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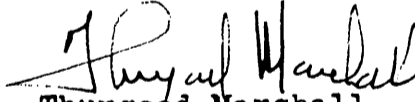
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Mr. Robert K. Carr, Executive Secretary
President's Committee on Civil Rights
1712 G Street, N.W.
Washington, 25, D.C.

Dear Mr. Carr:

Enclosed please find self-explanatory
copy of letter which we have today sent to
Assistant Attorney General Theron Caudle.
This concerns a suggestion regarding the
President's Committee on Civil Rights.

Yours very truly,


Thurgood Marshall
Special Counsel

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Hon. Theron L. Caudle
Assistant Attorney General
United States Department of Justice
Washington, 25, D.C.

In re: TLC:MWH:efr--144-2-17 and
TLC:MWH:efr--144-40-17

Dear Mr. Caudle:

This will reply to your letter of June 24, 1947 informing us of the result of your investigation into the killing of William Rih Lockwood by Deputy Sheriff Willie Kirby in Macon County, Alabama.

In your letter you state that Kirby claimed that he shot Lockwood in self defense after being attacked by Lockwood with a knife. On the other hand you state that Mrs. Lockwood and her son claim that Lockwood was killed because he refused to say "Yes, sir" and "No, sir," in reply to questions. You state in your letter that since there are no other witnesses and the issue will be which of the two statements is a correct version of the affair, it is not believed that a successful prosecution could be maintained and the case has accordingly been closed.

I assume that it is also your conclusion that under the decision in the Screws case the facts would not warrant an attempt to prosecute even were Mrs. Lockwood's statements to be undisputed.

In reviewing this case, I am reminded of the case of Casey Lee Pointer in Cleveland, Mississippi where the cold blooded killing of an unarmed Negro by two police officers was likewise found by your office to be one in which no prosecution could be successfully maintained.

It seems to me that these two cases are the type which should be brought to the attention of the President's Committee on Civil Rights to point out to them the need for adequate legislation to empower

Hon. Theron L. Caudle

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you to protect the ordinary Negro citizen in the South from wanton killing by police officers. May I suggest that the investigations of your office in these two cases be forwarded to the President's Committee as illustrative of the violations of fundamental human rights by police officers in the South which must be the subject of legislation enabling you to enter the cases.

Yours very truly,

Thurgood Marshall
Special Counsel

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October 29, 1947

Mr. Walter White,
Secretary, N.A.A.C.P.,
20 West 40th Street,
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. White:

Thank you for your wire of the 28th. We have asked the G.P.O. to communicate with you directly and give you a figure on the cost of the 1,000 copies of the Report of the President's Committee.

The Committee's office here in Washington goes out of existence on Friday of this week. However, Mr. Milton D. Stewart will be active for the first two weeks of November. You can get in touch with him through Mr. C. E. Wilson's office, 570 Lexington Avenue, New York, at any time.

Needless to say, I am delighted with your statement that we have done a superb job. We have done our best and I am quite pleased with the result. My one hope now is that the report receive the attention and circulation it deserves.

Thank you again for your kind cooperation with us from the start to the finish of our undertaking.

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Carr.

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Dear Mr. Carr:

I shall appreciate very much receiving one of the press copies of the Report of the President's Committee as I am most keen to see it.

Ever sincerely

Walter White
 Secretary

Mr. Robert K. Carr
 President's Committee on
 Civil Rights
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Secretary, N. A. A. C. P.,
20 West 40th Street,
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Dear Mr. White:

The Government Printing Office is working under a very tight schedule to get some press copies of the Report of the President's Committee to us several days in advance of the date on which it is to be submitted to the President. You will receive one of these press copies at the earliest possible moment.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mr. Carr:

Thank you for your letter of October 3rd. I wonder if you could send me an advance copy of the report.

Ever sincerely
Walter White
Secretary

Mr. Robert K. Carr
President's Committee on Civil Rights
734 Fifteenth Street NW - Rm 706
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Dear Mr. Carr:

Can you tell me when the report of the
 Committee is to be completed and made pub-
 lic?

Ever sincerely

Walter White
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September 10, 1947

National Association for the
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20 West 40th Street,
New York 18, N. Y.

Gentlemen:

The President's Committee on Civil Rights would appreciate a copy of the report of the recent study of Negro health conditions conducted by Dr. W. Montague Cobb for your national health committee.

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Carr.

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July 7, 1947

Mr. Thurgood Marshall,
Special Counsel, N.A.A.C.P.,
20 West 40th Street,
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for your note of July 3rd and
the enclosed copy of your letter to Assistant
Attorney General Theron Caudle. I will see
to it that this communication receives the
attention of the members of the President's
Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Carr.

*Copy
N.A.A.C.P.*

June 18, 1947

Mr. Thurgood Marshall,
Special Counsel, N.A.A.C.P.,
10 West 10th Street,
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Thank you for your letter of June 11th on the definition of lynching and the Case bill. I am afraid that there has been some misunderstanding about our telephone inquiry to Miss Baxter. Actually what we are seeking is the definition of lynching used by the N.A.A.C.P. in compiling statistics. We have been endeavoring to prepare for the Committee a statement of the statistical material on lynching with an appropriate explanation as to the varying definitions of lynching used by the different groups and the result and effect upon statistics.

If you can conveniently furnish us with a statement concerning the policy of your organization on this point, I would appreciate it very much. I am sorry that there should have been any misunderstanding and I am very grateful for your cooperation in supplying us with material on the Case bill.

Sincerely yours,
Robert K. Carr.

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Mr. Robert Carr
President's Committee on Civil Rights
1712 G Street, N. W., Room 208
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Dear Mr. Carr:

This will reply to your telephone inquiry directed to Miss Baxter of our Research Department concerning the differences between the Case bill and earlier bills in the matter of the definition of a lynch mob.

