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MEMORANDUM FOR RECORD

SUBJECT: Voting Registration

At the Lawton Community Relations Council meeting 14 March, I was asked to determine whether or not it is permissible for Civil Service employees to serve as Registrars for the purpose of registering people to vote.

On 17 March, I contacted Mr. Pieratt, Civilian Personnel, and asked him this question. He did considerable research through CRR's, FPM's, etc and could find nothing conclusive one way or the other.

On 18 March, Mr. Pieratt called the Civilian Personnel Office at Fourth U. S. Army Headquarters and spoke with Mr. Layman. Mr. Layman stated that it is not permissible. He acknowledged that the regulations were not specific but that they had had a similar question in their headquarters and the decision had been made that it could not be permitted as being a violation of the Hatch Act.

Mr. Pieratt stated that he had called Mrs. Durum (?) of the County Election Board in the process of trying to make his determination and said that he learned from her that you are paid 50¢ per individual registered. You also must be available in your home for at least three hours each day during the registration period. He said that Mrs. Durum told him that she did not know whether it was "legal" for a Civil Service employee to serve in this capacity and asked him to let her know what he found out.

Mr. Pieratt stated that he could see no objection for a Civil Service employee furnishing transportation to a Registrar to accomplish registration of individuals. I was thinking of myself in particular in this regard, i.e. My mother-in-law cannot drive, would it be permissible for me to drive her for her if she were a Registrar.

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