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The Educational Placement Office,
State University of Iowa,
Iowa City, Iowa.

Gentlemen:

I desire to evaluate the services of our Mr. Reginald R. Strait, who came to us in October, 1942, from Chanute, Kansas, where he had been Director of Physical Education for the Chanute Public Schools, and a teacher in the Junior College of that city.

We had previously known Mr. Strait several years before he came to us, and we were always attracted to him by his ready response and affable personality. We have found in Mr. Strait everything that we had hoped for prior to engaging him. He is clean, courteous, highly efficient and most dependable. He is a man's man.

Perhaps I had better state that when we engaged Mr. Strait we were on a very heavy program of conditioning for our Army and Navy personnel. The first unit that Mr. Strait did exceptional work with was our Navy V-5 unit. In my opinion, this was the top outfit among our V-5, V-12, ASTP, Machinists' Mates and Electricians' Mates. At one time we had nearly twenty-five hundred trainees, running ten thousand man hours per week in this department.

With enthusiasm and vigor Mr. Strait did an outstanding job with the V-5 and V-12 units. On a number of occasions I was informed by the Navy personnel that Mr. Strait was their choice among our five civilian physical directors.

We place exceptionally high dependence and confidence in Mr. Strait. In our School of Education, where we have a major in Physical Education, Mr. Strait is now teaching Community Recreation, and in the fall term he teaches Hygiene. He is an excellent teacher in these academic subjects. In addition to this, we have a University High School in which he supervises the practice teaching of our Physical Education majors among the men. Added to these duties he supervises the swimming pool which includes, of course, the cleanliness as well as the taking of bi-weekly bacteriological tests.

In other words, we have learned to rely upon him in a great many capacities and we are happy to say that he has never disappointed us the slightest in any of them. On the other hand, he is responsive to an exceptional degree in reaching out for new activities.