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Morganfield, Kentucky

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Kentucky Theatre  
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Victory Theatre  
Ken-Mo Amusement Co. Inc.  
Sturgis, Ky.

January 24, 1955

The Honorable John Diederick, Chairman  
Republican State Central Committee  
122 S. Fourth Street  
Louisville, 2, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Diederich:

Recently Senator Cooper secured the appointment of James Williams as temporary carrier on a Morganfield Rural Route. This is the first Republican appointment to the Morganfield Post Office in some twenty-five years.

A movement has been set on foot to have an inspector here with the idea of combining routes so as to eliminate the opening for this Republican carrier. While plans for this consolidation might well have been made some time ago, Mr. Williams is of the belief that this action started immediately after his letter of appointment was received.

According to present indications, there will be no further opening in any position at the Morganfield Post Office for some years. For that reason, we would appreciate your taking the matter up with the Post Office Department to see whether this man's job can be maintained.

Definite plans are in progress for the opening of Camp Breckinridge for the summer months, beginning in April of this year, for the purpose of training National Guard and Reservists. Nothing has been done about civilian employment except that it has been indicated that the jobs will be filled through the State Employment Office at Henderson from applications filed throughout this area.

During the several times that Breckinridge was open during World War II and the Korean "Police" Action, the Personnel Department at the camp seemed to be of the definite conviction that they represented a Democrat "Hiring Hall". For instance, I took my daughter, who had graduated in stenography and typewriting at Sturgis High School out to the camp in the early days of World War II, but she was never called for employment. At this time I discussed with one of the best-informed Democrat politicians in Union County the possibility of my getting a job out there but was told in all friendliness that it would be a waste of my time.

The daughter of a long time Republican stalwart of Waverly was refused a job as temporary stenographer-typist, the job going to a classmate whose grade in typing and stenographic speed were inferior to hers but whose father was a Democrat. These and other instances, convince us that the assertions above are correct. We would, therefore, appreciate it if you would make representations to the proper department with the view of assuring that Republicans would receive equal consideration in employment at the camp.

The Honorable John Diederich

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It might be mentioned that the last Personnel Director assured the writer that politics had nothing to do with employment, but the facts appear very decidedly to the contrary notwithstanding.

Very truly yours

(Signed) Charles Wesley)

Charles R. Wesley, Chairman, Union County  
Republican Executive Committee

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DEPARTMENT OF THE ARMY  
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

IN REPLY REFER TO:

April 7, 1955

Mrs. Stanley D. Pace  
Republican National Committee  
2800 Woodley Road, Apt 501  
Washington 8, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Pace:

Reference is made to your letter, 17 March 1955, regarding positions at Camp Breckinridge in Kentucky, which subject you discussed with Mr. Franklin Orth, Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Army.

This matter has been discussed at the appropriate source and I feel sure that Department of the Army employment in that area will be conducted in accordance with applicable laws, rules, and regulations. Should you hear anything further in the future indicating to the contrary, I would appreciate further word from you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Duncan Hodges", is written over the typed name.

Duncan Hodges  
Special Assistant

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April 28, 1955

Mr. J. H. Graves, Executive Secretary  
Patronage Committee  
Republican State Central Committee  
122 South Fourth Street  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Jake:

Here is all the information I was able to obtain from the army regarding Camp Breckinridge. I am, also, returning your letter from Mr. Wesley.

Good luck.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs. Stanley D. Pace)

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