February 11, 1942.

Mr. Joseph W. Leverenz,
Asst. Director of Personnel,
American Red Cross,
National Headquarters,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Leverenz:

I am very happy to reply to your inquiry of the 4th instant in behalf of Mr. Lester Kappelman who has made application to the American Red Cross for a position as recreation worker in connection with the service to the armed forces.

At present Mr. Kappelman is Assistant Supervisor of the State WPA Recreation Program at Topeka, Kansas. He has been in this position for two years, and has been unusually successful. He has the ability to organize group leaders, as well as direct the activities himself.

Lester Kappelman graduated from the University of Kansas in 1939. He played baseball and basketball here, and earned his letters in both sports in the years 1937, '38 and '39. I thought so highly of his teaching ability that I used him as my assistant with the freshman team. He had a fine influence on the boys, and was able to teach them the fundamentals of basketball in a highly satisfactory manner.

Mr. Kappelman gets along exceptionally well with his superiors and his colleagues. His character is of the highest. He is clean, capable, efficient, and very intelligent. To the best of my knowledge he has never been connected with subversive groups. I am sure he is a very loyal citizen of the United States.

I am happy to recommend him to you without reservation or evasion.

Very sincerely yours,

Director of Physical Education and Recreation,
Varsity Basketball and Baseball Coach.

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