As you are undoubtedly aware, the Case bill was the result of a conference sponsored by the N.A.A.C.P. Legal Committee, the National Lawyers Guild and the National Bar Association in Washington, on January 25, 1947. In preparing for that conference and in the discussions at the conference, every effort was made to draft a bill which would provide for federal action against individual members of mobs who inflicted or attempted to inflict bodily harm or death upon a person charged with or suspected of crime in an effort to prevent the administration of justice. Such changes as were made in the definition of the crime were made solely for the purpose of including within the purview of the Act more acts of violence of the general nature which has come to be known as lynching.

This is true of the definition of a mob which, as you have noted, has been changed from three persons to two persons, and the description of the reason for the lynching which was changed to include race, creed, color, national origin, ancestry, language or religion so as to spell out juris-

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Sincerely yours,

Thurgood Marshall
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Special Counsel

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Mr. Walter White, Secretary,
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People,
20 West 40th Street,
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. White:

I am sorry to say that the President's Committee on Civil Rights is holding an executive session in New England on June 30th. Accordingly I will not be present in Washington on the 29th and it will be impossible for me to accept your kind invitation to sit on the platform at the closing meeting of your 33th Annual Conference. I am terribly sorry to miss this event for the program is a most attractive one and I had been looking forward to being present.

With warmest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Carr

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Dear Mr. Carr:

On Sunday, June 29th, from 4 to 5 P.M. the President of the United States, Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt and Senator Wayne Morse will speak at the closing meeting of the 38th Annual Conference of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People at the Lincoln Memorial in Washington, D. C.

A cordial invitation is hereby extended to you to sit on the platform on that occasion. Will you be good enough to let us know if you are able to do so. A special card of admission will be sent you.

Sincerely yours

Walter White

Secretary

Mr. Robert K. Carr
 Pres. Com. on Civil Rights
 1712 G. Street, NW - Room 208
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June 9, 1947

Mr. W. S. Butler, President,
St. Paul Branch, N. A. A. C. P.,
St. Paul, Minnesota.

Dear Mr. Butler:

Your recent wire with respect to the outcome of the South Carolina lynching trial has been received and I will see that its contents are brought to the attention of the members of the President's Committee.

I assure you that the Committee is giving very close attention to the lynching problem and this subject is certain to figure in an important way in the Committee's report to the President. It is probable, however, that this report will not be submitted for several weeks. In the meantime, the Committee is following a self-imposed rule not to make any public statements on separate issues. It feels that it can be most effective in the long run if it submits all of its recommendations as a part of a strong, comprehensive report.

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June 3, 1947

Mr. Thurgood Marshall,
Special Counsel, N.A.A.C.P.,
20 West 40th Street,
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Marshall:

Your letter of May 29th has been received and I am sorry to learn that you are unable to submit a memorandum to us at the present moment. I know that you are very busy and I can understand the reasons which have prevented you from meeting the June 1st date.

Rather than have you submit no memorandum at all I would like to extend the time to whatever extent may be necessary. The President's Committee is meeting on June 30 and July 1, and I had hoped to be able to submit your memorandum to the members at that time. That now seems to be impossible. However, we will be working on the report during the summer months and it is my hope that a memorandum from the N.A.A.C.P. might well be of great assistance to us in the report-writing stage. Consequently, if it would be feasible for you to submit a statement to us by July 15th, I strongly urge you to do so.

May I ask your assistance on another matter? I am very much interested in the recent ruling of the Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals in the Crews case. I have had some correspondence with the Tusgegee people about this case and they rather stubbornly refuse to regard the killing of McFadden as a lynching. Their position seems to be, that the killing was an ordinary murder. It seems to me that the successful federal prosecution in the case proves rather conclusively that the crime was of such a character as to fall within the category of lynching. Do you mind telling me how the N.A.A.C.P. regards this case?

May I take this further opportunity to thank you for your cooperation in the past and to indicate my great hope that you will be able to submit a memorandum to us.

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Carr.

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Executive Secretary
The President's Committee on Civil Rights
1712 G Street, N. W., Room 208
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Carr:

This is to inform you that our present schedule will make it impossible for us to have the Memorandum ready by June 1st as we had planned. The case which we are handling in Texas against the University of Texas has taken up a considerable portion of the time of our staff.

On May 15, two cases in South Carolina, one involving the right of Negroes to participate in primary elections and another involving the right of Negroes to go to the University of South Carolina Law School, were unexpectedly called for trial on June 3 and 5. The staff had hoped that we would have been able to prepare those cases and complete the Memorandum for your Committee. However, we now realize that that will be impossible and, under the circumstances, we are forced to abandon our plans to submit a Memorandum to you.

Sincerely yours,

Thurgood Marshall
Thurgood Marshall
Special Counsel

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May 16, 1947

My dear Mr. President:

Since the NAACP's letter of April 21 urging the establishment of a temporary agency to handle complaints of discrimination and prevent unfair practices against colored persons by government agencies, there has come from the city of New Orleans a flagrant example of the type of discrimination which is now practiced. We describe it briefly because it illustrates the impotence of the Civil Service Commission's approach in matters of this kind. The full file with supporting evidence is available for inspection.

We have affidavits from fifteen honorably discharged veterans and two non-veterans who charge that they were denied regular employment in the Post Office in New Orleans solely because of their race. One of the complainants, who is a former marine, earned a grade of 100.2 on his examination and the majority of the others were in the high 90 and 80 brackets. Two of the veterans have ten point disabilities and charge that no white veterans of similar status have been passed over by the appointing officer.

Although it was established that the Postmaster of New Orleans passed over these persons and appointed white individuals who had lower grades, the Tenth Regional Office of the Civil Service Commission justified the action on the ground that after the eligibles had received three opportunities for consideration, it was no longer necessary for the Postmaster to consider them at all.

The Commission had before it evidence of discrimination in the Post Office going back over a period of years. However, it declined to take action on this evidence. It is most important that some action be taken at this time to prevent such serious violations of government fair employment policies. We again urge that favorable consideration be given to our proposal of April 21.

