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concerns.**

1. Hart Gibson Foster, born 2 September 1890, St. Paul, Ramsay County Minnesota.

2. Attended Rugby School, Kenilworth, Illinois 1901-1902. St. Paul Academy, St. Paul, Minnesota 1903-1907.

Phillips Academy, Andover, Massachusetts 1907-1910.

Sheffield Scientific School, Yale University 1910-1913. Majored in chemistry.

3. Employed by The Olympic Portland Cement Co., Bellingham, Washington 1913-1915.

Interested with his father and associated in Thomas Hammond Glazed Cement Pipe Machinery Patents 1915-1917.

4. Entered Officer Candidate Training Camp, Ft. Meyer, Virginia, 14 May 1917. Commissioned Second Lieutenant Field Artillery Reserve, 15 August 1917 and assigned to 313 Field Artillery Reg't. 80th Division, 27 August 1917, at Camp Lee, Virginia. Remained with this regiment going overseas, until August 1918.

Promoted to 1st Lt. 31 July 1918 and assigned to the 29th Field Artillery, Reg't. 10th Division, Camp Funston, Kansas.

2 November 1918 promoted to Captain F.A. Reserve--Inactivated Battery E, and was discharged 8 February 1919.

5. Accepted Commission Captain F.A. Reserve April 1919.

Promoted to Major F.A. Reserve 1926. Served a tour on General Staff War Department six months 1927.

Promoted to Lt. Col. F.A. Reserve March 1932. Called to active duty with the Field Artillery Replacement Center 15 February 1941 at Ft. Bragg, North Carolina.

September 1942. Transferred to duty with the Air Corps and assigned Assistant Chief of Staff G-2 of Technical Training Command at Knollwood Field, North Carolina.

February 1943. Given command of 72nd Training Wing at B & C #7 Atlantic City, New Jersey.

This command was inactivated and the Wing was moved to B & C #1 at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri, August 1943.

Was given command of 12th Training Wing. Jefferson Barracks was inactivated in April 1944.

Was then transferred to Command A, Headquarters Sq. at Sioux Falls, South Dakota. This was deactivated in May 1945 and was transferred to Chanute Field, Illinois, as Personal Affairs Officer.

On 1 January 1946 was transferred to Amarillo, Texas. Assigned as Executive and later Personal Affairs Officer.

3 May 1946 promoted to Colonel Field Artillery Reserve.

1 August 1946 assigned to duty with Ordnance Department and moved to Picatinny Arsenal, Dover, New Jersey. First as Chief of the Administration Branch and then as Chief of the Supply Division.

6. In 1919, with Associated Developed Oil & Gas in Eastern Kentucky. Elected President of the Kentucky Chapter of the Reserve Officers Association 1927-1929.

1934 joined the Staff of the Underwriting Division of Federal Housing Administration, Washington, D. C.

11 April 1936 married Florence Jones Vining, daughter of Dr. & Mrs. Neil B. Jones, Washington Court House, Ohio. She was born in Chillicothe, Ohio 12 November, 1896. She, at the time of marriage was the Director of the Women Division of Federal Housing Administration. Lived at 2918 N St. N.W. Washington, D. C. She accompanied me all during the War period. We now have a home at 2021 N. St. N.W. Washington, D. C. where we expect to go to when this present assignment is over.

- 1 Foster, Hart Gibson. 0-123331
- 2 None. Not applicable
3. See end of receipt
- 4 Permanent mailing address, 225 South Ballard Ave.,  
Lexington 37, Ky.
5. Yale University, New Haven Conn. <sup>1910</sup> - 1913.
6. #A-Res. U.S.A. (France + U.S.A) 15 Aug 1917 to date.
- 7 None. Not applicable.
- 8 White 7'3/4" 170 Grey Brown.
- 9 Married.
10. 2 Sep 1890
- 11, St Paul, Ramsey Co, Minn.
- 12 By Birth.  
Not applicable.
13. Not registered already commissioned.
14. 577-24-788
15. Harrison G. Foster. <sup>(Father)</sup> deceased. Union U.S.A.  
E Dunster Gibson Foster <sup>(Mother)</sup> " Ky. U.S.A.
16. Florence Jones Foster (wife) P.A. Dover N.J. Ohio U.S.A.  
Addison V Foster (brother) <sup>Creston Hotel</sup> Paris, France. <sup>State</sup> Washington U.S.A.
17. Mrs. William Pettit Jr. (sister) 225 So. Ballard Ave. Minn.  
Lexington 37, Ky.

