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THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

3 August 1948

Dear Mr. President:

I am in receipt of a letter from Mr. Donald Dawson, suggesting that I submit to you my recommendations for the persons to be appointed to the Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services. #


The names which I recommend are the following:

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<u>Member</u>	<u>Alternate</u>
Dr. Frank Graham, Chairman	Mr. Charles E. Wilson
Mr. Ralph McGill	Mr. Mark Ethridge
c Mr. Lester Granger	Mr. John H. Sengestacke
c Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune	Dr. Channing Tobias
Senator Cabot Lodge	Dr. Karl Compton
Mr. Philip Graham	Mr. Clark Howell
c Mr. Edward S. Hope	c Mr. Truman Gibson

I will be glad to supply more detailed information concerning all of the individuals named, if you should desire it.

Respectfully,

Francis

James Forrestal

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The President
The White House

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Suggested Members and alternates for President's Committee
on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed
Services (Telephoned by Marx Leva)

Chairman
Alternate

Dr. Frank Graham
Charles Wilson

MEMBERS:

Lester Granger
Mr. Singerstock (Alternate)

Mary McLeod Bethune
Dr. Channing Tobias (Alternate)

Mr. Philip Graham
Clark Howell (Atlanta) (Alternate)

Senator Henry Cabot Lodge, Jr.
Marion Fort (Alternate)



Sadie Alexander

Zalloway

Francis (Neb) (K&C) (Civil Rights)

Jerry Voorhees

Ben Cohen

THE FEDERAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATOR

WASHINGTON

July 30, 1948

My dear Mr. President:

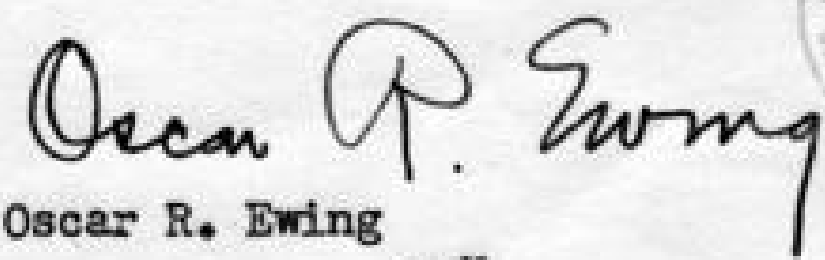
In connection with the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services, I would like to suggest two names for membership on the Committee.

For Chairman, I would like to urge you to appoint Charles E. Wilson, President of General Electric Company. As Chairman of the President's Committee on Civil Rights, Mr. Wilson did an outstanding job. His work on that Committee has given him the unbounded confidence of all minority groups for his fairness and integrity. His appointment as Chairman will give an assurance to the minority groups that is absolutely necessary.

I have discussed this matter with Howard McGrath and I think he has somewhat different ideas. You will doubtless want to have his views. I have thought over what Howard has said, but I still would strongly urge Mr. Wilson's appointment.

I do not know how many Negroes you plan to include in the membership. I would, however, urge that you appoint John H. Sengestacke, Publisher and Editor of the Chicago Defender. Mr. Sengestacke is a man of highest qualifications and integrity. He is well and favorably known to Secretary Forrestal. Mr. Sengestacke has come out in an editorial in the Chicago Defender, urging your re-election in unqualified terms. Congressman William Dawson also urges Sengestacke's appointment. I think it will mean a lot to the Negro press if one of their members is recognized in this way.

Cordially and sincerely,



Oscar R. Ewing

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The President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

10 August 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DONALD DAWSON:

Attached is a supplemental list of suggested names from the Navy. This list has just reached my office this morning, and I am sending it on to you for any interest it may have.

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DEPARTMENT OF THE NAVY
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

9 August 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. MARX LEVA, SPECIAL ASSISTANT TO THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE

Subject: Nominations for Membership on the President's Committee on
Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Forces.

1. This memorandum confirms our telephone conversations on this subject.
2. The Chief of Naval Personnel has suggested the following possible nominations, consisting of the names of persons who have served or are serving on various Navy advisory groups:

Mr. Rawleigh Warner
Chairman of the Board of Directors
Pure Oil Company
35 East Wacker Drive
Chicago, Illinois

Mr. Milton C. Mumford
Marshall Field & Company
General Offices
25 East Washington Street
Chicago 2, Illinois

Mr. C. Douglas Dillon
Dillon Read & Company
28 Nassau Street
New York 5, New York

Mr. Lester B. Granger *
Executive Secretary
National Urban League
1133 Broadway
New York 10, N. Y.

Dr. Henry T. Heald, President
Illinois Institute of Technology
Technology Center
Chicago 16, Illinois

Mr. Marron W. Fort *
16 Arlington St.
Newburyport, Mass.