Respectfully,

Assistant Secretary.

President Harry S. Truman
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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May 6, 1947

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Dear Mr. Marshall:

June 1 will be an agreeable date for the submission of the memorandum which you are preparing. I can appreciate that your staff is very busy and that it will not be easy for you to meet such a deadline. However, I am extremely anxious to have the materials and recommendations which you intend to submit in time for careful consideration by the Committee.

The Committee is making such excellent progress that I am afraid if your report is delayed much beyond June 1 it may come too late to be of maximum service to the Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Carr

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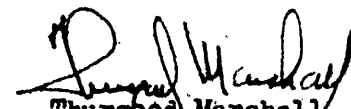
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1712 G Street, N. W., Room 208
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Dear Mr. Carr:

I received your letter of April 25 in answer to my letter to you with regard to our obtaining permission to file a brief with the President's Committee.

Since June 15 is too late a date, we will attempt to get the brief ready by the first of June. In view of the number of cases we have pending, this will press my staff to the hilt. However we do desire to file this memorandum of law with the Committee and would appreciate your letting me know whether or not this June 1st deadline will be an agreeable one.

Sincerely yours,


Thurgood Marshall
Special Counsel

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Dear Mr. Carr:

Thank you very much for your letter of April 22nd. Mr. Marshall and I enjoyed the opportunity to appear before the Committee. Please let us know if there is anything else we can do.

Ever sincerely

Walter White
Secretary

Mr. Robert K. Carr
President's Committee on Civil Rights
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Mr. Thurgood Marshall,
Special Counsel,
N. A. A. C. P.,
20 West 40th Street,
New York 19, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Marshall:

I have your letter of April 22nd in which you state that it will be difficult for you to file your brief with the President's Committee earlier than the 15th of June. We are very anxious to complete the active phase of the work of the Committee in the next six weeks and I am afraid that this date is a rather late one, if the materials submitted by the N.A.A.C.P. are to receive full attention. If it is at all possible for you to send us your brief at an earlier date I think that would be highly desirable.

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Carr.

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Dear Mr. Carr:

Upon reviewing the work in the office, I find that it would be very difficult for us to file our brief with your committee earlier than the 15th of June. Will you please let me know whether filing the brief then will be on time?

Very truly yours,


Thurgood Marshall
Special Counsel

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Mr. Walter White
Executive Secretary
National Association for the
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20 West 40th Street
New York 3, N. Y.

Dear Mr. White:

The President's Committee has asked me to let you know how much it appreciated your appearance before it on Thursday, April 17th. The Committee found your statement both interesting and helpful and feels that you have contributed greatly to its understanding of many phases of the civil rights problem. Members of the Committee were also much interested in Mr. Marshall's careful and thorough analyses of the legal aspects of the problem.

I would like to add a personal word of appreciation on my own part. As you know, this was our first public hearing and we were a little apprehensive as to how it would go. We need have had no fears. I have great admiration for the way you and Mr. Marshall handled yourselves. The initial statements were brief and straightforward, yet comprehensive. Answers to questions were particularly helpful for they revealed understanding of many phases of the civil rights problem and also a deep sincerity of purpose. In short, the hearing was one of the high spots of the Committee's work to date.

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With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

cc: Mr. Thurgood Marshall

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April 22, 1947

Mr. Thurgood Marshall
National Association for the
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20 West 4th Street
New York 3, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Marshall:

In your statement before the Committee, you said that you had been working on a supplemental civil rights bill and would shortly have available a memorandum to submit to us. I am extremely interested in your work in this direction and I hope you will let us have the benefit of your ideas at the earliest possible moment.

Enclosed, for your information, is a copy of a letter sent to Mr. Walter White.

Sincerely yours,

Enclosure

Robert K. Carr

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April 10, 1947.

Mr. Walter White,
Secretary,
N. A. A. P.,
20 West 40th Street,
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. White:

I am delighted that your appearance before the Committee on the 17th is settled, and I very much hope that Mr. Thurgood Marshall will be able to accompany you. We have fixed the hour of your appearance at 3 P.M. We have decided to run the hearing on a public basis and the session will be held in the auditorium of the National Archives Building.

The public character of the hearing will mean that newspaper men will be in attendance, reporting the testimony. It will be very helpful if you can have your preliminary statement mimeographed and available for distribution to newspaper men at the time of the session. I would suggest that you either send your statement to us by the 15th so that we can have it mimeographed, or have it mimeographed in your own offices and bring a sufficient number of copies with you on the 17th.

We are hearing one other witness the same day - Mr. Lester Granger of the National Urban League. One hour will be available for each witness. I hope very much that your introductory statement will not run beyond thirty minutes in length so that a substantial amount of time will be available for discussion.

If there are any further questions that you would like to ask concerning the ground to be covered in your introductory statement or the nature of the proceedings, I would suggest that you give me a long distance call (assuming the strike is settled) at our offices, Executive 3300, Ext.458, reversing the charges, and we can discuss the problem further.

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Carr

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Dear Mr. Carr:

Thank you for your letter of April 4th.

I shall be in Washington this Wednesday for an appointment with the President and shall call you to make an appointment both because I want to meet you and also to discuss the testimony as outlined in your letter which you want the NAACP to present.

Cordially yours,

Walter White

Secretary.

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Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Carr.

cc: Mr. Thurgood Marshall

MEMORANDUM

April 30, 1947.

TO: Hon. David K. Niles

FROM: Robert K. Carr, President's Committee on Civil Rights

SUBJECT: Request of N.A.A.C.P. for creation of a temporary agency to deal with discrimination in Government employment

The President's Committee, through its Subcommittee No. 2, has been giving considerable attention to the problem of fair employment practices generally and more specifically to discrimination in Government employment.

