

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 30, 1948.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE HONORABLE CLARK M. CLIFFORD:

I am attaching two letters about the Panama Canal Zone which have come in since the close of Congress, signed by ten members of Congress.

You will probably remember that the Report of the Civil Rights Committee contained recommendations on discrimination in the Panama Canal Zone and that the President referred to it in his Message of February 2nd.

This is one of those instances where the Army can do just about anything it wants to under the terms of its jurisdiction, but seems not to want to do anything at all. Any steps that could be taken to improve this situation would be helpful in heading off criticism that we talk and don't act.

I am attaching a suggested memorandum to Secretary Royall.




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ATTACHMENT