

Haywood Box Co.

Exempted Case

August 21, 1918.

<sup>WLS</sup>  
Miss Amy Hughes, Supervisor in  
Women's Branch, Industrial Service Section,  
155 E. Superior Street, Chicago, Ill.

My dear <sup>WLS</sup> Miss Hughes:

Your letter of August 18th, with the attached  
copy from Miss Agnes L. Peterson, has been received.

No telegram regarding the Haywood Box Company  
has reached this office, so that your letter is the first  
word that we have had. We are taking it up at once with  
Dr. Hopkins.

Yours sincerely,

MARY VAN KLEECK,  
Director, Woman in Industry Service.

August 21, 1918.

Dr. E. M. Hopkins,  
Office of the Secretary of War,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Doctor Hopkins:

The attached letter is just received. I hope that  
for this request has come from the Company to General Crowder,  
it may be referred for investigation, according to the usual  
procedure. In that event, I think we can get a prompt and  
reliable report from Miss Peterson, who is a factory inspector  
in Minnesota.

Yours sincerely,

MARY VAN KLEECK,  
Director, Women in Industry.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
ORDNANCE DISTRICT OFFICE  
INDUSTRIAL SERVICE SECTION  
155 EAST SUPERIOR ST.

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CHICAGO, ILLINOIS  
August 16, 1918.

Miss Mary Van Kleeck,  
Women in Industry Service,  
U. S. Department of Labor,  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Miss Van Kleeck:

Enclosed is a copy of the letter  
received from Miss Agnes L. Peterson con-  
cerning the exemption case referred to you  
by telegram August 14th.

Yours very sincerely,

AMY HEWES  
Supervisor in Women's Branch  
Industrial Service Section.

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2617 Dean Boulevard  
Minneapolis

District Organization

Miss Amy Hewes,  
Supervisor in Women's Branch,  
Industrial Service Section,  
Chicago, Ill.

My dear Miss Hewes:

The Haywood Box Company, Minneapolis, have requested permission to work their women three evening a week in order to finish a government contract within a certain time. Our law limits the hours of employment for women to 54 hours per week in factories. They have been working a 50 hour week, which would of course allow them for two evenings of two hours each. The superintendent, however, claims that in order to turn out the envelopes ordered by General Crowder it may be necessary to violate the state laws and exceed the 54 hours. He has wired Washington to that effect and just told me that if General Crowder wants the envelopes he will secure permission for them to exceed the 54 hour limitation.

This is the first instance of this kind which has come to my attention as I am reporting the matter to you as per our conversation while you were in St. Paul.

Very truly yours,

Agnes L. Peterson

CHAIRMAN, WOMAN IN INDUSTRY.

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