In an interim report submitted to the full Committee by Subcommittee No. 2 on April 17, 1947, the second of twelve recommendations is as follows:

"The re-statement of the President's position on fair employment in Federal agencies and provision for the implementation of this as follows:

- (a) Creation within the Civil Service Commission and the Personnel Departments of the various agencies of on-the-job training programs; and
- (b) such machinery as is necessary for hearing and acting on discriminatory practices in hiring, promoting and transferring."

Mr. White sent to me a copy of the letter that he has addressed to President Truman, with an accompanying note, in which he says, "If the opportunity offers, we hope the President's Committee on Civil Rights will express its approval of such a proposal."

In my opinion, it is unlikely that the President's Committee will be willing to do this since it has been adhering rather rigidly to its own ruling that it would make no isolated pronouncements or recommendations on issues that might arise during the course of its deliberations. In other words, the Committee is strongly inclined to include all of its recommendations in one final report. Because of this ruling, I have not submitted the White proposal to the Committee for discussion or action at this time. It is quite clear that the Committee's final report will cover the problem which is concerning Mr. White but, as you know, this report will probably not be ready before October 1st.

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My dear Mr. President:

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is deeply concerned about instances of discrimination against colored persons seeking employment or transfers in government agencies. Now that Executive Order No. 9830 will become effective on May 1st, it is especially urgent that steps be taken to prevent action which will unfairly deny employment to qualified persons solely because of their race.

We have carefully considered the possibility of preventive action by the Civil Service Commission and have reached the conclusion that it will not be effective in checking discriminatory hiring practices on the part of personnel officers and other government officials.

Paragraph f of Part I of the Order provides that the Commission shall maintain an adequate system of inspection to determine that equitable and sound application of statutes, executive orders, regulations, and standards relating to personnel management is being carried out by the agencies. It is also provided in Section 4.3 of Rule IV that the appointing officer shall exercise his discretion in all personnel action solely on the basis of merit and fitness without regard to political or religious affiliations, marital status, or race. It is unlikely that these provisions will give adequate protection to minority groups.

The President
April 21st, 1947
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It has been our experience that, because of its many other duties, the Commission does not give proper emphasis to enforcing regulations against discrimination. The Final Report of the FEPC indicates that the Commission itself reported finding discrimination in only 58 cases out of nearly 2,000 handled during the war. We agree with the FEPC's conclusion that "discretion" of departmental personnel officers is wide enough to permit much discrimination over and beyond that which the Commission defines as a violation of its rules.

We strongly urge that you create by executive order a temporary agency which will have the authority to investigate complaints of discrimination and take effective steps to remedy such discrimination when it is found. This body would serve pending the establishment of a Fair Employment Practice Commission by Congress.

In order to operate successfully, this agency would need to be clothed with the authority to order the hiring of specific individuals who are discriminated against and the disciplining of employees who wilfully violate the principles set forth in your letter of December 18, 1945 to government agencies.

Because of the long range implications of any new hiring which takes place in government, if discrimination is allowed to go unchecked all of the wartime gains of colored government employees will be wiped out. There will be substituted the pre-war pattern of using colored individuals primarily in messenger and laboring capacities in the government.

It is sincerely hoped that you will take favorable action on this matter.

Respectfully yours

Walter White
Secretary

Honorable Harry S. Truman
President of the United States
The White House
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Dear Mr. Carr:

Here is the letter to the President which I mentioned in my testimony last Thursday in which we ask him to set up an ad interim committee to deal with the current discrimination in government departments.

If the opportunity offers, we hope that the President's Committee on Civil Rights will express its approval of such a proposal.

Cordially

Walter White
Secretary

Mr. Robert K. Carr
President's Committee on Civil Rights
1712 G Street NW
Washington 25, D.C.

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My dear Mr. President:

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People is deeply concerned about instances of discrimination against colored persons seeking employment or transfers in government agencies. Now that Executive Order No. 9830 will become effective on May 1st, it is especially urgent that steps be taken to prevent action which will unfairly deny employment to qualified persons solely because of their race.

We have carefully considered the possibility of preventive action by the Civil Service Commission and have reached the conclusion that it will not be effective in checking discriminatory hiring practices on the part of personnel officers and other government officials.

Paragraph f of Part I of the Order provides that the Commission shall maintain an adequate system of inspection to determine that equitable and sound application of statutes, executive orders, regulations, and standards relating to personnel management is being carried out by the agencies. It is also provided in Section 4.3 of Rule IV that the appointing officer shall exercise his discretion in all personnel action solely on the basis of merit and fitness without regard to political or religious affiliations, marital status, or race. It is unlikely that these provisions will give adequate protection to minority groups.

Wilmington, Del.

Ruth Weyand
Louis L. Redding

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The President
April 21st, 1947
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It has been our experience that, because of its many other duties, the Commission does not give proper emphasis to enforcing regulations against discrimination. The Final Report of the FEPC indicates that the Commission itself reported finding discrimination in only 58 cases out of nearly 2,000 handled during the war. We agree with the FEPC's conclusion that "discretion" of departmental personnel officers is wide enough to permit much discrimination over and beyond that which the Commission defines as a violation of its rules.

We strongly urge that you create by executive order a temporary agency which will have the authority to investigate complaints of discrimination and take effective steps to remedy such discrimination when it is found. This body would serve pending the establishment of a Fair Employment Practice Commission by Congress.

In order to operate successfully, this agency would need to be clothed with the authority to order the hiring of specific individuals who are discriminated against and the disciplining of employees who wilfully violate the principles set forth in your letter of December 18, 1945 to government agencies.

Because of the long range implications of any new hiring which takes place in government, if discrimination is allowed to go unchecked all of the wartime gains of colored government employees will be wiped out. There will be substituted the pre-war pattern of using colored individuals primarily in messenger and laboring capacities in the government.

It is sincerely hoped that you will take favorable action on this matter.

Respectfully yours

Secretary

Honorable Harry S. Truman
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Wilmington, Del.

