THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 12, 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR: The Honorable William D. Hassett

The Urban League asked for its usual message on the first of June. I am attaching a draft which has been approved by Mr. Miles.

He was especially interested in mentioning the Two Friends Award, since it comes in connection with their service on a Presidential Committee.

PHILLIP BASH
Dear Mr. Granger:

I am indeed happy to extend greetings to the National Urban League Conference in the fortieth anniversary year of the Urban League movement.

We Americans respond enthusiastically to the idea of teamwork. Whenever our country has been threatened by external enemies, we have united as a fighting team to defend our country. In the great depression when we were threatened with economic disaster, the people of our country in a mighty joint effort beat back the threat of unemployment. In the years that lie ahead, I confidently believe we can mobilize ourselves into the same great team and reach our goals of lasting peace and prosperity.

The history of our country has been one of continuously expanding opportunity. As we have increased the opportunity of all Americans for good housing, good education, good health, and the best job a man is equipped to hold, our country has grown great and strong. And as we have shared the rewards of economic enterprise, we have acquired fresh confidence and trust in each other and increased respect for individual differences.

I understand that one feature of this meeting will be the presentation of the "F. Friends" medal to Mr. John D. Rockefeller and Mr. John D. Rockefeller, Jr. It is a source of much gratification to me that the work is being done in connection with their work on the President's Committee for Equality of Opportunity in the Armed Services. The work of this Committee will bear fruit for years to come, and I am happy that this outstanding example of teamwork is being recognized through this award.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Lester B. Granger, Executive Director, National Urban League, 1123 Broadway, New York 10, New York.
Dear President Truman,

The Honorable Harry S. Truman
President of the United States

Washington, D.C.

March 2, 1950

Dear Mr. President,

I am writing to bring to your attention the importance of the situation in Korea. The current conflict is a serious threat to the peace and stability of the region. It is essential that we take immediate action to ensure that South Korea is protected.

As you are aware, the situation in Korea has been escalating rapidly. The North Korean army has been pressing forward, and the South Korean government has requested American military intervention. I believe that we should support this request and deploy our forces to defend South Korea.

I am confident that with your leadership, we can successfully contain this conflict and prevent it from spreading to other parts of Asia. I am committed to working closely with you on this matter and will provide you with any additional information that may be necessary.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Name]

Secretary of Defense
August 25, 1950

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Very sincerely yours,

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Mr. Lester B. Granger,
Executive Director,
National Urban League,
135 N. Broadway,
Dear Mr. Grange:

I am indeed happy to extend greetings to the National Urban League Conference in the 40th anniversary year of the Urban League movement.

As Americans respond enthusiastically to the idea of teamwork. Whenever our country has been threatened by external enemies, we have united as a fighting team to defend our country. In the great depression when we were threatened with economic disaster, the people of our country in a mighty joint effort beat back the threat of unemployment. In the years that lie ahead, I confidently believe we can mobilize ourselves into the same great team and reach our goals of lasting peace and prosperity.

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Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Lester B. Granger  
Executive Director  
National Urban League  
1333 Broadway  
New York 10, New York
June 5, 1960

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE DAVID K. NILES:

Respectfully referred for the preparation of appropriate message for the President to send to the National Urban League Conference, if you approve the sending of such a message.

V.P.H.

Let. to Pres., 6-2-60 from

Lester B. Granger,
Executive Director,
National Urban League
1333 Broadway
New York 10, N. Y.

Ask for message to conference which marks 40th anniv. of their movement. During week of Sept. 1-8 delegates from all parts of the country will convene at Grand Rapids, Mich.
June 1950

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

Dear President Truman:

I am writing at the request of the officers of the National Urban League to invite you to send a message of greeting to our National Urban League Conference in this year which marks the fortieth anniversary of our movement.

During the week of September 3rd through the 9th, delegates from Urban Leagues throughout the country will convene at Grand Rapids, Michigan, for our annual session of discussion and planning for our program of equal economic opportunity and better race relations. Outstanding leaders in American life, from all walks of life - business and industry, labor and religion, social welfare and civic organizations - are to be found on the Executive Boards and working committees of local Urban Leagues, as well as the National Urban League. Many of these will be in Grand Rapids, and their numbers will be added to by representatives of our total professional staff of more than 500 men and women.

During the last forty years, the National Urban League has grown from a movement housed in a small office, with two staff members, to our present stage of operations, in which more than a million and a half dollars are expended annually in thirty states and the District of Columbia. Since in Urban League cities approximately one-half of our urban Negro population is to be found, it follows that our Urban League movement has played an important role in shaping the adjustment, advancement and development of the Negro population as it has moved during the last forty years from rural to urban environments - and largely from the South to the North.

Today, as never before, it is imperative that American citizens accept unequivocally our moral responsibility for insuring equality of opportunity to all members of our society, regardless of their race, religion or national origin. It is the Urban League's special responsibility, using the tools of social work and the methods of interracial cooperation, to work for equality.
of economic opportunity. This we have sought to accomplish in opening new job opportunities for Negro workers, giving inspiration and guidance to Negro youth so that they might qualify for occupational advancement, improving neighborhood conditions in communities where Negroes are resident, and otherwise developing a greater degree of American teamwork between white and Negro leadership.

A message from you addressed to this theme on the occasion of our Annual Conference during our Fortieth Anniversary Year will be enormously stimulating, not only to our members but to the millions of Americans who support our objectives and are aware of our helpful influence.

Very sincerely yours,

Lester B. Grangey,
Executive Director.