December 4, 1950

MERCHANDISE FOR:
The Honorable William H. Boyle, Jr.

Dear Bill:

Here is the material from Dwight D. Palmer, which has been placed in our general files.

Many thanks for calling this to our attention.

DAVID H. KILE

[Handwritten note: "President's Committee on Equality & Treatment of Veterans in the Armed Services"]
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 28, 1950

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. BONSTEEL:

I have clipped the papers
which I believe should be returned to
Mr. Boyle's office, as they requested.

You will note that in Mr.
Palmer's letter he asked that the
correspondence from Judge Fahy be
returned to him.

Miss Potts
Miss Potts

[Handwritten note:
Miss Bonsteel:
I suggest they be
returned by the
returning office
with covering memo.
Also that carbon be
made.
11/20/51]
My dear Mr. President:

I am most grateful to you for your kind letter of September 1st regarding the work of the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services. The principles which you announced and which governed the Committee's work exemplified your great leadership in this field. All of us who served on the Committee appreciate the opportunity to have assisted in furthering these principles. I am particularly pleased with your references to the developments in the international field and sincerely hope that the work of the Committee will aid in furthering international understanding and good will.

With my personal thanks and regards, believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

The President,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.
Dear President Truman,

I am acknowledging with appreciation your greetings extended to the National Urban League Conference on the occasion of our Fiftieth Anniversary year. The officers and delegates present at the Conference were especially gratified over your reference to Mr. John Engstrom and Mr. Dwight H. G. Palmer, who were the recipients of the National Urban League's "Two Friends Award". Your specific reference to their work on the President's Committee for Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services provided the accomplishments of the Committee with a deserved prominence.

In this connection, may I also thank you for your letter addressed to me on September 30th, in acknowledgment of my own Committee membership. Those of us who gave time to this important task were thoroughly conscious of our difficult undertaking, and were greatly encouraged by the support which you gave to our efforts. We were realistically aware that our findings and recommendations constituted a minimum rather than a maximum plan of action, and that constant vigilance must be exerted by the White House and the Office of Defense to make certain that in the Army especially gains continue to be recorded along the line of our Committee's recommendations.

As a member of that Committee, may I express the hope that you will recognize the need for such constant supervision and follow-up by designating an official body, representative of the public interest, to examine into continuing developments and make appropriate recommendations to the Secretary of Defense and the President of the United States.

Very truly yours,

/s/ L. S. Granger
Executive Director.

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

Original copy filed 11/7/1940.
Honorable Harry S. Truman,
The President of the United States,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

To receive your commending letter of September 21st relating to my participation in the work of the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services is indeed an honor. Particularly is your kind courtesy evident at this time when your heart, mind and body are occupied with the pressing obligations of your high office.

It is a privilege to again assure you of my continuing personal support.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Dwight D. Eisenhower
September 21, 1950

My dear Judge Fay:

Last May, the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services presented a report to the President, and I read with keen interest and satisfaction of the progress toward equal opportunity that is being made in the Armed Services.

I am glad that the Services are taking these forward steps, and I am appreciative of the guidance the Committee furnished. I watched the Committee's operations closely, and I was deeply impressed with the search for ways and means to bring about equality of treatment and opportunity throughout the three Services.

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The people of our country have shown that they are united in their willingness to accept this grave responsibility, and are enthusiastic in their devotion to the integrity of the United Nations. As Americans we shall always be eager to develop in our own lives the same ideals of human dignity and individual freedom we are so vigorously defending on behalf of the United Nations.

The country is grateful for the work of this Committee, and I am particularly appreciative of your faithful service as Chairman.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

[Address]

Honorable Charles Fahey,
Judge, United States Court of Appeals
for the District of Columbia,
Washington, D.C.
September 21, 1950

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Very sincerely yours,

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Executive Secretary,
National Urban League,
1113 Broadway,
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(HBD) Harry S. Truman

Mr. William E. Stevenson, X
President,
Choral College,
Chadron, Neb.
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Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) Harry S. Truman

Mr. Dwight D. E. Palmer,
President,
General Cable Corporation,
260 Lexington Avenue,
New York, N.Y.
September 21, 1950

My dear Mr. Sengstacke:

Last week, the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services presented a report to me, and I read with much interest and satisfaction of the progress toward equal opportunity that is being made in the Armed Services.

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Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mr. John Sengstacke,
Publisher,
The Chicago Defender,
4357 N. Pulaski Road,
Chicago, Illinois.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE WILLIAM D. HASSETT:

Dear Mr. Hassett:

I am attaching drafts of letters to the members of the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services.

