

Staff Series

Meyer, Edward

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Mr Daniel J. Tobin
Drake Hotel - City

Dear Mr. Tobin,

No doubt this letter will be a surprise to you but when my brother Ed. was alive and in your employ he told me if I got placed in a Govt position, he could assist me thru you. I am employed as a clerk in US Treas Dept Bond Dept for the last 1 1/2 years. I would like to ask if you could help me getting placed nearer my home at Rhinelander Wis. So I could be near my family. Being unable to pass a physical examination and 59 yrs 59 old I am unable to secure work in private industry. There is a U S Emp Ser. office there which would be a wonderful location for me or if that could not be arranged perhaps something with OPA in that section could be had. I feel I have the ability to fulfill a clerical position in the Emp Service or OPA. I have been inspired to write you thru the wonderful letter you wrote my mother (who passed away 10 mo. after Ed.) at time

of bro. Ed's death. It will mean
much to my health myself and my
family if I could get located at
Rhinelander Wis. I am enclosing
my form showing Govt status also
2 good reasons for my desire.

I am located in the Mdse Mart 1754
Whitehall 4060 Ext 233 from 4PM to
12 Each night except Sun.

Thanking you for your past
kindness to me and mine. I am

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John C Meyer
3758 Sheffield av
Chicago 13 Ills

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August 28, 1944

Mr. John C. Meyer
3758 Sheffield Avenue
Chicago 13, Illinois

Dear Mr. Meyer:

I was indeed pleased and somewhat surprised when I received your letter. I assume you are a brother of Edward J. Meyer who worked in the office of the International Union for a good many years and for whom I had the very highest regard.

In regard to helping you to change your employment, under the laws existing in our International Union I am not permitted to solicit favors of this kind, or personal favors, from any government institution or department. Whatever influence I have must be used in behalf of the general membership of the International Union, towards getting legislation enacted which will be helpful to the workers and towards preventing the enactment of legislation that would be injurious to the workers. Consequently, there isn't anything I could do with your request.

At your age, however, I might say--and I hope you will not misunderstand--it is very difficult for you to get a change of employment. As it appears to me now, there will be a great deal of unemployment at the ending of the European war. In addition to that, there are thousands of men returning each week who have been discharged from the service and who are seeking reemployment. I merely mention these matters for your information and consideration.

I am returning the small picture which you so kindly enclosed, also the notification of your appointment.

Be assured of my very best wishes, and it is my hope that you will be able to find suitable employment nearer your home.

Sincerely yours,

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