

The President's Committee on Equality
Of Treatment and Opportunity
In the Armed Services



Pentagon: Room 3C 675

8 March 1949

Dear Mr. Browning:

The President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services will meet on Thursday and Friday, March 17 and 18, in Room 3E 749 of the Pentagon.

Mr. Fahy desires that the Committee give its principal attention in the forthcoming meeting to the following: --

1. The present Army policy and practice which are based on the recommendations of the Gillem Board.
2. The memorandum of Secretary Royall to Secretary Forrestal, dated December 2, 1948, outlining a plan for an experimental non-segregated unit of some size.
3. The Air Force proposal for eliminating Negro units which was presented to the Committee in the January meeting.
4. The present policy and practice of the Coast Guard.
5. Further programming of Committee and Staff work.

Members of the Committee already have copies of the Gillem Board Report and the Army Circular No. 124, which is based on it; the Air Force Letter from General Vandenberg, together with the Implementation of the Air Force Letter, setting forth the proposed new Air Force policy; and the December 2 Memorandum of Secretary Royall. If you do not have copies of these documents, please notify this office and copies will be forwarded.



The following will meet with the Committee: --

March 17 9:30 A.M. Lt. Gen. Alvan C. Gillem, Jr.

March 17 2:00 P.M. John J. McCloy and Davidson Sommers

March 18 9:30 A.M. Commodore Norman H. Leslie, Coast Guard

Mr. McCloy was formerly Assistant Secretary of War; Mr. Sommers was his Executive. Both worked closely with the Gillem Board.

Major General Brooks will be available to answer questions on the status of Secretary Royall's proposal for an experimental non-segregated unit, and Major General Nugent will be ready to supply further information on the Air Force proposal.

Sincerely yours,

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