Grove, Jr., the Philadelphia Courier of February 21, 1944, states that the Department of the Army received from the second section of the WMC legislation, an anti-discrimination provisory.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph
National Treasurer

cc: David Miles