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Hon. Harry S. Truman, Senate Office Building, Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator:

You will recall that when I saw you in Kansas City last week I spoke to you about the necessity of Mrs. Fred Chambers securing employment in order to support herself and boy and send him to school.

You may or may not know that Fred planned to send his son to medical school. In fact, at the time Fred died in Milwaukee, the boy was in St. Louis making arrangements to enter Washington University. Fred's death changed this plan. The boy is now attending Junior Collage in Kansas City.

The family income is now at a rather low ebb and Mrs. Chambers tells me that in order to live and send the boy to school it is imperative that she secure employment and she is anxious to do so as quickly as possible.

I spoke to Dan Nee about her situation and he informed me that in view of the fact that his employees are now under Civil Service he is unable to offer Mrs. Chambers employment in his office.

Dan took Mrs. Chambers to the office of the Commodity Credit Corporation where she was interviewed by a Mr. Link. Nothing further has been heard from Link and I very much feel that unless some influence is brought to bear in behalf of Mrs. Chambers that her application will be pigeon-holed and forgotten.

I want to appeal to you to take a personal interest in this matter and do what you can to get Mrs. Chambers a job as quickly as possible. It looks as if the Commodity Credit Corporation offers the best opportunity at this time. Perhaps through Helvering or some other source you can get some help in bringing pressure to bear on Mr. Hodges here in Kansas City.

Now that Fred is gone and his family has to do the best they can on a meager income, I feel a personal obligation to do what I can to help them. I know you feel the same way for as you know Fred was one of the best friends you ever had.

With personal regards and best wishes, I remain

Very cordially yours,

WJK :BP