My dear President Truman:

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is greatly concerned about an increasing tendency on the part of government agencies to associate activity on interracial matters with disloyalty. Thus, various investigating agents of the government have been asking white persons whether they associate with colored people. Colored people have been asked whether they have entertained white people in their homes. In addition, there is considerable evidence before us that many colored government employees, who are now being charged with disloyalty, have such accusations brought against them because they have actively opposed segregation and discrimination in their places of employment or in their communities.

At present, we have information on charges filed against colored and white government workers in Chicago, New York, St. Louis, Los Angeles, Philadelphia, Washington, and Baltimore. If given a fair hearing, these individuals will undoubtedly obtain complete exoneration. Meanwhile, the government will have spent considerable time and money in processing their cases. The evidence against them is such that it should never have been used in the first instance. However, since it was used, the written answers furnished by employees are more than sufficient to justify dismissal of the cases. Under the Loyalty Review Board's regulations, agencies are entitled to drop such charges without hearing. However, in the cases mentioned, the agencies have decided to conduct hearings. This is particularly true of the Post Office Department where a number of employees with work records of fifteen years and more are now suddenly charged with disloyalty.

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In view of the new developments, we believe that the whole loyalty program should be restudied by a committee of distinguished citizens. The present procedure of confronting employees with charges based on hearsay and doubtful sources has done much to embarrass and intimidate loyal citizens. We, therefore, respectfully urge that a re-
view be made of the present loyalty program. The NAACP is particularly interested in preventing biased informants and officials from using the loyalty program to persecute members of minority groups or persons sympathetic to the program of civil rights, which you have so courageously championed.

Ever sincerely,

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Secretary.

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