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MEMORANDUM

TO : IAJr.
FROM : AM

As a result of the wire from Lester McCann, in which he outlined the circumstances when he was refused admittance to the Health Club of the Downtown, YMCA, I talked with Mr. Joseph Bransby, who furnished the following information.

He said that the Downtown Y was 85% integrated, but that the Health Club and swimming pool had not been. He said that they were honest with all people in telling them that it was against their policy to admit negroes to these two areas. The Executive Committee was meeting Tuesday afternoon (6/20) to discuss policy on these two sensitive areas. He advised that the General Membership dues are \$50.00 a year, which includes the swimming pool (although they have never had any Negroes seeking to use it) and the Health Club was \$100.

He further said that McCann was the first Negro to ever appear at this club with a membership card from another club (Hollywood, Calif.) He said they explained to Mr. McCain that all YMCA cards offer reciprocal facilities based on local practices, and that the health club was not open to Negroes.

He said they received a call from SNICK on Tuesday, and had set up an appointment Wednesday afternoon to discuss this with SNICK and Mr. McCann, and they never showed up.

He also said he would advise this office of any decisions made Tuesday by the Metropolitan Executive Committee, Jefferson Davis, Chairman.