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Mr. Philleo Nash
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Philleo:

Please find enclosed statement in the same
form I received it from the Pentagon.

I was told it should be attributed to the
Department of the Army in Washington.

Cordially yours,


Elmer W. Henderson
Director



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DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE
OFFICE OF PUBLIC INFORMATION
WASHINGTON 25, D.C.

June 20, 1952

Dear Mr. Henderson:

Attached is a statement regarding the integration of personnel in the European Command, requested by you during our telephone conversation today.

Sincerely,

H. L. Schon
Deputy Executive Assistant (Army)
to Chief, Press Branch, OPI/GSD

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Integration of personnel in the European Command is being accomplished in a gradual, progressive manner. The procedures followed in this regard are comparable to those used successfully in the Far East Command. Initial integration, which is presently under way, will be made in combat units. This includes the changing of racial composition of combat units heretofore designated solely for Negro personnel. Individual Negro replacements assigned to the European Command will be assigned in accordance with their training regardless of race or color. This transition will require some time to complete.

As the program progresses integration will include service type units and administrative organizations as was the case in the Far East Command. Although integration in some such organizations and service units may be undertaken simultaneously with combat integration, it is anticipated this aspect may require a longer period of time for completion. But you may be assured that integration in the European Command will proceed in consistency with the efficiency of that command.

