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Memorandum for the Director:

I have mentioned to you a certain memorandum, prepared by the Solicitor's Office, to the Secretary, urging him to break down the segregation of Negroes and whites in Shenandoah National Park. I understand this memorandum is being held for final decision until the Secretary's return.

The subject was briefly referred to by the Secretary one day when I was there with Mr. Burlaw, and he indicated that the Park Service must insist upon early provision for Negro accommodations equal to facilities for white persons.

At your meeting with the park operators on Thursday, February 16, I suggest that you bring up this subject and that you urge the operators to immediately provide some facilities for Negroes so that charge cannot be made that we are not furnishing at least the same type and character of facilities that are provided for whites.

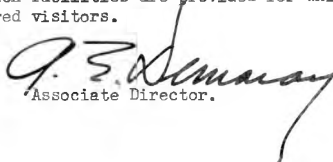
A copy of Superintendent Lassiter's memorandum of February 8, regarding facilities for Negroes in Shenandoah National Park, is attached. Please return when you have noted.

Enclosure 1911136.

G. B. Semaray
Associate Director.

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It will be necessary to indicate on the edition of the Master Plan now being prepared, which facilities are provided for white visitors and which for colored visitors.


Associate Director.

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