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- 17. Underwriting Supervisor Federal Housing Admin ~~Vermont~~ W.D.C. 1934-1939
- 18. Liaison (Educational Div) " " " " 1939-1940
- 19. Housing Consultant. Public Bldgs. Admin. Washing D.C. 1940-1941  
~~Commonwealth~~ <sup>War Dept.</sup> ~~U.S.A.~~ <sup>Washington D.C.</sup> 1941 to date.

- 18 Hon. Commit O'Neal Housing office Bldg. Wash. D.C. 20 yrs
- William Flanders National Housing Authority  
Social Sec. Bldg. Wash. D.C. 11 yrs
- Robert W. Wooley. Dresden Dept. Comm. Dev. NW. 2 1/2 yrs.  
Washington D.C.

- 3. U.S.A. May 1917 - Feb 1919.
- 424 West 2<sup>nd</sup> St. Lexington Ky 1919-1923.
- "Engleide" Lexington Ky. 1923-1934
- F.H.A. Vermont + Kst. 1934-1936 ✓
- 2918 N st N.W. Washington 1936-1938
- Elebe Rd Arlington Va 1938-1939.
- 1107 16<sup>th</sup> St. N.W. Washington D.C. 1939-1941
- U.S.A. 1941 to date.

FRED M. VINSON  
8TH DISTRICT KENTUCKY

MEMBER OF THE  
COMMITTEE ON WAYS AND MEANS

Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

September 19, 1934

Hon. James A. Moffatt, Administrator,  
Federal Housing Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Moffatt:

I wish to join with the Honorable Virgil  
Chapman in endorsing my good friend, Hart G. Foster, P. O.  
Box 445, Lexington, Kentucky, for an appointment in your or-  
ganization.

Mr. Foster is a man of considerable business ex-  
perience and training, and is eminently qualified for a po-  
sition of responsibility. I shall greatly appreciate your  
favorable consideration of his qualifications when making  
up your personnel.

Yours very truly,

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*Fred M. Vinson*

Copy to Hart G. Foster  
P.O.Box 445  
Lexington, Kentucky

PAT HARRISON, MISS., CHAIRMAN  
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## United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON FINANCE

August 22nd., 1934

Mr. Hart G. Foster  
Post Office Box 445  
Lexington, Kentucky

My dear Mr. Foster:

Your letter of the 13th inst., relative to your desire to secure a suitable position with the Federal Housing Administration, either in the State, or in Washington, was promptly received.

I am pleased to aid you in any way possible and have filed an endorsement with Mr. James A. Moffett, Chairman of the Commission, and I trust it may be possible to secure a place for you in the near future.

With kind regards and best wishes for your success, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Alben W. Barkley

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FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 20, 1934

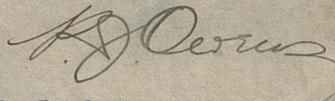
Mr. H. G. Foster,  
309 Park Avenue,  
Lexington, Kentucky

Dear Mr. Foster:

Thanks for your letter of September 18th., and wish to advise you that we are interested in having a personal interview with you at the earliest possible time convenient to you.

Will you, therefore, kindly advise when you can be in Washington?

Very truly yours,



K. J. Owens  
Technical Assistant to  
James D. Dusenberry, Director  
Construction and Real Estate

September 18, 1934.

Mr. K. J. Owens,  
Technical Assistant,  
To James D. Dusenberry, Director,  
Construction and Real Estate,  
Federal Housing Administration,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Owens:

In reply to your letter of September 15th. I shall answer your questions as follows:-

1. Yes, my primary interest is in the general field of mortgages and real estate in connection with FHA.
2. As a Director and Organizer of the Estate Building and Loan Association, with a capital of \$3,500,000.00, it has been my duty to act as appraiser and pass on the loans as they come up before the Directors' meetings. These loans on homes already built and those in the process of construction, have been made and are being made here in Lexington (population approximately 60,000), and within a radius of this City of fifty miles, which takes in urban villages and towns up to the size of Lexington.
3. I shall be prepared to come to Washington for an interview and stay if my qualifications meet your requirements. At present I shall await word from you.

Yours very truly,

Hart G. Foster.

FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

September 15, 1934

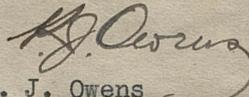
Mr. H. G. Foster,  
309 Park Avenue,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Mr. Foster:

Your application for a position with the Federal Housing Administration has been turned over to this department for attention.

We would appreciate your advising us whether your primary interest is in the general field of mortgages and real estate in connection with FHA. Also, please advise if you have had any mortgage lending experience. If so, would you be prepared to come to Washington for an interview and be prepared to stay if your qualifications meet our requirements?

Very truly yours,



K. J. Owens  
Technical Assistant to  
James D. Dusenberry, Director  
Construction and Real Estate

KIT C. ELSWICK  
ATTORNEY-AT-LAW  
LOUISA, KENTUCKY

Sept. 1st, 1934.

Mr. Hart G. Foster,  
P.O. Box 445,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

My dear Hart:

This is quite a late hour in answering your letter of August 13th, 1934 but I have been trying so hard to land a job for myself that I have not been home but little and have not attended to my correspondence although I spoke to Fred Vinson in regard to same. I think Fred will endorse you but he likewise has been in Washington looking askant at the Federal Judge Appointment. I am again calling his attention to your request by writing him in regard to same.

Doubt if I get to contact camp with the Regiment during October as I hope to be in Washington by that time and should I not our Circuit Court is in session all through October except perhaps the last few days.

Mrs. Elswick and the kids are well and send their regards and best wishes.

Hoping that every thing works out as we (all) wish,  
I am as ever,

Yours to Command,

*Kit C. Elswick*  
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Kit C. Elswick.

ESTATE BUILDING & LOAN ASSOCIATION,

Lexington, Kentucky. August 25, 1934.

Hon. James A. Moffett,  
Administrator,  
Federal Housing Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Mr. Hart G. Foster, a Director in this Association, informs me he has filed for the consideration of those in authority, his formal application for a position of importance and responsibility in your department.

May I not be permitted to bespeak a kindly word in Mr. Foster's behalf? I have known him for a great many years and through close contact with him in many business transactions I have learned to admire his many sterling qualities of character and business ability.

During the past several years Mr. Foster has served this Association as one of its Appraisers. His work in that capacity has been of real merit and it has afforded him a very splendid opportunity of keeping well informed upon changing values in real estate in general, which, I believe might prove of especial value and assistance, not only to him, but to your organization should his services be engaged.

Further, allow me to say, that Mr. Foster has a most desirable background educationally, having attended Yale University and other Eastern colleges; he is a man of pleasing address, splendid habits and is a tireless worker. He is an ex-service man, having served as Captain overseas during the late conflict. Above all else, however, Mr. Foster is a sober, reliable and trustworthy gentleman, - at all times loyal to his employer - well qualified for a position of responsibility and, I might add, thoroughly deserving.

Thanking you in advance for any courteous consideration you may extend his application, I have the honor to remain, Sir

Very sincerely yours,  
(Chas. Y. Bean) Secretary

This is to certify that this is an exact copy of Mr. Bean's letter in regard to Mr. Hart G. Foster.

Given under my hand and notarial seal this the 28th day of August, 1934.

*Wallace Utterbank*

Notary Public, Fayette County, Ky.  
My commission expires June 8, 1936

UNITED STATES SENATE  
Committee of Finance

August 22nd, 1934.

Mr. Hart G. Foster,  
Post Office Nox 445,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

My dear Mr. Foster:

Your letter of the 15th. inst., relative to your desire to secure a suitable position with the Federal Housing Administration, either in the State, or in Washington, was promptly received.

I am pleased to aid you in any way possible, and have filed an endorsement with Mr. James A. Moffett, Chairman of the Commission, and I trust it may be possible to secure a place for you in the near future.

With kind regards and best wishes for your success, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Alben W. Barkley

This is to certify that this is an exact copy of the letter written by Alben W. Barkley to Mr. Hart G. Foster, on August 22nd. 1934.

Given under my hand and notarial seal, of office this 28th. day of August, 1934.

*Walter W. Barker*  
Notary Public, Fayette County, Ky.

My commission expires June 8, 1936



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SECY-TREAS.

LEN SHOUSE, JR.  
MANAGER

LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

August 27, 1934.

