

MEMORANDUM

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

23 May 1949

Mr. Kenworthy:

Attached may  
be of interest  
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*Mr. Kinworthy*  
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23 May 1949

Mr. John M. Barley  
704 Parallel Avenue  
Kansas City, Kansas

Dear Mr. Barley:

Your letter of May 16, 1949, addressed to the Secretary of Defense, is appreciated.

The information which you have furnished contributes directly to inquiries now in progress. It is hoped that final reports in this connection will be forthcoming within the next few months.

Sincerely yours,

James C. Evans  
Civilian Assistant



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704 Parallel Avenue  
Kansas City, Kansas  
May 16, 1949

Defense Secretary Louis Johnson

Dear Col. Johnson:

May I trespass upon your kindness by asking you to please investigate the National Guard set-up for Negro boys out here in Kansas and Missouri. During the War, Missouri did not have a single Negro State Guard Company. Kansas had only one Negro Company. When the War ended, this Negro Company was disbanded, as were all State Guard organizations, but when the new National Guard was organized, the Negro boys were left out.

The Negro citizens would like for you to demand a full-scale report by the Army on its operation of the National Guard out here in Kansas and Missouri as to President Truman's order banning military discrimination.

Hoping to hear from you soon, I am

Sincerely yours,

/s/ John M. Earley

704 Parallel Avenue  
Kansas City, Kansas

