

TO Mr. Paulger
FROM _____

REMARKS:

Would it be proper
for you - or the Chairman
to call this case
to Roy Young's notice?

I assume there is
nothing we could do
here?

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Joseph F. Connellan,
37 Waverly Street,
Brookline, Mass.

May 15, 1938

RESPECTFULLY REFERRED
FOR ACKNOWLEDGMENT
AND CONSIDERATION

James Roosevelt
Secretary to the President

Hon. James Roosevelt,
Washington, D. C.

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Fred Roosevelt
P.S.*

Dear Brother Roosevelt:

I am sure you will be able to recall what we were both instructed in getting our blue lodge degrees, when we were taught what the fine points of fellowship stood for. I am such a worthy brother in distress coming for assistance, which I hope you will be able to give me.

For seventeen years prior to last November I was employed by the Commonwealth as a State Bank Examiner. Last November due to a purely political upheaval in the personnel of that department, I was given a chance to resign. Wm. P. Husband, Jr. the Bank Commissioner told me that in letting me go he had nothing on or against me, no fault to find with my work and would give me any number of references I would ask him for. He admitted his hands were tied, and it is generally accepted that in this upheaval he was simply carrying out instructions. I have been unable to again get located in any work and am now desperate. Everything going out and nothing coming in leaves me right up against it. In such a frame of mind I now find myself, and that is my reason in writing you. I need help and feel you can help me out. I am married, have three children and am trying to pay for my own home. I am a member of the Massachusetts bar, the Presbyterian Church and local lodges of masons and Odd Fellows.

I have filed applications for employment at the local government agencies for the following departments: Federal Reserve Bank as an Examiner; F.D.I.C., National Bank Examiners, F.H. L.B. and W.P.A. *****
***** Would it be possible for you to write a note to each head of these departments to try and help me out? Words would fail me in telling you of my appreciation if you would do this for me.

I have twice voted for your Dad as President and am looking forward I trust, to again voting for him. You and I have mutual friends here in Brookline in Francis Hamilton and David B. Church. They both have been on the lookout for me and both are very sorry for me in not being able to get located. Whatever assistance you will be able to give me will be greatly appreciated by them, and I will see to it that they know all about anything you do for me.

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Thanking you in advance for any assistance you may see your way to

Received in
Governor's Office

Fraternally yours,

/s/ Joseph F. Connellan

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Board of Governors
of the
Federal Reserve System

June 21, 1938.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

You recently referred to me, among others, a copy of a letter of May 15, 1938, received from Mr. Joseph F. Connellan, of Brookline, Massachusetts, who for seventeen years, prior to last November, had been employed as a State Bank Examiner in Massachusetts, but who was dismissed allegedly for political reasons.

He appears to be the victim of a most unfortunate situation for which he is in no way responsible, and I wish that a place could be found for him either in our examination division here or in the Federal Reserve bank at Boston, to which he has already made application. Our staff, however, is already over-manned, if anything, relative to the very restricted jurisdiction of the Federal Reserve System in the field of bank examination, and the Board has no authority with respect to the hiring of personnel by the Federal Reserve banks, so that I very much regret to report that I do not see how I can be of service in trying to help Mr. Connellan.

I wanted you to know, however, that his letter had not been treated in any perfunctory manner, but that after canvassing the possibilities here I do not see any opening for him in our examination division, which does not have jurisdiction over examination of national banks or of insured non-member banks, these two groups comprising approximately 95 per cent of the banks examined by the three Federal examining agencies.

Sincerely yours,

M. S. Eccles,
Chairman.

Honorable James Roosevelt,
Secretary to the President,
The White House.

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