John A. Hanson
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MEMORANDUM

April 30, 1947.

TO: Hon. David K. Niles

FROM: Robert K. Carr, President's Committee on Civil Rights

SUBJECT: Request of N.A.A.C.P. for creation of a temporary agency to deal with discrimination in Government employment

The President's Committee, through its Subcommittee No. 2, has been giving considerable attention to the problem of fair employment practices generally and more specifically to discrimination in Government employment.

In an interim report submitted to the full Committee by Subcommittee No. 2 on April 17, 1947, the second of twelve recommendations is as follows:

"The restatement of the President's position on fair employment in Federal agencies and provision for the implementation of this as follows:

- (a) Creation within the Civil Service Commission and the Personnel Departments of the various agencies of on-the-job training programs; and
- (b) such machinery as is necessary for hearing and acting on discriminatory practices in hiring, promoting and transferring."

Mr. White sent to me a copy of the letter that he has addressed to President Truman, with an accompanying note, in which he says, "If the opportunity offers, we hope the President's Committee on Civil Rights will express its approval of such a proposal."

In my opinion, it is unlikely that the President's Committee will be willing to do this since it has been adhering rather rigidly to its own ruling that it would make no isolated pronouncements or recommendations on issues that might arise during the course of its deliberations. In other words, the Committee is strongly inclined to include all of its recommendations in one final report. Because of this ruling, I have not submitted the White proposal to the Committee for discussion or action at this time. It is quite clear that the Committee's final report will cover the problem which is concerning Mr. White but, as you know, this report will probably not be ready before October 1st.

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April 4, 1947

Mr. Walter White,
Executive Secretary,
N.A.A.C.P.,
20 West 40th Street,
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. White:

The President's Committee has authorized me to set up a schedule of hearings and I am very anxious that it should hear you as one of its early consultants. Accordingly, I am wondering whether it would be possible for you to appear before the Committee on Thursday, April 17th. In general we hope to follow somewhat the same procedure with all our consultants. We are suggesting that each person appearing before the Committee make an introductory statement, which should not run beyond thirty minutes; this, to be followed by an informal question and answer discussion of about the same duration.

I think the Committee would be interested in having you touch upon such matters as the following in your introductory statement: The responsibility of the federal government for the protection of civil rights; the wisdom of using criminal sanctions as a means of safeguarding rights; the extent to which criminal sanctions should be supplemented by educational activities designed to promote a healthier climate for civil liberty; the adequacy of existing federal legislation; and the need for new legislation. The Committee is also very much concerned about racial discrimination in public employment and private life. I know, of course, that this is a matter to which you have given much attention. I understand that you have been particularly concerned about racial discrimination in the army and it may well be that you will want to touch upon that subject. These remarks are suggestive only. You and your organization have long been interested in the civil rights problem and I am sure that there is much that you would like to say to the Committee.

The Committee would like to hold some of its hearings on a public basis although it is willing to have the sessions

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closed where that is the wish of the consultant or where the subject matter seems to call for a private rather than a public session. Will you please let me know your feeling in this respect?

If you would care to bring other representatives of the N.A.A.C.P. with you to participate in this appearance before the Committee, please feel free to do so. I would, however, appreciate advance knowledge if you do plan to take advantage of this opportunity.

If it is not possible for you to appear on the 17th of April we will do our best to find a later date for an appearance. If there are any questions raised by this letter, please do not hesitate to get in touch with me and I will do my best to answer them.

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Carr.

March 27, 1947

Mr. Walter White
Secretary
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
20 West 40th Street
New York 18, N. Y.

Dear Mr. White:

Your reply to the Committee's letter of February 20 has been received and I very much appreciate the report it contains of the work of the NAACP. I am also much interested in the suggestions you make pertaining to the Committee's activities and I will see that these are brought to the attention of the Committee.

It goes also without saying that the President's Committee is counting heavily upon your Association for advice and help. I am sure we will want to keep in close touch with you and I hope you will not hesitate to send us further materials or suggestions from time to time.

At the present time the staff is working on a schedule of hearings and you will hear from me shortly concerning an appearance by you before the Committee.

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Carr

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Dear Mr. Carr:

Thank you for your letter of February 20th, 1947, concerning the work of the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People was founded in 1909 for the purpose of defending the rights of Negroes throughout the country against mob violence and brutal lynchings. Since then we have expanded our work to also include health, travel, education, the franchise, employment and police brutality. In many instances these matters have been handled successfully on local and state wide bases. At other times we have had to take them to the United States Supreme Court. From 1915 to the present time we have been to the Court on twenty-three occasions and have been successful in twenty-two of these cases.

We are enclosing for your information a copy of the pamphlet, "Equal Justice Under Law", which explains each case brought before the United States Supreme Court in detail. You will note that this only goes through 1944. Subsequent to the publication of this pamphlet the Association was successful in the Irene Morgan case which was decided by the Supreme Court in the Spring of 1946 outlawing segregation in interstate bus travel. Also enclosed is a memorandum from Mr. Robert L. Carter, Assistant Special Counsel of this Association, which sets forth in detail the areas of study we feel would be important for the Committee to embrace. I am also supplying you with a copy of a letter sent to 1095 branches of this Association asking them to cooperate in the study the Committee is making.

We hope that the information we are submitting will be helpful to the Committee in carrying out the

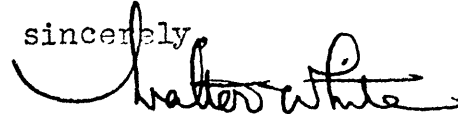
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executive order of the President and we want to assure you of our complete cooperation in supplying you with any information or material you feel will be helpful to the Committee's work.

Ever sincerely,



Secretary.

