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Mr. Marx Leva dictated the following over the telephone as suggested changes in the language of the President's message on Civil Rights:

"During the recent war and in the years since its close we have made much progress toward equality of opportunity in our armed services without regard to race, color, and religion or national origin. I have instructed the Secretary of Defense to take steps to have ^{the} ~~those~~ remaining ^{with us} ~~traces~~ of discrimination in the armed services eliminated as rapidly as possible. The personnel policies and practices of all the services in this regard will be made consistent."



(Underscoring denotes the suggested changes)

Mr. Leva stated the above suggestions are tentative, pending the comments of the Secretary of Defense.

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