

7825 St. Charles Avenue
New Orleans, Louisiana
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Dear DR. Allen:

Since I've last seen you I have traveled over a good part of the United States and I am now living in New Orleans. my family is with me which includes my wife Madeline, and young boy, Larry John age 14 months.

Within the last few days I have made an application to the U.S. Navy for an appointment as an officer in this service. I gave passed my physical examination and am now in the process of completing the final papers. I am required to furnish three recommendations from persons who are in a position to testify as to my character, reputation, and mental and professional qualifications. I should like to have a recommendation from you addressed to the Office of Naval Officer Procurement, 217-227 Camp Street, New Orleans, Louisiana. However, Please mail the letter to me as I am required to submit the letter with my other application papers.

I don't know whether you are familiar with my work since leaving school except in a general way but anything that you may have to say will be greatly appreciated.

Since leaving school in 1932 I worked in a mine in Arizona for one year. From 1933 to 1937 I mined gold ore in Boulder, Colorado. From January 1938, to July 1939, I examined mines and worked as a mine foreman in the Philippines. July 1939 to January 1942, I worked for the Philippine Engineering Corporation of Manila, Philippines as a sales engineer and had some administrative responsibilities in connection with the marketing of industrial supplies. I might add that I returned to the states about June 1, for the same firm on a six months business trip and was prevented from returning to the Philippines by the war. Therefore in January of 1942 I went to work for the Quigley Company of New York as a sales engineer in their Southern territory. The Quigley Company manufacture fire brick and other refractory material for industrial furnaces. June 1, I resigned this position to work for Higgins Aircraft Company a defense industry in New Orleans as a loftsmen in the production department. This brings my employment record up to date and is reviewed for your reference purpose.

Recently I was in New York and quite by chance ran into Fergus McKeever whom I had'nt seen since about 1932. He mentioned the pleasure of seeing you and Mrs. Allen on the occasions of your visits to New York.

Please remember me to Mrs. Allen and Mit.

Sincerely,

Lawrence J. Skinner

P.S. If possible I should like to have your answer by Monday June 28
As I have only a limited time to complete my application.