THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  

November 17, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR THE CHAIRMAN,

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

I am sending you herewith, for at-
tention and preparation of an appropriate 
reply, the attached letter which the Pres-
ident has received from Mrs. Arthur Forrest 
Anderson, President of the National Board 
of the Young Women's Christian Association 
of the United States of America.

WILLIAM D. HASSITT  
Secretary to the President
November 10, 1946

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

by dear Mr. President:

The National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association reviewed and approved the announcement of the program to give greater numerical assurance of equality of treatment and opportunity to Negro personnel in the Army, that it believes that all military occupational specialties should be open to all qualified military personnel without regard to race or color and are pleased to see this principle embodied in policy.

However, it was a disappointment to find that the basic framework for racial segregation of Army units yet remains. The report of the experience of those units operating on an integrated plan during the wartime period shows us believe all the more firmly that this pattern is one we should strive to see extended throughout the armed forces.

May we urge that you use the influence of your office to the end that non-segregation will become the Army pattern - a practical demonstration of the concept of equality inherent in our democracy.

Yours respectfully,


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Rev. Arthur Forrest Anderson
President