Mr. Niles has approved the drafts, which are substantially similar, but have varying and individual references in the final paragraph.

Charles Luckman presented a bit of a problem, inasmuch as he never attended any sessions of the Committee, and was not invited by the Committee to sign the report, or to be present at the final presentation to the President.

I leave this problem to your infinite wisdom, but to make life easier for you, I have included a letter addressed to him, which commends the work of the Committee, but does not thank anyone for anything.

Mr. A. J. Donahue died while the Committee was in meeting, and I have included a letter addressed to his widow.

PHILIP NASH

Attachments
My dear Judge Fahy:

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The Honorable Charles Fahy
Circuit Judge, U. S. Court of Appeals
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Washington 1, D. C.
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Very sincerely yours,

Mr. William E. Stevenson
President, Oberlin College
Oberlin, Ohio
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Very sincerely yours,
Draft - September 21, 1950

My dear Mr. Luckman:

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Very sincerely yours,
My dear Mrs. Donahue:

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The country is grateful for the work of this Committee, and I am particularly appreciative of your husband's faithful service as a member.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Alphonse J. Donahue
A. J. Donahue Corporation
820 Lexington Avenue
New York, New York
Dear Mr. ___

I have read the report of the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services with much interest. It is most gratifying to me that the Committee was able to report that its recommendations have been followed and that the present program of the Armed Services will lead, within the reasonable near future, to equality of treatment and opportunity throughout the three Services, with consequent improvement in military efficiency.

This progress report comes at a significant moment in our nation's history. Our Armed Services are now being called upon by the United Nations to defend the right of small nations to be free from the threat of aggression. Our country is called in its willingness to accept this grave responsibility and is enthusiastic in its devotion to the ideals and the dignity of the United Nations.

I am glad that our Services are taking these forward steps to promote within their own organizations the same ideals of human dignity.
and individual freedom they are so vigorously defending on behalf of
the United Nations.

The country is grateful for the work of this Committee, and I
am particularly appreciative of your faithful service (or - your husband's
faithful service) as a member (or as Chairman).

Very sincerely yours,
September 5, 1950

Dear Bill:

I have your note with correspondence file from Dwight R. D. Palmer regarding some word from the President to the members of the Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services. I have asked David Niles, who handles this, to look into the matter and advise you directly.

Very sincerely yours,

DONALD S. DAVISON
Administrative Assistant to the President

Honorable William K. Boyle, Jr.
Chairman
Democratic National Committee
Washington, D.C.

cc: Honorable David K. Niles.
Dear Don:

Please note and return to me with your comments, the attached file from Mr. Dwight R. G. Falser, President of the General Cable Corporation.

With kindest personal regards,

Sincerely,

William H. Boyle, Jr.

Honorable Donald S. Dawson
The White House
August 31, 1950

Dear Don:

Please note and return to me with your comments, the attached file from Mr. Dwight E. Palmer, President of the General Cable Corporation.

With kindest personal regards

Sincerely,

WILLIAM M. BOTIE, JR.

Honorable Donald S. Dawson

The White House

Copy made 11-30-50

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August 29, 1950

Honorable William M. Boyle, Jr.,
Chairman
Democratic National Committee
Ring Building
1200 - 15th Street N.W.
Washington, D.C.

Dear Bill:

Hate to bother you so often, but here's a funny one: Note my file attached and please return.

Someone has slipped. The President wrote each Committee member a letter appointing him; the President subsequently indicated verbally that this Committee was the only one that came in with the job actually done rather than "recommending". Messrs. Granger and Sengstacke have quizzed me as to receipt of any letter from the President. I can't believe it's other than a secretary's slip-up, but these committee appointments are usually at least partially "good will" moves; therefore why not cash in on them when the job is done? None of the Committee members, except Judge Fahy, have been released.

Please understand, I am not bothering you on any personal basis, but a president of a college like Oberlin, which institution is trying to practice non-discrimination and two outstanding Negro citizens ought to be considered personalities. Am I right or should I sign off?

Best wishes.


Enc. 5

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July 18, 1950

Judge Charles Faby
United States Court of Appeals
Washington 1, D.C.

Dear Charlie:

You were very thoughtful to write me as you did on the tenth and to supplement this with yours of the twelfth.

Your acknowledgment to the President was a masterpiece, and I am certain must have been very reassuring to him in these tempestuous days.

