MEMORANDUM FOR MR. PERY

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 69 witnesses who appeared before the Board, and also a statement from General Harwood that the minutes and synopsis ran to about 190 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. Kemworthy
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 Gilles Board. I wish to thank you for your efforts in securing from Brigadier General A. B. Harwood, recorder of the Gilles Board, one of the five copies which we understand from both General Harwood and Captain Pease, assistant recorder, were made at the time.

According to General Harwood's recollection, the synopses ran to about 100 pages. Intimacy as most of the 29 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 Pasy
Chairman

General J. Leaton 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 976, 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 Gilles Board.

A search of the Department of the Army files fails to disclose any such minutes or synopses 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 Marmock, upon inquiry 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 Department 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