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Mr. Harry S. Truman  
President of the United States  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am taking this opportunity to congratulate you on your integration activity in the Armed Service and in particular the Air Service.

I have in mind two men whom I just met from Presque Isle Base, Maine 23rd. Fighter Interceptor Group. The two men are Sgt. John Arrington, 1426-3023, from Barardsville, N. C. - R. F. D. - 1, who is white. His superior officer was Sgt. John W. Blackville; 337-520-84.

These men were associated together and John Arrington was discharged and came to New York and remained with Sgt. Blackville five days, sleeping in Harlem in a Negro hotel and only after coercion he went back to his father's farm in North Carolina.

If you will never do anything else in life your integration in the Armed Service shall be mentioned years from now after we have gone to our Creator.

I have written you several times but I feel most highly elated when I can bring this matter to your personal attention, which is a concrete example of your attempt to blot out discrimination and segregation.

I am sending copies of this letter to the N. A. A. C. P. which I am a life member, as well as to the two soldiers involved.

Let me take this opportunity to state that I wish you and the family the best of luck and good health and I hope The Almighty will give you strength to carry on the work you have done.

Most sincerely yours,



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