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February 19, 1947

Mr David Niles,  
White House,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr Niles:

Enclosed is copy of letter which I have written to  
Secretary Patterson, also copy of the Hartford Times  
of February 11th.

I would appreciate it if you would do everything within  
your power to get a prompt answer to me so I may use it  
in answer to Governor McConaughy's statement.



Very truly yours,  
*John M. Bailey*  
John M. Bailey, Chairman

February 19, 1947

Hon. Robert P. Patterson,  
Secretary of War,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr Patterson:


Enclosed is copy of the Hartford Times of February 11, 1947,  
and I call your attention to article, blue penciled, stating  
that Governor McConaughy had started action against the  
Army's Policy of segregating Negroes in the National Guard,  
43rd Division.

I am sure that you as Secretary of War do not favor segregation  
and would greatly appreciate your informing me on the following  
questions:

- (1) Does the United States Army determine the policy  
of the National Guard?
- (2) Is there segregation as claimed by Governor McConaughy  
and General DeLacour? If so, there must be an answer  
for it. Could you give me this information?

Thanking you kindly for a prompt reply, I am

Very truly yours,

  
John M. Bailey, Chairman

CC: Mr David Niles,  
White House,  
Washington, D.C.

