

PHILLIPS PETROLEUM COMPANY

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Oil Center, New Mexico
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Dr. F. C. Allen
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Lawrence, Kansas

Dear Doc,

Again I am asking you a favor. Does it get monotonous? I hope not and I also hope that some day I may be able to be on the "other end of some favors." I have applied for a Commission in the Navy. I hope to get into Physical Education. I have been interviewed and examined and now I have to furnish several documents such as birth certificate, transcript and letters of recommendation. I am wondering if you feel that you could write me a letter of recommendation? I realize that it might be hard for you to honestly vouch for me when you havent seen me or known much about me for a number of years. To make it easier please let me make the following statements; I have been happily married to one girl for seven years; I do not gamble in any way; I have kept up my financial and other obligations without any troubles; I drink only under social pressure; I have never been drunk; I have had no entanglements with the law, however slight; I have always been regarded well in whatever community I happened to live in; I have worked steadily for the Phillips Petroleum Company and have enjoyed better than average advancement. I now hold a responsible position with the company.

If you do feel that you can give me a letter of recommendation, would you please address it to "The Chief of Naval Personnel, Navy Dept., Washington, D.C.?" It is necessary to write the letter in TRIPLICATE. You could address ^{on an ENVELOPE} ~~the letter~~ to the above mentioned party, seal the three copies, and then drop that envelope in another envelope to me. It is necessary that I assemble all required letters and documents here before mailing them into the New Mexico headquarters.

I will thank you in advance for your consideration and wish you continued success in an already successful basketball season.

Very best wishes,

R. J. "Dick" Neil