Hon. James A. Moffett, Administrator,  
Federal Housing Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I am writing you in the interest of Mr. Hart G. Foster, who informs me that he has filed application for a position in your department.

Having known Mr. Foster for some twenty years, and having been deeply impressed with his outstanding personality, as well as his technical business ability, wish to put in a few words in his behalf. He is not only a man of business ability, but has excellent qualities of character. I say this from personal knowledge, as his family lived in the LAFAYETTE for some time and I came in close contact with him, and he always wears a smile and has a happy word for and to everybody.

Mr. Foster has a good education, having attended Yale University and other Eastern colleges; he is an ex-service man, having served as Captain overseas during the late World's War. He is sober, reliable and trustworthy, and I am fully convinced would at all times be most loyal to his employer, and he is well qualified for an important position with responsibility.

Assuring you that I will appreciate any kind consideration you may give to Mr. Foster's application, I am,

Very respectfully,

L. B. Shouse, President  
LAFAYETTE HOTEL COMPANY.

LBS-WFU This is to certify that this is an exact copy of Mr. Shouse's letter relative to Mr. Hart G. Foster. Given under my hand this Aug. 28, 1934. Wallace Waterback

Votary Public, Fayette County, Ky.  
My commission expires June 8, 1936

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Washington, D. C.

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Assuring you that I will appreciate any kind consideration you may give to Mr. Foster's application, I am,

Very respectfully,

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L. B. Shouse, President LAFAYETTE HOTEL.

LBS:WFO

August 29 1934

Honorable James A. Moffett,  
Chairman of Federal Commission  
Housing Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you to earnestly endorse Lieutenant Colonel Hart Gibson Foster of the Organized Reserves, United States Army, who is an applicant for a position under your Commission.

I have known Colonel Foster for many years and his family is one of the leading families of Kentucky. Colonel Foster stands high in the Councils of the American Legion as a Reserve Officer of the Army in this Section, and has been very active in all work in which the American Legion is interested. He was at one time connected with the Citizens Bank of this City and has had considerable experience in real estate values and would be especially valuable to your Commission in the work in Kentucky.

He is a young man of fine habits, splendid integrity and unusually active and energetic in all of his work. I believe if he is fortunate enough to secure a position, he will perform all of its duties with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of your Commission.

Very sincerely yours,

JRA:NMP

August 29, 1934

Honorable Virgil M. Chapman,  
House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Virgil:

I am writing to you in the interest of Lieutenant Colonel Hart Gibson Foster, Organized Reserves, United States Army, who is an applicant for service under the Federal Commission Housing Administration of which Honorable James A. Moffett is Chairman.

Colonel Foster is a cousin of my wife and we are particularly interested in securing him a position under the said Commission.

He is a young man and a member of one of the oldest and most prominent families in Kentucky, and is a resident of this City. As an officer of Field Artillery he made an excellent record during the World War; he has been a leader in the Councils and growth of the American Legion, and more than any other individual, has been responsible for the increase and interest of the Reserve Officers of the Army in this section. In addition to this, he has been consistent in his allegiance and as a worker in the Democratic party and was one of the original boosters of Governor Roosevelt for President before his name was attracting national attention.

He was connected at one time with the Citizens Bank of this City and has had experience in real estate values and transactions. He is a young man of fine integrity, irreproachable habits and of unusual energy and activity. He enjoys the respect and confidence of this community in which he lives, and particularly with all his comrades and fellow-officers of the Reserve Corps and his companions in the American Legion throughout the State.

I would appreciate it, as a personal favor, to myself and Mrs. Allen, if you would use your influence towards securing him a position in the Commission above

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referred to. I have always appreciated your prompt attention and your efficient services in trying to secure positions for any of your constituents in your Congressional district; and the fact that you not only give your endorsement, but also give active support to them and I believe with your active aid in this matter that Colonel Foster should be able to secure the position for which he is an applicant.

Anything that you can do for him will be very deeply appreciated by me personally.

With sincere regards,

Yours very truly,

JRA:EMP

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450 West Second Street  
Lexington, Kentucky  
August 28, 1934

Honorable James A. Moffett, Chairman,  
Commission Federal Housing Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Lieutenant Colonel Hart Gibson Foster,  
Organized Reserves, U. S. Army, is an applicant for ser-  
vice under your Commission.

Colonel Foster is a member of one of the  
oldest and most prominent families of Kentucky, and  
carries well the fine tradition of this heritage.

