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THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON EQUALITY
OF TREATMENT AND OPPORTUNITY
IN THE ARMED SERVICES

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Telephone Conversation with Mr. Bendetsen
November 28

In a telephone conversation with Mr. Bendetsen at 9:30 a.m., 28 November 1949, I informed him that Mr. Fahy had called me on Sunday, November 27, and had given me the substance of the telephone conversation between Mr. Fahy and himself on the previous Friday.

I asked Mr. Bendetsen whether copies of the revised 124 had been sent to Mr. Fahy, and he assured me that three copies had been sent last Friday.

I then asked whether he would send additional copies to me so that I might send them to the Committee. He replied that he had already sent three copies to Mr. Fahy for the Committee. I said, however, that there were six members of the Committee and Mr. Browning, an official consultant. Mr. Bendetsen then asked how many copies in addition to those sent to Mr. Fahy I would need. I replied I would need six - one for this office and five for the members of the Committee. He said that since he had already sent three copies to Mr. Fahy I would not need as many as that. I replied that I could not ask Mr. Fahy to send out two copies to two of the members and myself to send the remainder; that Mr. Fahy was busy and at Lake Success most of the day. He replied that the revised 124 was confidential and he would not like to have too many copies circulated. I then said that it was necessary to get a copy into the hands of each member of the President's Committee. He finally agreed - rather reluctantly - to send me six copies.

In the course of the conversation Mr. Bendetsen said that Mr. Fahy had told him that there was to be a meeting of the Committee this week. I replied that my understanding was that there could not be a meeting sooner than ten days or two weeks, as the members of the Committee had not yet received revised 124 and would require some time to study it.

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