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Chief of Naval Personnel,  
Navy Department,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am very happy to commend to you Melvin F. Griffin, athletic director and coach at Long Beach Junior College, Long Beach, California. Melvin Griffin is a graduate of the University of Kansas and was a star athlete in football, basketball and track during his undergraduate days. He was clean, personable, intelligent and cooperative.

Griffin came to the University from Burlington, Kansas. He was a boy who had to work his way through college. He did not depend on his athletic prowess to obtain an easy job. This was not for him. Rather, he preferred the way to success through struggle and through his own initiative and versatility.

When Melvin Griffin was a freshman I came in very close contact with him, and had a close association through his four years in college. As Director of Athletics at that time I had many opportunities to witness his leadership, and I might say at no time during those four years did he fail.

After graduating from the University he coached high schools with fine success at McPherson and Lawrence, Kansas. I followed his coaching success here in Lawrence with unusual interest because one of my sons played under him. He led his men by the power of his personality and clean and forceful influence. From Lawrence High he went to Long Beach where he has made a most outstanding record.

Griffin has the ability to inspire his men to unusual heights. I am glad to write this testimonial to his character, standing and efficiency. I recommend him without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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