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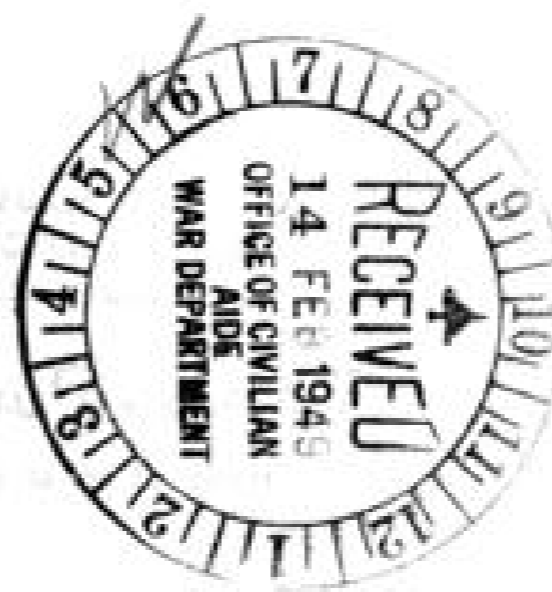
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February 3, 1949

The President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

We are shamefully cognizant of the fact that racial segregation and discrimination against Negro Americans still exists in the armed forces of the United States and in the National Guard of the several states and that Negroes in uniform are still segregated in interstate transportation when traveling in the South. Realizing that in a democracy there can be no second or third class citizens, that the eyes of the world are critically turned upon the United States, and that the people of all nations are looking to our country for democratic inspiration, we, therefore, respectfully urge that you give your full support to legislation requiring equal, identical, and non-segregated treatment of Negroes in the military service of the United States.

The recent organization of the Committee Against Jim-Crow in Military Service and Training, whose officers are Grant Reynolds, Chairman, A. Philip Randolph, Treasurer, and Charles J. Patterson, Executive Secretary, and which is seeking trade-union and liberal support, has come to our attention. We highly respect the group leading this organization and hereby endorse its purposes, respectfully urging that you give its spokesmen due attention and consideration.

Respectfully yours,

*Carter Pate*

Chairman, Austin Local  
Socialist Party, U.S.A.

