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SUBJECT: Racial difficulties within the Army Air Forces.

TO: Commanding General,
All Air Forces,
All independent Army Air Forces commands.
Commandant,
Army Air Forces School of Applied Tactics.
Commanding Officers,
All exempted Army Air Forces stations.
(In continental United States).

1. Recent racial difficulties within the Army Air Forces have brought to light the fact that some War Department agencies feel that the Army Air Forces are not complying ^{with} and do not desire to comply with War Department policy as affects handling of Negro troops.

2. I personally was not conscious of this fact; however, in the event that there is such a feeling in the Army Air Forces anywhere which is in opposition to War Department policy it must be immediately stamped out.

~~3. It is the inherent responsibility of commanders to appreciate the seriousness of the problem~~

4. Also apparent is the lack of appreciation of the urgent necessity of continuous and vigorous action to prevent incidents of discrimination and the spread of inflammatory gossip and to take positive measures to ^{prevent} ~~snipe~~ impending difficulties.

³ These instructions will be transmitted to the proper elements of your command and the necessary supervision established to insure ^{that it will understood} ~~a rigid compliance with~~ War Department policy on this subject and any subject is automatically Army Air Force policy.

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Redraft as corrected
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