As an officer of Field Artillery he made  
an excellent record during the World War. He has been a  
leader in the Councils and growth of the American Legion,  
and more than any other individual has been responsible  
for the increase and interest of the Reserve Officers of  
the Army in this section. He has been consistent in his  
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estate values and transactions. He enjoys the respect  
and confidence of this community in which he lives, and  
above all, that of his Comrades and fellow officers of the  
Reserve Corps and his companions of the American Legion  
throughout the State.

I have no hesitation in commending him to  
you as worthy of any trust or responsibility that might be  
placed upon him under your Commission.

With cordial good wishes upon the great  
responsibility devolved upon your organization, I am,

Respectfully yours,

---

George B. Duncan,  
Major General, U. S. Army retired.

CITY OF LEXINGTON  
KENTUCKY

August 27, 1934.

Mr. James A. Moffett,  
Federal Housing Administrator,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Moffett:

It has come to my attention that Mr. Hart G. Foster desires consideration in the Housing Administration for a position in an executive capacity.

By virtue of Mr. Foster's character and personnel ability and experience, I am of the opinion that he is unusually well qualified for such a position. I have followed carefully the requirements of the Housing Act, and I am intimately acquainted with FWA and by virtue of same, have some knowledge as to the type of personnel desired by the Administration.

Mr. Foster meets in every particular these qualifications. He is especially adapted to public contact and public relationship. He holds a Reserve Commission as Lieutenant Colonel in Field Artillery which, in itself speaks prominently of his qualifications and wish his education at Yale University, I believe the Housing Administration would be fortunate to obtain his services.

Any consideration you may show his application will be both personally and officially appreciated by me.

Very truly yours,

Paul Morton, CITY MANAGER.

I wish to certify that this is an exact copy of Mr. Morton's letter relative to Mr. Hart G. Foster's application.

Given under my hand and notarial seal of office this 28th. day of August, 1934.

*Wallace Fairbank*

Notary Public, Fayette County, Ky.

My commission expires June 8, 1936

September 13, 1934.

Hon. Alben W. Barkley,  
Senate Office Building,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Barkley:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your letter, with the enclosure, consisting of a letter from Honorable James M. Moffett, Administrator of the Federal Housing Administration, in regard to my application for position with that organization.

At this time I wish to express my thanks and appreciation for your efforts and endorsement on my behalf. Many of my friends have been very kind in adding their words of recommendation, and I trust that should I receive an appointment, I will merit their endorsement and trust, and be of some credit to the State of Kentucky and use to the Government.

Any further efforts to keep my name before the Administrator will be more than doubly appreciated, and I trust some day to be the privilege of further expressing myself face to face.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Hart G. Foster,

HGF-WFU

Return  
to  
Box  
P.O. 445  
city

August 13, 1934.

Hon. Alben W. Barkley.  
Senate office Building.  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Senator Barkley:

Sometime ago I filled out an application for a position with the new Housing Administration work in this State or in Washington, D. C. In as much as your influence and endorsement was also required, I am taking the liberty of writing you and requesting your consideration in supporting my name before the Director.

In doing so I realize that you could not possibly remember me, and, therefore, have asked several of my friends in Lexington that their names be used for reference, and at the same time Representative Virgil Chapman is writing on my behalf, and at the same time seeing the Director when he will be in Washington in the next few days.

Those to whom you may refer are: Colonel Samuel M. Wilson; Colonel John R. Allen, Colonel John Skain, Len Shouse, Sr., Mrs. S. Alford Blackburn, Versailles, Bacon R. Moore, Harrodsburg, Julius C. Helburn, Eminence, Warren Hardin, New Castle, Emmit O'Neal, Louisville, Frank Rash, Louisville, Fred Vinson, Louisa, and should you desire any others I will be only too glad to furnish them.

My experience in real estate and organization as Past President of the Reserve Officers Association of Kentucky, and Past Commander of the Man O' War Post No. 8, American Legion, Lexington, Kentucky, as well as State Chairman on Child Welfare, during which time a survey was made of unemployment and Child Welfare throughout the State, makes me feel that I will be qualified to aid in the perfecting of a part of the work of the Housing Commission, and did I not feel so, you may rest assured that I would not have signed my name to an application.

Trusting that you may give this every consideration, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Hart S. Boster.

