MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE DONALD R. DAVISON

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Senator Hart, Pathfinder and similar magazines carried
dope stories two or three weeks ago about the integration of
troops in the European Command. The change was attributed
to General Eisenhower, who, of course, had nothing to do
with it.

I checked with the Defense Department at the time
these rumors were circulated, but was told that the order was
declassified and could not be released, and was being handled
by the European Troop Command.

As you can see by the attached clipping from the
Washington Post of last Saturday, the story has finally been
reprinted from Heidelberg, but in such a way as to throw the
story away. The only possibility, at this late date, is to
see whether the order itself and the terms of it could be
declassified and made available to the interested press. When
the change was made in the Far East Command, the order was
made public with good effect.

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TICKLER

One of the issues Eisenhower will be asked about, if he agrees to express his views, is segregation in the Armed Forces. Negro groups may make a point of the fact that, when he was Chief of Staff, he hedged on this question. Don't be surprised if he anticipates this pose and forestalls it by moving to end segregation in the U.S. Forces in Europe before he leaves Paris.

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GENERAL EISENHOWER HAS ORDERED INTEGRATION OF WHITE AND NEGRO TROOPS
in the European Command. The order went into effect last month, means that as much as one-third of some units will be colored. It also means Eisenhower will have a good talking-point in winning Negro support for his candidacy.