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. HASSETT
Secretary to the President
November 10, 1948

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

by dear Mr. Presidents:

The National Board of the Young Women's Christian Association revised and supports the accomplishment of the program to live closer to reality; abundance of service; and opportunity to Negro personnel in the Army. 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 into policy.

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

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

Yours respectfully,

Clara M.

Rev. Arthur Forrest Anderson
President