March 21, 1948

Memorandum for: David K. Niles
Administrative Assistant to the President

From: The President

Attached is a memorandum left with me by the Negro Committee which was in to see me yesterday. I am sending it to you so you will be familiar with the conversation between us.


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Committee Against Jim Crow in Military Service And Training

(Handwritten notes below)
February 27, 1946

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

Dear Mr. President:

On Monday, February 27, 1946, Mr. David Miles, one of your administrative assistants, reached me by long-distance telephone in Pittsburgh to ascertain if a delegation from the Committee would meet with you on Friday, February 27.

Because of previous F.D.R. 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 28. When I attempted to reach him the other day, however, I learned that he was out of Washington for several weeks, as were Mr. Connolly and Mr. Rose.

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 East again 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 Notebook" under the by-line of Ben Sissors, Jr., the Pittsburgh Courier of February 21, 1946, states that the Department of the Army received from the second section of the W.T. legislation, as originally written in the Office of Selective Service Records, an anti-discrimination provision.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

A. Philip Randolph
National Treasurer