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Mr. Roger Williams  
Postmaster  
Lawrence, Kansas

Dear "Dode":

Someone has defined a friend as an individual that you can go to when in time of need or in time of trouble. I am not in need at the present time, thank goodness, since the elections are over and everybody is near normalcy again. Congratulations to you and your party, because if I read the signs right this should insure another four years of your incumbency. I trust that everything will be as happy and pleasant for you in the next four years as they have been in the past six or seven.

Dode, I am asking a favor, if you can grant it, for Bud Herriman. You know Bud I am sure. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Webster. I have been tremendously interested in Mrs. Webster's struggle to see her children through the University. I remember years back when she was secretary for Dick Williams of the Watkins Bank. Then when the Watkins Bank and the Lawrence National Bank consolidated, we hired Mrs. Webster here in the Athletic office. She has struggled constantly to see that her two children had better opportunities than their parents.

I have been able to help along with work for them, and this year Bud entered the University and desires to compete on Coach Bill Hargiss' track team. Of course, the fact that he is out for athletics curtails some of his working hours, but we all believe that a boy who is energetic enough to get out and do the extra curricular things has enough foresight and energy to be a valuable member of society. For that reason I am asking you if it is at all possible for Bud to get on as an extra at the Post Office during the Christmas rush.

I realize that all these appointments are by civil service with the exception of special delivery carriers, and so forth. Mrs. Webster spoke to me and asked if I would write you. She stated that Bud could use the family car to make the deliveries and it would help him to no end if he was fortunate enough to land such a position.

Dode, you have been very kind to me in a great number of instances, and I assure you I would consider it a personal favor if you can see fit to help this young, worthy boy.