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OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM The White House
          Washington
          March 17, 1948

MR. A. PHILIP RANDOLPH
SUITE 301
217 WEST 128TH 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. CURRELLY
SECRETARY TO PRESIDENT WHITE HOUSE

APPROACH CONFEREE 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 22580.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 15, 1948.

MEMO FOR HONORABLE MATT CONNELLY:

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.

[Signature]

DAVID K. NILES
Administrative Assistant to the President

[Handwritten note: There is nothing in file to show that Reuther’s letter of 3-27-48 was referred to Mr. Niles. 3-27-48 now attached]
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 think the appointment should be made.

Thank you.

[Signature]

Need for speed

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Thank you.

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Int 2/27 to the Press. From R.M. A. Phillip Randolph, Nat., Press,
Committee Against Pinace in Medical Service and Training, 227
W. 125th St., N.Y.C.—now wants arrangements to be made for group to
see President around Feb. 10 — see file attached which contains
of previous letters from Mr. Randolph along with memo from Mr.
Niles stating he feels apt. should be made.
February 27, 1943

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

Dear Mr. President:

On Monday, February 9, 1943, 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 ESPG commitments in the Mid-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. Connally 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 next week after March 15. 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 Post-Examiner" under the by-line of Sam Goree, Jr., the "Pittsburgh Courier" of February 21, 1943, states that the Department of the Army refused from the second section of the UMT legislation, as originally written in the Office of Selective Service Records, an anti-discrimination provision.

Sincerely,

A. Philip Randolph
National Treasurer

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Mr. David Miles