Mr. John A. Mayer, Secretary
Penn Mutual Life Insurance Company
Independence Square
Philadelphia 5, Pennsylvania

Mr. E. Hall Downes
Apartato 1081
Lima, Peru

3. Assistant Secretary of the Navy for Air Brown has no names to add to Admiral Sprague's list, but considers that Mr. Granger is a must. In addition, Mr. Brown believes that Mr. Warner would be most competent, and states that he has heard very favorable comments on Heald, although he does not know him personally.

Respectfully,

H. G. Beauregard



* Members of minority
racial group.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY OF DEFENSE
WASHINGTON

9 August 1948

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DAWSON:

You requested further information concerning five names of persons recommended by Secretary Forrestal. Attached are two memoranda, containing the requested information. The memorandum concerning Mr. Clark Howell and Mr. Ralph McGill contains information taken from Who's Who in America. The memorandum containing information concerning Mr. Granger, Mr. Hope, and Mr. Sengstacke was dictated by Mr. James Evans, Civilian Aide to the Secretary of the Army.

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Clark Howell's biography, from Who's Who in America, reads as follows:

"HOWELL, Clark, newspaper pub.; b. Atlanta, Ga., Mar. 23, 1894; s. Clark and Harriet Glascock (Barrett) H.; A.B., U. of Ga., 1915; student Harvard Law Sch., 1915-17; grad. work Oxford U., Eng., 1919; m. Margaret Louise Carr, Nov. 3, 1923; children--Clark, William Barrett. Gen. mgr. Atlanta (Ga.) Constitution, 1930-36; pres. and pub. Atlanta Constitution Pub. Co., since 1936; pres. Theatres Service Co. Member of the Fulton County Board of Education. Dir. Asso. Press, 1936-42. Served as capt. and major, Inf., 82d Div., A.E.F., World War I; and as lt. col. in World War II; adj. gen., State of Georgia, 1943-44. Mem. American Newspaper Pub. Assn., Southern Newspaper Pub. Assn., Chi Phi, Democrat. Episcopalian. Clubs: Capital City, Piedmont Driving, Rotary. Home: 680 W. Wesley Rd. Office: Atlanta Constitution Bldg., Atlanta, Ga."



Ralph McGill's biography, from Who's Who in America, reads as follows:

"MCGILL, Ralph Emerson, editor; b. Soddy, Tenn., Feb. 5, 1898; s. Benjamin Franklin and Lou (Skillern) McG.; ed. McCallie Prep. Sch., Chattanooga, Tenn., 1913-17; student Vanderbilt U., 1917, 1919-22; hon. LL.B., Atlanta Law Sch., 1938; m. Mary Leonard, Sept. 4, 1929; children--Elizabeth (dec.), Virginia (dec.), Ralph E. Reporter and sports editor, The Banner, Nashville, Tenn., 1922-23; sports editor The Constitution, Atlanta, Ga., 1931-38, exec. editor, 1938-42, editor since 1942. Served with U.S. Marine Corps, 1918-19. Chmn. Selective Service Bd., 1940-44; mem. adv. com., War Labor Bd. for Ga., adv. bd. Children's Bur., Dept. Labor, 1942; special advisor and consultant to Dept. of State. Awarded Rosenwald fellowship, 1937-38, for travel in Europe. Mem. Ga. Acad. Social Sciences, Sigma Chi, Mason (Scottish Rite). Home: 3399 Piedmont Rd. Address: The Constitution Publishing Co., Atlanta, Ga."

MR. LESTER GRANGER

Lester Granger is Executive Secretary of the National Urban League. His office is in New York. He served earlier as a college teacher concerned with vocational and occupational aspects of Negro life in the nation. From this position, he took a similar position with the Urban League and now, for probably ten years, has been Executive Secretary and the active head of this organization.

During the war he served as Special Consultant to the Secretary of the Navy. For the service which he rendered during the integration and full utilization of Negro personnel, leading to abolition of racial differentials in the Navy, Mr. Granger was awarded the Medal of Merit by the President. He holds numerous other citations from civic organizations.

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DR. EDWARD S. HOPE

Dr. Hope is presently Professor of Civil Engineering at Howard University in Washington, D. C. He is the son of the late Dr. John Hope, for a number of years the senior Negro educational leader in the nation and the founder of the Greater Atlanta University.

During the war Dr. Hope attained the highest rank, lieutenant commander, ever held by a Negro in the United States Navy. He saw service in the Pacific and in view of his educational background was, toward the close of the war, chief educational officer in an Armed Forces university organization based in Honolulu. Dr. Hope holds degrees from Morehouse College in Atlanta, MIT, and Columbia.

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MR. JOHN H. SENGESTACKE

Mr. Sengestacke is the nephew of the late Robert S. Abbott, founder of the Chicago Defender. While not in direct line of inheritance, he was chosen by his late uncle to carry on the work of the Chicago Defender in its fight for human rights.

Mr. Sengestacke, now editor and publisher of the Chicago Defender, did receive a full heritage of his uncle's ability and spirit and is the most prominent of the younger publishers in the field of American Negro journalism. Through his journal, his influence and that of his late uncle are widely felt among Negroes and others in many parts of the world.

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