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Address Reply to:
The Office of Naval Officer Procurement, 210 North 13th Street, St. Louis, Missouri, and not to the signer of this letter.

Dear Dr. Allen:

Reference: JOHNSON, William Claude, 1112 Sanford Avenue, St. Louis, Mo.

Application for commission in the U. S. Naval Reserve.

In placing this important matter before you, it is sincerely regretted that a personal letter can not be sent, but to do so would make it necessary to divert energy now focused on other wartime duties.

The conscientious thought given your reply to this request may affect the welfare and safety of many men, as the man about whom we are writing may eventually be in a position of command. Therefore, the requested information is of more than usual significance, and will have an important bearing on the final decision.

Please complete the enclosed questionnaire so as to indicate the applicant's qualities. Although we have itemized several questions which we would like answered, we urge you to give us complete information at the bottom of the sheet concerning his character, personality, standing in his community, and your opinion as to his desirability for appointment. If significant, distinguish between facts and opinions from your own knowledge and those based on extraneous information.

A return envelope is enclosed. This information is officially requested and will be treated as strictly confidential by the Navy Department. Please accept our thanks for your assistance.

Very truly yours,

Dr. F. C. Allen
Coach & Athletic Supervisor
University of Kansas
Lawrence, Kansas

W. D. Donahue
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Lieutenant (jg), USNR
By direction.

NOTE: This is a very urgent and important matter and this man's application will be held up pending your reply. Therefore, it would be sincerely appreciated if you would give this your immediate attention.