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MEMORANDUM

In re: Telephone Conversation with General Gillem

At 10:00 a.m. on the above date, General Gillem of Fort McPherson, Georgia, returned the call of Mr. Kenworthy, who had been seeking this contact with reference to the location of material having to do with testimony and comments at the various meetings of the Gillem Board.

Mr. Kenworthy asked General Gillem if, at the time he had meetings with the Board and had the witnesses appear (there were about 60 as he remembered) there was a reporter who took down the records of these meetings. General Gillem indicated that there was a recorder in the person of Captain Pease. Mr. Kenworthy then explained that the Adjutant General's Office does not have the records of the Board meetings. General Gillem stated that he recalled that he turned in five copies either to the Chief of Staff or to Judge Patterson and that he retained one copy for his own files. He mentioned that General Pick, who is now located at the Pentagon, was present at these meetings and might be able to give additional information. He does not believe there was any verbatim testimony taken.

The General asked about our postponed trip to Fort Bragg and expressed the hope that some of the members of the Committee and staff could get down there. He regretted that we were not able to attend the maneuvers during the spring and stated that it was really worth seeing. Mr. Kenworthy assured him that members of the Committee did want to visit Fort Bragg and will probably go there immediately after vacation period.

Mr. Kenworthy told General Gillem of the three recommendations the Fahy Committee is making with regard to the Army.



- (1) All MOS shall be made available to all personnel.
- (2) Army courses shall be made available to all qualified personnel.
- (3) For the racial quota, the substitution of a quota by GCT.

General Gillem expressed his approval of these recommendations and stated that, in his opinion, "they sound very reasonable". Referring to the quota by GCT, he remarked that "what we want in the Army is able men - men who can make their way. For the others there is no future."



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