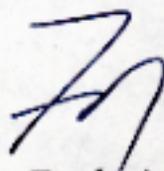


things that seem to be giving them great concern. I feel the psychology of the President seeing these men will have a great effect upon the morale, sentiments and attitudes of Negro citizens. Their present feeling is that their acknowledged leadership is being ignored, snubbed, and belittled by the President and his staff. Even though we may be aware of what these men will say when they meet the President, it is important that they be able to meet him and say it face to face.

In all my trips and speeches about the country, my greatest difficulty is convincing people during the question and answer period that the Administration is sincere in its attitude on Civil Rights. Even in the predominantly white audience in Minneapolis at the Republican Workshop three weeks ago, the questions from the floor were on the matter of the President's refusal to see the Negro leaders and to assure them of his interest in their problem.

If the President will consent to see Messrs. King, Randolph and ^{Ray} Wilkins at the same time, I think Max and I can work out the details of a visit and brief these men on protocol before the meeting, so that the meeting will shed light and not head on this difficult question.



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