Mr. Robert K. Carr,
Executive Secretary
The President's Committee on Civil Rights
1712 "G" Street, N.W., Room 208
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Mims, Florida
March 12, 1946

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Gov. Millard F. Caldwell
Capitol Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Governor :

It has been reported to us that Leroy (T. S.) Bradswell, a discharged Negro soldier of Midway, Florida, has mysteriously disappeared while in the custody of Gadsden County officers. According to this report, Bradswell was arrested about 11:00 P. M. Monday, January 7, by Ortha Edwards and Mr. Maple, officers from Quincy, on a charge of writing a letter to a white girl. On January 26 one of these officers told the mother, Mary McCray Bradswell, that Leroy was not guilty, that the officers had taken Leroy to the county line and turned him loose, and that the mother would probably hear from him in a few days. We are informed that the mother has neither seen Leroy nor heard from him. The latest rumor up there is that Leroy has been beaten up badly and is being treated.

We shall be very grateful if you will make a thorough investigation of this matter and try to ascertain the facts in the case. We also urge that vigorous action be taken against any officer, or officers, who might be found guilty of brutal treatment of Bradswell.

Please let us hear from you after you have made your investigation.

Respectfully yours,

Harry T. Moore

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State of Florida
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Tallahassee

March 13, 1946.

Harry T. Moore, President
Florida State Conference of the
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People
Mims, Florida

Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of
your letter dated March 12th regarding
Leroy Bradwell of Midway.

I am today asking the Sheriff for
further information in connection with this
matter.

Sincerely,

Governor.

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Mims, Florida
June 3, 1946

Governor Willard F. Caldwell
Capitol Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Governor :

On March 12th we reported to you the case of Leroy Bradwell, Negro veteran of Midway, who is said to have disappeared while in the custody of peace officers of Gadsden County. I also have your letter of March 15th, in which you said that you were writing the Sheriff of that county for further information in connection with this case.

We are anxious to know the results of your investigation. Has Bradwell been located? Was he injured in any way by the officers? Please let us know the facts in this case.

On April 10th we received a copy of your letter to the Honorable Murray Sans, State Attorney at Deland, in which you asked him to investigate the death of James Fuller, Volusia County Negro, who was allegedly shot by a Deputy Sheriff near Pierson. We shall be grateful for a report on his findings in this case.

Sincerely yours,

Harry T. Moore

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State of Florida
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
Tallahassee

June 6, 1946.

Harry T. Moore, President,
Florida State Conference of the
National Association for the
Advancement of Colored People,
Mund, Florida.

Dear Sir :

Upon returning to the office, I have your letter of June 3 inquiring further about LeRoy Bradswell of Gadsden County and about the death of James Fuller of Volusia County.

Further investigation reveals very little additional information as to the whereabouts of LeRoy Bradswell. The Sheriff and other officials have made inquiry and while they have certain evidence and reports that Bradswell's mother is in regular communication with him and knows his whereabouts, they have been unable to get her to admit that she knows where he is. The officers are under the definite impression that she does know his whereabouts but for a certain reason refuses to give them this information.

Thorough further inquiry has been made regarding the death of James Fuller. There has been no new evidence brought to the attention of either the Grand Jury or the State's Attorney or any other authorized official regarding Fuller's death. I have received and thoughtfully studied the transcript of the testimony at the Coroner's inquest and have found nothing to substantiate any theory that the findings of the Coroner's jury were not correct and legal. I am informed by the State's Attorney that since the conclusion of the inquest

Harry T. Gore,
Miss. Florida
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no one has complained to his office about either the conduct of the inquest or the verdict of the Coroner's jury and no request had been made to him for a further investigation until I took up the matter with him. Further, no one appeared before or requested the Volusia County Grand Jury for the spring term, which was convened after Fuller's death, for further investigation of the case.

If you or anyone else has any new evidence, it should be called immediately to the attention of the State Attorney or Grand Jury in the county where the death occurred.

Sincerely,

Governor.

HFC:ROG

Mims, Florida
October 24, 1944

Gov. Willard V. Caldwell
Capitol Building
Tallahassee, Florida

Dear Governor :

We have your letter of Oct. 9 with reference to the case of Leroy Bradwell, Negro veteran of Midway, who disappeared on the night of Jan. 7 while in the custody of Gadsden County officers.

We note that you have had a thorough investigation made and that no facts have been uncovered to evidence foul play. You also state that if we have evidence, or know of any person who can produce such evidence, you would like to have it for submission to the appropriate authority.

Frankly, we have no direct evidence of foul play, because none of us knew where Bradwell is or what has happened to him. However, the affidavits submitted to you in our last letter contain concrete evidence of what happened at the Bradwell home on the night of Jan. 7. These affidavits clearly state that Leroy was arrested without warrant by Sheriff Edwards and Deputy Maple and carried away from his mother's home. We have three witnesses who are ready to testify to this fact. These affidavits also declare that Leroy's relatives have neither seen him nor heard of him since the night of his arrest. Perhaps Sheriff Edwards and Deputy Maple are the only living persons who actually knew what has happened to Leroy.

Again we ask these questions: (1) Was it lawful for the Sheriff to arrest Leroy without presenting a warrant? (2) If it was necessary to move Leroy from Gadsden County for safe keeping, would it not have been logical to carry him to Tallahassee or to another county jail? (3) Why was Leroy released before his alleged trial? (4) Since Leroy was last seen in the custody of these two officers, are they not responsible for his disappearance?

I am wondering what would happen to me if I should happen to be the last person seen with another man's cow. I wonder if I could clear myself by simply stating that I carried the cow down the road a piece and turned him loose. If that cow could not be found, the chances are that I would have to pay for his or go to jail.

We hope, therefore, that you will not accept such an explanation from Sheriff Edwards for the disappearance of a prisoner who was last seen in his charge. If Leroy Bradwell cannot be found, we again urge that you exercise your executive power and suspend Sheriff Edwards from office.

