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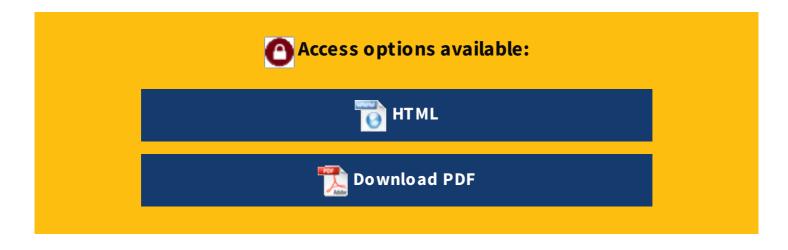
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As he toured the Mediterranean in the early months of 1944 in his role as Executive Secretary of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People (NAACP), Walter White witnessed a very strange phenomenon for that day and age—racial harmony within the United States military. He was in Foggia, Italy, assessing the combat efficiency and general well-being of America's first all-black combat flying unit, the 99th Fighter Squadron, trained at the segregated Tuskegee Army Air Field and currently under the command of Captain George "Spanky" Roberts. This unit of pilots and technicians, commonly referred to as the Tuskegee Airmen, consisted solely of African Ameri-

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