May 7, 1949

Dear Senator:

I have your letter of May 5th, with enclosure, regarding the prospective resignation of I. J. London from the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services.

If Mr. London desires to resign, his resignation should be sent to the President with a copy for courtesy going to the Chairman of the Committee.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

DONALD S. DAWSON
Administrative Assistant to the President

[Postscript:]

Honorable [Name]
United States Senate
Washington, D.C.
May 2, 1949

Mr. Donald Dawson
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Donald:

The enclosed is self-explanatory.

Will you please advise us?

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

United States Senator

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DONALD S. DAWSON
Dear Senator:

As you know, [A. J. Donahue] is recuperating from a serious operation and does not expect to be fully active until late in the Fall. Consequently, he was desiring the advisability of resigning from the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services. He asked me, however, to write you first for your advice in this matter as he felt you would like to know of his plans to resign.

If you would think it proper to submit a resignation, at this time, he would like to know whether this resignation is to go to the President or to the Chairman of the Committee. Would you be kind enough to write me direct at the office here in New York.

Sincerely yours,

Frank M. Donahue
June 22, 1949

My dear Mr. Faby:

The President on June twenty-fourth accepted the resignation of Honorable Alphonse de Conklin as a member of the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services, as tendered in Mr. Donahue's letter of May twenty-third.

I am sending you herewith, for your information and files, a copy of the exchange of correspondence between the President and Mr. Donahue.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM D. HAGERTY
Secretary to the President

Mr. Charles H. Faby,
Chairman,
President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services,
1025 K Street, Northwest,
Washington, D.C.
June 27, 1949

Respectfully referred for the files
of the National Military Establishment.

WILLIAM J. HOPKINS
Executive Clerk

Transmitting copy of letter, 5/23/49, which
the President received from Honorable Alphonse J.
Donahue, tendering his resignation on the President’s
Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity
in the Armed Services; together with a copy of the
President’s letter, 5/23/49, to Mr. Donahue, accepting
the resignation, effective at close of business 6/25/49.

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June 24, 1949

Dear Mr. Donahue:

I regret exceedingly that because of illness it becomes necessary for you to resign your membership on the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services, to which you were appointed last September. I appreciate deeply the conscientious attention which you have devoted to the work of this committee, which is of the highest importance.

With reluctance and sincere regret I accept your resignation, effective at the close of business on June twenty-fifth next. I trust that with a well-deserved rest your health will rapidly mend.

Gratefully and sincerely,

[Signature]

Honorable Alphonso J. Donahue,
420 Lexington Avenue,
New York 17, N. Y.
May 23, 1949

Honorable Harry S. Truman
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

It is with deep regret that, due to illness, I must ask you to accept my resignation from your Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services.

I felt singularly honored when I received your appointment to join a group devoted to so worthy a cause, and found it inspiring to serve with them.

Please be assured of my gratitude for this opportunity to serve my country, and to assist you in your most capable administration.

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]

A.M./stha

CC: Mr. Charles Fahy
Chairman
The President's Committee on
Equality of Treatment and
Opportunity in the Armed Services
My dear Mr. Hassett:

Thank you very much for your letter of June 28 advising of the action of the President regarding the resignation of Mr. Donahue and enclosing the correspondence. Mr. Dawson has spoken to me about a possible successor and I will keep in touch with him.

Yours very sincerely,

Honorable William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.