Copy of Confidential Communication to the Appointment Secretary Stanford University, Calif.

March 9, 1933

Regarding information you request about Mr. E. B. DeGroot, Jr., I believe he may be ably suited to the work he has chosen as a teacher and physical education instructor.

My experience with Mr. DeGroot extends over a period of years, and I have no information about the young man which is of a negative nature. My experience with him has been very satisfactory, and positive in every way.

I knew Mr. DeGroot at the Los Angeles municipal camp as a leader of Scouts during the summers of 1927 and 1928, during which time he acted as an instructor in swimming, life saving, horseback riding and Scout activities and games. He did this with a great deal of credit to the camp organization. During the summers of 1929 and 1930, he was employed under my supervision as a Pool Guard, and during some part of the summer, was in complete charge of a municipal pool, where instruction is given in elementary swimming instruction, swimming coaching and life saving. In my opinion, Mr. DeGroot is qualified to teach and coach all branches of aquatics in the High School Physical Education program. We need men of his type in this very important field.

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