THE WHITE HOUSE
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MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE JOSEPH G. PUTTALL

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

There is quite general agreement as to the advisability of publishing such a 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 great deal of consideration 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 publication 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 recommendation 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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