MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PANT

SUBJECT: Minutes and Synopsis of the Gillen Board Report

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 69 witnesses who appeared before the Board, and also a statement from General Harrack that the minutes and synopsis run to about 130 pages. Also enclosed is a letter to General Collins for your signature, if you think it wise, thanking him for his efforts in assuring a copy.

E. W. Kenworthy
Executive Secretary
20 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 synopsis of the testimony of the Gilles Board. I wish to thank you for your efforts in securing from Brigadier General J. B. Harwood, recorder of the Gilles Board, one of the five copies which we understand from both General Harwood and Captain Pense, assistant recorder, were made at the time.

According to General Harwood's recollection, the synopses ran to about 130 pages. Interspersed with most of the '50 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 Pavy
Chairman

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

Mr. Charles Faly, Chairman
The President's Committee on Equality
of Treatment and Opportunity in
the Armed Services
Room X 976, The Pentagon
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Faly:

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

A search of the Department of the Army files fails to dis-
close any such minutes or synopsis of testimony, formal or informal.
Further, in a recent telephone conversation, General Gilles 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 Kerwood, 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 Gilles Board. He has been requested to forward to the Depart-
ment of the Army any notes bearing on the minutes or synopsis of
testimony which he may still have in his possession. Any pertinent
data will be forwarded to you.

Sincerely,

/s/ J. LAVOIE GIBBINS

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