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BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

Honorable Harry Hopkins  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Harry:

As a further supplement to the information which I have previously furnished to the President and you regarding the March On Washington Movement National Conference in Chicago, there are related below the events which transpired at the National Executive Committee meeting of this group on July 5, 1943.

During the course of the meeting which was held in the Metropolitan Community Church, sub-committees were appointed. William Stewart Nelson of Howard University, Washington, D. C., was re-appointed Chairman of the Non-Violence Good-Will Direct Action Committee and Thurman Dodson, a Washington, D.C., attorney, was named Chairman of the Committee to work with the Fair Employment Practice Committee.

A new group was set up at this meeting to make plans for a conference to be held next year in New York City to discuss post-war planning for "free Negroes and darker peoples." At this proposed conference it is planned to draw up "manifesto of four freedoms to apply to Chinese, Indian peoples and Negroes" for presentation to the United Nations Peace Conference following the war.

Charles W. Burton announced that a series of institutes are planned to teach non-violent good-will direct action, the first one to be held at Howard University. He also asserted that transportation and public utility companies of Chicago and elsewhere would be asked to hire Negroes equally and that if these requests are met with refusals mass demonstrations will be employed.

The majority of the delegates at the convention were reported to be leaving for their homes on July 6, 1943. A. Philip Randolph, E. Pauline Myers and Aldrich Turner were scheduled to return to New York City on the same date.

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I thought you would be interested in receiving the information set out above as, according to informants, it covers the final official activities of the March on Washington Movement National Conference.

With best wishes and kind regards,

Sincerely yours,

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