THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
September 2, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE AEBERT O. NELSON:

Several people here have looked over the attached summary
prepared for you by your Civilian Aide.

There is quite general agreement as to the advisability of
publishing some such report — particularly because the many good
features of the Army's implementation program have been overshadowed
by criticism.

There is a general feeling among those who have read this
report that it does not adequately meet the need, and, consequently,
a good deal of question as to the wisdom of releasing this report,
if there is any possibility of preparing a more comprehensive one.

However, since the Defense Establishment seems to feel
strongly that this report should be made public in advance of the
recommendations of the Granger group, we will not object to the publica-
tion of this report, provided that it is accompanied by a statement
indicating that it covers the situation prior to the issuance of the
recent Executive Order on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the
Armed Services.

My personal recommendations would be that the Granger
recommendations and this report be released simultaneously. If that
does not seem advisable to you, I would at least suggest that the
statement include some reference to the preparation of materials for the
President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the
Armed Services.

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