I have just received the report of the President's Committee on Equality of Treatment and Opportunity in the Armed Services. For the past two years, this Committee has been working diligently to find ways and means to bring about true equality of opportunity for everyone in military service.

I have followed the work closely, and I know that it has focused deeply into the problem, which is not a simple one, and has been careful to keep a proper balance between military efficiency.

As the Committee explored personnel practices in the Armed Services, it became apparent that the Army, Navy, and Air Force, in fact, the whole of the military service, are seriously at fault in the area of personnel treatment and opportunity for all personnel in the Armed Services. This is true in both the Army and Air Force, with a consequent impairment of military efficiency.

I attach the highest importance to this Committee's assignment. In the Committee's own words, equality of treatment and opportunity in the Armed Services is right, it is just, and it will strengthen the nation. That is true throughout our entire national life.

As many of our people have shared the opportunity to enter the good things of life, and have developed confidence in the reliability of their fellow Americans to extend equal treatment to them, our country has grown great and strong.

Today, the free people of the world are looking to us for the moral leadership that will unite them in a common purpose. The free nations of the world are counting on us to continue to support them as we mobilize our energies to resist Communist imperialism.

We have accepted these responsibilities gladly and freely. We shall meet this with the sure knowledge that we are not alone in the solution of our own problems in accordance with the methods of our national ideals. We believe that all men are created equal.

Judge Pehy and the members of his Committee have been using the time and energy they have devoted to their devotion. Every American will believe sincerely in the integrity of the Committee and the Toledos of Independence as they bear a national burden.

This Report is submitted as the United States Senate is considering a motion to be made by Senator Lodge. I believe the Senate will take this report into consideration as it decides the merits of this bill. But, as I urged in my State of the Union message in January, it will permit this important measure to come to a vote.