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C. Sp. J. Fred Harris,
U. S. Naval Air Station,
Richmond, Florida.

Dear Freddy:

I acknowledge receipt of your good letter of the 22nd instant, together with your classy Richmond News publication. The cuts are clear indeed, and the get-up of the magazine is excellent. You have a well-balanced paper. The front page news, the sports, and everything - all integrated in splendid style.

I was sorry to hear about your father being terminated at Sunflower. Mit told me that he received a letter from you and that he was doing everything he could to see if he could not help your dad get back on the job. I know he is doing that even though he hasn't written. They are terminating so many men out there that I feel he may have trouble getting back. I will tell Mit you are expecting a letter from him.

Perhaps Tom Sweeney could help you, although I do not know how aggressive he is in placing men back on the job. I imagine he is in a rather tough spot especially as so many of them are terminated regularly.

Freddy, I want to speak very frankly with you. I had a job for your father here in the towel room. It would have been a very easy and very pleasant job. I went down to your home and offered him the job. I had a nice visit with your mother. He took a job at Poehler's that paid less money. Since that time I have come to the conclusion that he would rather someone else help him than I. It might be that he has some reason why he does not want me to get him a job. I tried twice and both times he failed to take the job. Therefore, until I learn the reason why he did not accept them I do not believe I will be able to be of much benefit to him.

You will understand that I am not angry nor ployunish about the thing, but he could have had the job and it was a permanent one, but of course it is filled now and I have no other opportunity of helping him. So, Freddy, I will be glad to help him when I can, but when I had a first rate job he did not take it.

With all good wishes to you and yours, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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