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BALTIMORE (M. D.) COUNCIL OF
NEGRO AGENCIES

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 6, 1941

February 7th, 1941.

My dear Dean Grant:

MEMORANDUM TO MR. WILLIAM D. HASSETT:

I have read with deep interest and sympathy your letter of January 28th outlining the aims and purposes of the conference to be sponsored by the Baltimore Council of Negro Agencies on March 15th and 16th. You ask me to send the conference a word of encouragement. I do so with all the more readiness and pleasure because your own letter contained more than a word of encouragement for me. of Negroes in Baltimore.

The integrity and fidelity of our Negro citizens in a time of world turmoil have been, and continue to be, a heartening spectacle. No group in our population has shown a higher immunity to the poison of disloyalty. No group has manifested a keener appreciation of the validity and vitality of the democratic process.

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I wish your conference every success. You meet at a critical moment. I have every faith in the soundness of your deliberations.

Robert P. Patterson,
Under Secretary of War.
Sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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Dean George C. Grant x A
Morgan State College x
Baltimore, Maryland

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.
February 4, 1941

February 7th, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR:

With the return of the accompanying

MEMORANDUM TO MR. WILLIAM D. HASSETT:
submit draft of a suitable letter which the
President could send to the forthcoming meeting
of the Baltimore Conference.

I have attached a draft of an appropriate
letter from the President to Dean Grant in connection with
the conference of Negroes in Baltimore.

I am also returning the letter from Dean
Grant to the President.

William D. Hassett
R. P. Patterson

Robert P. Patterson,
Under Secretary of War.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 4, 1941

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William D. Hassett

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Respectfully yours,

George C. Grant
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BALTIMORE [M.D.] COUNCIL OF
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MORGAN STATE COLLEGE

February 4, 1941

January 28, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY OF WAR: x25

With the return of the accompanying letter from Dean George C. Grant of Morgan State College, Baltimore, will you please submit draft of a suitable letter which the President could send to the forthcoming meeting of the Baltimore Council of Negro Agencies.

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The 145,000 Negro citizens of Baltimore, Maryland, feel keenly the failure of American Democracy to consider them as assets in the present emergency. Our only desire is to be used as instruments in the preservation of the social order, which is the only one we know and love. We who have surveyed the American scene realize that the pressures which are exerted upon the Negro are not the only evidence that Democracy as an ideal has yet to be attained. We are merely part of a total problem. Our purpose is to make an intelligent contribution to the problem so that Democratic practices will be in tune with enunciated theories.

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WILLIAM D. HASSETT

Let. to Pres., 1/28/41 from

George C. Grant,

Dean, Morgan State College,
Baltimore, Md.


Says the 145,000 Negroes of Baltimore feel keenly the failure of American democracy to consider them as assets in the present emergency. Balto. Council of Negro Agencies, representing 33 organizations, is called to consider the problem of integration which seems to rest so heavily upon them. Asks for word of encouragement from Pres. for this conference (Mar.15-16).

A note from you will lend fresh impetus to the consideration of our problems and America's problem, with intelligent concentration.

This letter is written in my capacity as Chairman of the Program Committee of the Council of Negro Agencies, as Vice-President of the Baltimore Urban League, and as Dean of Morgan

State College.

Respectfully yours,


George C. Grant

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CARNEGIE HALL

MORGAN STATE COLLEGE

BALTIMORE, MD.

January 28, 1941

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States of America
White House
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

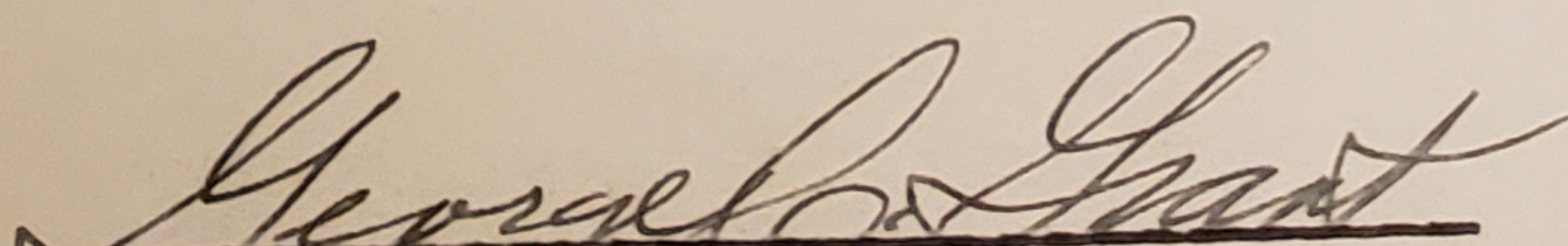
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To this end the Baltimore Council of Negro Agencies, representing thirty-three organizations, is sponsoring a conference in Baltimore on March 15-16. This conference is called to consider the problem of integration which seems to rest so heavily upon us. The purpose of this letter is to ask you to send the participants in this conference a word of encouragement. Negro citizens of all political faiths recognize the inherent fairness which characterizes your administration. We know further that you are caught in the web of traditional public opinion and are, therefore, restrained from taking steps which your heart dictates as just.

A note from you will lend fresh impetus to the consideration of our problems and America's problem, with intelligent concentration.

This letter is written in my capacity as Chairman of the Program Committee of the Council of Negro Agencies, as Vice-President of the Baltimore Urban League, and as Dean of Morgan State College.

Respectfully yours,


George C. Grant

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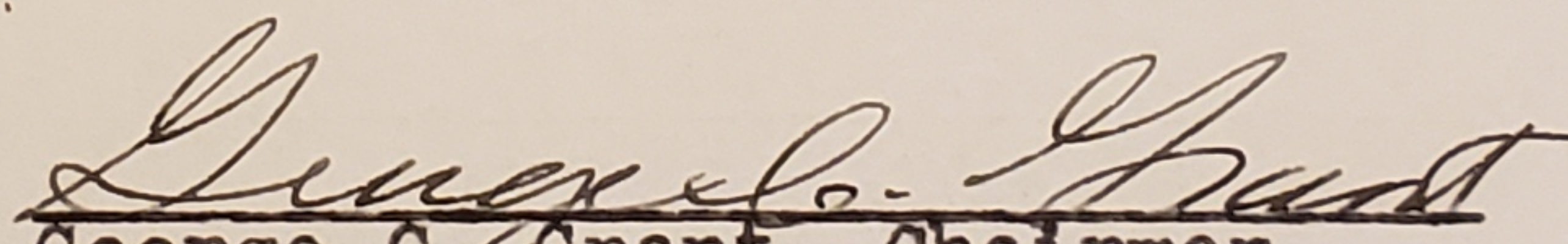
February 17, 1941

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States of America
White House
Washington, D. C.

Honorable Sir:

Thank you for the encouraging words which you sent to the Conference on Participation of Negroes in Defense, sponsored by the Baltimore Council of Negro Agencies. We are deeply grateful for the appropriateness and sincerity of your message.

Respectfully yours,


George C. Grant, Chairman
Program Committee

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