MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FART

SUBJECT: Minutes and Synopsis of the Gillies Board Report

28 September 1949

The attached letter deals with the matter about which I spoke to you yesterday afternoon on the 'phone. It is scarcely conceivable that any material would be withheld, since we have a list of the 19 witnesses who appeared before the Board, and also a statement from General Macnaghten that the minutes and synopsis run to about 120 pages. Also enclosed is a letter to General Collins for your signature, if you think it wise, thanking him for his efforts in securing a copy.

E. W. Kennworthy
Executive Secretary
28 September
1949

Dear General Collins:

This will acknowledge your letter of 27 September in reply to my letter of 7 September, requesting a copy of the minutes and synopses of the testimony of the Gillem Board. I wish to thank you for your efforts in securing from Brigadier General J. H. Ewell, recorder of the Gillem Board, one of the five copies which we understand from both General Maroon and Captain Pease, assistant recorder, were made at the time.

According to General Maroon's recollection, the synopses ran to about 120 pages. Intermuch as most of the '69 witnesses who appeared before the Board were men who had close knowledge of the subject, I should expect the Committee would find their testimony of considerable value.

Sincerely yours,

Charles Fay
Chairman

General J. Levtow Collins
Chief of Staff
United States Army
Washington 25, D. C.
27 September 1949

Mr. Charles Fahey, Chairman
The President's Committee on Equality
of Treatment and Opportunity in
the Armed Services
Room JC 876, The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Fahey:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 7 September
1949 in which you request a copy of the minutes of the meetings
and synopses of the testimony taken by the Gillis Board.

A search of the Department of the Army files fails to dis-
close any such minutes or synopses of testimony, formal or informal.
Further, in a recent telephone conversation, General Gillis stated
that he did not recall the submission of any material other than
the formal report. This report is filed with the Adjutant General,
and, as you know, Mr. Kenworthy has had access to it on several
occasions.

Brigadier General Harnock, upon query by telephone on 13
September, indicated that he might still have in his personal
papers some material which he secured while acting as a member of
the Gillis Board. He has been requested to forward to the Depart-
ment of the Army any notes bearing on the minutes or synopses of
testimony which he may still have in his possession. Any pertinent
data will be forwarded to you.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. LAWTON COLLINS