

April 7, 1945.

Commanding Officer,  
U. S. Naval Reserve.

My dear Sir:

I am very happy to commend to you William Claude Johnson whom I have known for thirteen or fourteen years. William Johnson was an outstanding varsity basketball player at the University of Kansas in the years of 1931, '32 and '33, making practically all of the all-star conference teams in this vicinity.

Johnson had the happy faculty of winning friends in addition to winning the respect of the men that he associated with. He is clean, capable and resourceful. He knows the full meaning of the word loyalty, and in addition to that he has the power to impart training to his men. After graduating from the University of Kansas he coached and managed some outstanding teams in Kansas City, Missouri, in the Missouri Valley independent league. He was eminently successful in his undertaking and would have followed a coaching profession but he had specialized in the School of Business at the University and he was very anxious to follow in the work for which he was trained. He went to St. Louis with the Philco people, and it is my understanding that he has made a splendid success.

He has administrative abilities, as evidenced by his work since he has been out of college. I know his family and I am happy to attest to his high standard of civic living and his general all-round splendid character. He is forceful, intelligent, and especially well coordinated in the every day affairs of living. I am happy to recommend him without reservation or evasion.

Sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education,  
Varsity Basketball Coach.

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