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SUBJECT: Negro Manpower

TO: The Adjutants General of all States, Territory of
Hawaii, Puerto Rico, and the District of Columbia.

1. The following paragraphs are quoted in connection with WD Circular 124, 27 April 1946, "Utilization of Negro Manpower in the Postwar Army Policy," which states in part. -

"To effect the maximum efficient utilization of the authorized Negro Manpower in the postwar period, the War Department has adopted the following policy.

"Negro manpower in the postwar army will be utilized on a broader professional scale than has obtained heretofore. The development of leaders and specialists based on individual merit and ability, to meet effectively the requirements of an expanded Army will be accomplished through the medium of installations and organizations. Grouping of Negro units with white units in composite organizations will be accepted policy. "Employment will be in Negro regiments or groups, separate battalions or squadrons, and separate companies, troops or batteries, which will conform to other units of the Army. A proportionate number of these units will be organized as a part of large units."

2. The decision as to whether a National Guard unit is to be composed of Negro or white personnel is a matter for State determination. Therefore, should a State request the organization of a Negro unit in consonance with the above quoted policy, the War Department would support that request.

3. The above policy pertains to units under Federal control and to those which might in emergencies come under Federal Control.

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