We received another letter from Bradwell's mother last week, asking if we have been able to find out anything about her son. The relatives have moved

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to 1749 W. 2nd Street, Jacksonville, and the mother says they are ready to give verbal testimony to your investigator. We shall be very grateful if you will follow through on this.

Respectfully yours,

Harry T. Moore
Executive Secretary

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correspondence*

March 12, 1947

MEMORANDUM TO MR. WHITE FROM ROBERT L. CARTER:

The facts clearly demand a new federal Civil Rights Act specifically designed to give individual citizens greater protection than is presently possible under the present statutes and, further, a federal anti-lynching statute, federal FEPC statute, anti-poll tax statute and a federal law on voting sufficiently broad to outlaw the South Carolina white primary plan and any other devious measures aimed at maintenance of white primaries.

In regard to specific suggestions, it is felt that the following are important:

1) The Committee should study educational, health and recreational facilities available throughout the South to determine whether there are adequate facilities for all people and should study the discrimination which Negroes are experiencing in these facilities which presently are most inadequate for all, both Negroes and whites. Such a study will possibly reveal the necessity for federal legislation to aid public education in the South and will point up the necessity of protecting the share of the federal aid which Negroes will receive by tacking onto the legislation a proviso that there should be no discrimination on account of race or color in the aid given.

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2) Negroes are presently suffering humiliation in traveling in southern portions of the country in interstate commerce on buses and trains particularly because they are forced to sit either on the back seat of the buses or are required to occupy a Jim Crow car and are not permitted to share the accommodations available to other passengers on trains in the dining, club or tavern cars without being subjected to great humiliation and embarrassment. In the dining car Negroes are seated behind a curtain. In spite of the Irene Morgan decision, which outlawed state statutes which required the segregation of the races on interstate carriers, the railroads and bus lines are accomplishing the same results under their authority to enforce private rules and regulations regarding the operation of their lines. An incident of national citizenship is the right to travel freely from state to state. Congress, under its power to control interstate commerce, may by statute declare the practice of segregation in any form on interstate carriers invalid. Legislation of this sort has been proposed on several occasions in Congress--H. R. 8821, 75th Congress, 3rd Session, 83 Congressional Record 74; H. R. 182, 76th Congress, 1st Session, 84th Congressional Record 27; H. R. 112, 77th Congress, 1st Session, 87th Congressional Record 13, but to my knowledge has never reached the floor because it has never received the backing of the leadership of either party. I think that we should suggest that the Committee sponsor such legislation and urge the administration to support same.

3) It seems to me that the Committee, if it is to get more than an academic picture of the problem arising from the denial of civil rights to individuals in the United States, should go en masse to a place like Greenville, South Carolina, where the recent lynching of a Negro occurred, to see what it can find out from the attitude of the various people in the community toward atrocities such as

this and to see whether or not they will be able to from such testimony make some determination as to causes and reasons for this type of violence. It should further hold hearings in our larger cities in the North such as Chicago, Detroit, New York and Los Angeles, as well as the larger cities in the South such as Atlanta, New Orleans and Birmingham, as well as several rural areas in the South so that it can get a feel of the corrosive effect of racism on the whole community.

4) We also suggest that the Committee study the problem of discrimination with regard to governmental employment. Possibly the best way to make this study is for the Committee to recommend the setting up of an independent agency in Washington whose duty will be to eliminate such discrimination both in government employment and in Federal Civil Service. The recent experiences of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practices has certainly revealed the need for a continuation of such an agency in regard to private employment throughout the country. It is suggested that the President's Committee study the reports of the defunct FEPC and recommend to the President's Committee the setting up of a permanent FEPC.

5) With regard to housing, there is a great lack of adequate housing for Negroes. Over and above the chronic need for adequate housing generally, there presently exists the continuation of a pattern of segregation in government-financed housing projects. Certainly this Committee should study the extent of segregation in public and quasi-public housing. It should further study the question of facilities in government-financed housing available to Negroes particularly. It is further believed that if it studies FHA and GI loans for the purpose of buying property, it will find that those loans are being refused to Negroes, Jews and Japanese where the property in question is covered by restrictive covenants of one sort or another.

6) It is also suggested that it study the problem of discrimination and segregation in the Armed Forces and in the National Guard Units.

7) With regard to methods, I think that it should have its own paid staff which will investigate and find out from first hand the actual situations as they exist in regard to the denial of civil rights. It should also hold public hearings throughout the country as suggested above and invite testimony from all sections of the community on the question.

8) It should recommend certainly the unrestricted usage of qualified Negroes and members of other minority groups in active positions in the Department of Justice and FBI. Since no matter how good the law is with regard to the protection of civil rights, it is only as effective as its administrators make it. The Department of Justice therefore should be required to have its personnel dedicated to the principle of full protection of all citizens of the United States without regard to race, creed or color and without regard to local notions in such regard.

I am attaching a memorandum which was sent out to the Branches. I am told that answers have started to come in. The President's Committee should be informed of this memorandum and of the fact that we will send a report on to it of our findings after our results are all in.

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THE PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS
1712 G Street, N.W., Room 208
Washington 25, D. C.

February 13, 1947

Mr. Walter White,
Executive Secretary,
National Association for the Advancement of Colored People,
100 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. White:

The President's Committee on Civil Rights, after a considerable delay, has succeeded in establishing a secretariat with offices at 1712 G Street, N.W., Room 208. We are planning to write you very shortly inviting your cooperation in the work of this office. We have, however, an immediate problem which leads us to seek your help. We want to send out a general letter to all organizations - educational, religious, economic, etc. - whose activities are related directly or indirectly to the civil liberty problem and its many aspects. We are assembling such a list, but we are finding it difficult to make it complete and to secure a proper address in each instance.

If you have a list of organizations with their addresses, we would greatly appreciate receiving a copy of it.

Thanking you for this service and looking forward to further association between the President's Committee and your organization, I am

Sincerely yours,

Robert K. Carr,
Executive Secretary.