As to our association, this has been one of the pleasant experiences of my life. You as Chairman, were always thoughtful of your committee men, as well as the members of the staff. Your judicial sense and friendly comradeship combined a rare guidance and help throughout our sessions.

What more can a man say than express appreciation for your friendship and hope for its continuance.

this was a carbon and no indication of a signature.

Copy: 11-12-50

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United States Court of Appeals  
District of Columbia Circuit  
Washington, D.C.

July 12, 1950

Mr. Dwight R. S. Palmer  
General cable Corporation  
120 Lexington Avenue  
New York 17, New York

Dear Dwight:

I now understand that the letter from the President  
to me referred to in mine to you of July 10th has not been  
sent to you but that a separate letter from the President  
will be sent. For this reason I am enclosing a copy of the  
letter of the President to me of July 6th together with a  
copy of my reply.

Yours very sincerely,

/s/ Charles Faky

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July 10, 1950

Dear Mr. President:

Your letter of July 6th 1950 advising that as of the same day you were relieving your Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services, while at the same time leaving in effect Executive Order 9981, is received.

Your expressions regarding the work of the Committee are appreciated. If we have been able to help it has been due to your own leadership in formulating the Executive Order and in taking practical steps to accomplish its high purposes. Furthermore, your uniformly sympathetic support of the Committee during the full period of its work gave us the necessary encouragement and confidence.

I am sure I speak for the whole Committee in expressing our appreciation to you and our gratitude for having had the opportunity to engage in this work to further our national ideals. We fervently hope that the program adopted will be successful and that this troublesome problem is being solved in a way to add strength to the Services and to the country as a whole in whatever lies ahead.

Yours very sincerely,

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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July 10, 1950

Mr. Dwight E. Palmer
General Electric Corporation
1000 Westchester Avenue
New York 17, New York

Dear Mr. Palmer:

No doubt you have recently received from the President a letter dated July 6th advising that we were relieved as of that date but that the Executive Order was being kept in effect. The letter expressed the President's appreciation of our service and states that he feels that the Armed Services should now have an opportunity to work out in detail the procedures which will complete the steps initiated by the Committee.

So, our own work as a Committee is over and I wish again to express to you my personal regard and gratitude for having been able to work with you on this important problem. I hope the end of our work as a Committee will not end our contact with each other. When you come to Washington please let me know so that we can have a visit. I shall always look back with much happiness upon our association in the task we undertook.

With all good wishes, believe me,

Yours very sincerely,

/ Charles Peck

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The other enclosure which Mr. Stimson requested returned was a copy of the President's letter to Judge Fahy of July 6, 1950 which we already have in our files.

11-30-50 kp
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Yours very sincerely,

Charles Fahy

The President,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.
July 10, 1950

Dear Mr. Secretary:

By direction of the President, I am sending you herewith a copy of a letter which on July sixth he addressed to Honorable Charles Fahey, Chairman of The President’s Committee on

Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services.

Very sincerely yours,

MATTHEW J. CONNELLY
Secretary to the President

Honorable Louis Johnson,
The Secretary of Defense,
Washington, D. C.

Enclosure
July 6, 1950

Dear Mr. Fahey:

On July 26, 1948, Executive Order No. 9981 created the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services, and on September 18, 1948, you, as Chairman, and six other members were designated to serve on this Committee. On May 22, 1950, you presented your report to me, and I have read with much interest and satisfaction of the progress that has been made in the Armed Services under your Committee's guidance.

I note that the substance of the report is that the present programs of the three services are designed to accomplish the objectives of the President, and that as these programs are carried out, there will be, within the reasonably near future, equality of treatment and opportunity in the Armed Services, with a consequent improvement in military efficiency.

The necessary programs having been adopted, I feel that the Armed Services should now have an opportunity to work out in detail the procedures which will complete the steps so carefully initiated by the Committee. Accordingly, I am relieving the Committee of its assignment as of today, while at the same time, leaving in effect Executive Order No. 9981. At some later date, it may prove desirable to examine the effectuation of your committee's recommendations, which can be done under Executive Order No. 9981.

You and the members of your Committee have performed an outstanding service to your country. The care and skill with which you approached this problem have helped the Services take important steps toward the realization of our national ideals. At this significant moment in our Nation's history, we are able to draw closer together our principles and our practices for the more effective defense of the cause of freedom.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Honorable Charles Fahey
Chairman, The President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services
Washington 25, D.C.