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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.