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Dear Mr. Carr:

Thank you for your letter of February 13th. I have been keeping in touch with the progress of the Committee through the White House and the press and we are delighted to know that the Committee is getting under way.

I am sure you share with us the conviction that it is imperative that the Committee's report be made available to the Congress as soon as possible so as to permit corrective action during this session of the 80th Congress. Emphasis is given to this by the lynching at Greenville, South Carolina this morning about which I have just telegraphed you.

I shall, of course, be delighted, as I indicated in my telegram to Mr. Charles E. Wilson, to render whatever assistance this Association and I, personally, can give towards the Committee's work. I shall be out of the country from February 19th to about March 5th or 6th. I shall be at your disposal any time after that date.

In the meantime I want you to see the enclosed copy of letter which we sent on January 14th to 1,095 branches of the Association asking them to send material for the use of your committee. Replies are now coming in and are being digested by Mr. Thurgood Marshall, Special Counsel of the Association. May I make the suggestion that in addition to myself, it would be most helpful to the Committee, in my opinion, to invite Mr. Marshall to meet with you. As you perhaps know, Mr. Marshall has handled most of the cases involving civil rights

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which have been argued in the United States Supreme Court and in inferior courts.

I send you herewith a list of the members of the National Committee for Justice in Columbia, Tennessee which did such superb work in bringing about the acquittal to date of twenty-six of the twenty-seven Negroes tried at Lawrenceburg and Columbia, Tennessee under what were probably the worst conditions any such trials have ever been conducted. I send you also a list of the members of the National Committee Against Mob Violence which was organized in this building by the N.A.A.C.P. on August 6th. We invited the National Association of Manufacturers, the United States Chamber of Commerce and other employer organizations also, but most of them sent regrets. It was our conviction-- and still is-- that the preservation of civil liberties and the abolition of mob violence should be a matter of greatest concern to those who have most to conserve. I am sure your Committee will want also to get the suggestions of such groups as the National Association of Manufacturers and the Chamber of Commerce and others in addition to those who are showing gravest concern about the growth of mob violence.


We have in Washington a Bureau of the Association located at 100 Massachusetts Avenue, NW, telephone National 5794. There are three staff members located in that office who will be glad to render whatever assistance is desired. They are Mr. Leslie Perry, Administrative Assistant; Mr. Clarence Mitchell, Labor Secretary; and Mr. Jesse O. Dedmon, Veterans Secretary. Please feel free to call on any of the facilities of that office

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as well as of the National Office here.

I have been informed that you and I
have a close personal friend in common in
President John Dickey.

Cordially



Secretary

Mr. Robert K. Carr
Executive Secretary
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Dear Branch Officer:

Re: PRESIDENT'S COMMITTEE ON CIVIL RIGHTS

A few days ago President Truman appointed a Committee on Civil Rights, headed by Charles E. Wilson, to report to him on violations of civil rights and unequal treatment of Negroes and other minorities. Dr. Channing H. Tobias, NAACP Board member, is also a member of this important committee. This committee was appointed as the result of a delegation organized by the NAACP conferring with the President on September 19, 1946 at which conference it was urged that the Federal Government protect the rights of minorities in America and take action to stop flagrant denials of civil rights.

In order to present as much accurate information as possible to the Committee, we are asking each branch to forward to us immediately information on the following:

Lynching
Police Brutality
Denial of right to vote or register
Discrimination in employment, housing
transportation, recreation, education
and health.

We need specific instances - cases which have been called to the attention of your branch or of which you have direct knowledge and can supply the details.

Please include in your report to the National Office any known instances of mob violence or lynching in your community, the number of police brutality cases in 1946, any denials of right to vote by registrars, election officials or police officers. Report any refusal to employ Negroes in certain types of jobs and discrimination of any type by state employment services and private employment agencies.

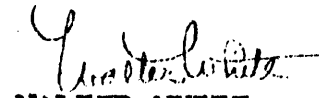
Advise us whether public housing authorities in your community have made provisions for Negro veterans to occupy any units in the

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Federal housing program. We are very interested in any accounts of mob violence on the part of neighborhood improvement associations or any anti-Negro demonstrations to prevent Negroes from occupying homes purchased by them or public units made available in housing projects.

Please fill out the attached report blank and return immediately to the National Office.

Very truly yours,



WALTER WHITE
SECRETARY

REPORT TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE

Walter White - Secretary

Our branch submits the following report for submission to the President's Committee on Civil Rights of cases or other information:

LYNCHING (Mob violence with or without the participation of state officers (but set forth details of participation by state officers wherever possible), whether or not it results in the death of the victim.)

POLICE BRUTALITY

(In a separate category, set forth here acts of violence against veterans any facts indicating a campaign to intimidate veterans.)

VOTING AND REGISTRATION

(Detail here specific instances of Negroes who comply with the legal requirements to register or to vote, but who were denied this right either (a) by action by registrars, Boards of Election and police officers, or (b) threats and intimidation from private individuals.)

INEQUALITIES IN EMPLOYMENT

(Give details of (a) refusal to employ Negroes in certain types of jobs; (b) Negroes receiving less pay for the same work and (c) discrimination in employment by the state or city.)

HOUSING

(Give details of inequalities in public housing, specifically in the allotment of temporary housing units to veterans or in public housing to Negro citizens.)

(If necessary, use back of sheet for more detailed report)

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December 6, 1946

Mr. Walter White, Executive Secretary
National Association for Advancement of Colored People
29 West 40th Street
New York, N. Y.

My dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your telegram of today to Mr. Wilson, in his capacity as Chairman of the President's Committee on Civil Rights.

Mr. Wilson is away at the present time, to be gone until the latter part of December. Soon after his return he undoubtedly will be more familiar with his obligations as chairman of this Committee and I am sure will be glad to take advantage of all the information and assistance he can secure in carrying on this work.

Very truly yours,

James F. Harris
Secretary to President

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