

August 10, 1948

Dear Ken:

I have discussed with the President the suggested letters to certain Governors which you attached to your memorandum to me of August 6, 1948.

It appears to us that no benefit results from referring to any decision or recommendation of the Committee on National Guard and Reserve Policy. Inasmuch as the entire subject of Racial Equality in the Armed Forces is to be considered by the new commission to be appointed in compliance with Executive Order No. 9981, it would appear to us to be inadvisable to refer to some recommendation by some previous committee.

It is our suggestion that a letter along the lines of the attached draft would constitute a suitable reply.

Very sincerely yours,



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