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Address Reply to:
The Office of Naval Officer Procurement, 210 North 13th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, and not to the signer of this letter.

March 27, 1943

Dear Sir:

Reference: VANEK, Ernest Joe, 709 MacVicar, Topeka, Kans.

Applicant for commission, U. S. Naval Reserve.

In placing this important matter before you, it is sincerely regretted that a personal letter can not be sent, but to do so would make it necessary to divert energy now focused on other wartime duties.

The conscientious thought given your reply to this request may affect the welfare and safety of many men, as the man about whom we are writing may eventually be in a position of command. Therefore, the requested information is of more than usual significance.

Please tell us in detail what you can about this applicant. For your convenience we have enclosed a form which covers the essential items upon which information is desired. It would contribute to our appraisal of the applicant if you would place your answers below the questions on the enclosed sheet.

A return envelope is enclosed. Your reply will be kept in strictest confidence and will have an important bearing on the final decision. Please accept our thanks for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

W. D. Donahue
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Lieut. (jg) USNR
By direction

Mr. Forrest C. Allen,
Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach,
University of Kansas,
Lawrence, Kansas.

NOTE: This is a very urgent and important matter and this man's application will be held up pending your reply. Therefore, it would be sincerely appreciated if you would give this your immediate attention.