Hon. Mills W. Logan,  
U. S. Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Logan:

Mr. Hart Gibson Foster desires to secure a place in the Housing Administration in an Executive capacity. I want to say that Mr. Foster is an exceptionally fine man for the place he desires. His experience in real estate matters and in relief matters has been quite extensive and he is exceptionally qualified. He is an ex-service man, having served as Captain over seas during the World War and since that time has been actively engaged in the organization of the American Legion and is Past Commander of War-'0 War Post. He also holds a <sup>Reserve</sup> commission of Lieutenant Colonel in the U. S. Army, which in itself is indicative of the trust and responsibility the Government feels for him.

In addition to all this, I wish to say that I have known Mr. Foster for many years and his mother and father are old friends of mine. His grand father was Col. Hart Gibson and probably passed away when you and I were both young, but he was a distinguished Confederate soldier and leading citizen of Lexington and Fayette County. By virtue of inheritance and natural acquirement, Mr. Foster is possessed of the virtues of personal ability and a man of agreeable disposition. He realizes the situation he seeks and I can say for him that he is a man more than amply able to take care of anything connected with the place. He is our friend politically and personally and I would greatly appreciate it if you would request (if not demand) of Mr. James A. Moffett of the Federal Housing Administration, that he places Mr. Foster in such place as he desires.

M. M. L...#2

I know if you determine to obtain this place for Mr. Foster, it will be done, and I am quite aware that the influence and strength that your natural ability and experience in public life has blessed you with, will enable you to obtain this job for Hart Foster, who deserves it in every way.

With kindest personal regards, I remain

Cordially and sincerely your friend,

GAM/MSW

*G. Allison Holland*

R. D. NORWOOD

ELMER D. HINKLE

NORWOOD & HINKLE  
REALTORS

146 MARKET STREET  
TELEPHONE ASHLAND 6500

LEXINGTON, KY. August 31st. 1934

The Honorable James A. Moffett,  
Federal Housing Commission,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

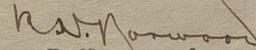
I have just learned that Mr. Hart G. Foster, of this city, is an applicant for a position with your organization.

I have known Mr. Foster for many years and I can speak with conviction concerning him.

His character is above reproach, he is well educated and he has excellent native ability. His splendid personality and tact together with a well rounded business experience, including the appraising of real estate, fits him, it seems to me, for the position which he seeks.

I heartily commend him to your favorable consideration.

Yours truly,



R.D. Norwood

President Lexington Real Estate Board.

CHESTER D. ADAMS  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

September 10, 1934.

Hon. James A. Moffett,  
Administrator Federal  
Housing Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Hart G. Foster, who has applied for a position with your Department, is, in my opinion, well qualified to fill any position to which he may be appointed. He has had a great deal of experience in connection with the appraisal and sale of real estate and is, therefore, well informed upon real estate values.

In addition to his other qualifications, he has a diplomatic way of handling matters which is a very valuable asset for an executive or administrative officer at this time.

I take pleasure in recommending him to your favorable consideration because I know he is absolutely efficient, reliable and trustworthy in every particular.

Yours very truly,

*Chester D. Adams*

(Past Fayette County Judge and President of the  
Estate Building and Loan Association, Lexington, Ky.)  
A-M

*H.G.F.*

LAW OFFICES OF  
ALLEN, DUNCAN & DUNCAN

JOHN R. ALLEN  
HENRY T. DUNCAN  
HENRY T. DUNCAN, JR.

1504-1510 FAYETTE NATIONAL BANK BLDG.  
LEXINGTON, KENTUCKY

August 29, 1934

Honorable James A. Moffett,  
Chairman of Federal Commission  
Housing Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am taking the liberty of writing to you to earnestly endorse Lieutenant Colonel Hart Gibson Foster of the Organized Reserves, United States Army, who is an applicant for a position under your Commission.

I have known Colonel Foster for many years, and his family is one of the leading families of Kentucky. Colonel Foster stands high in the Councils of the American Legion as a Reserve Officer of the Army in this Section, and has been very active in all work in which the American Legion is interested. He was at one time connected with the Citizens Bank of this City and has had considerable experience in real estate values and would be especially valuable to your Commission in the work in Kentucky.

He is a young man of fine habits, splendid integrity and unusually active and energetic in all of his work. I believe if he is fortunate enough to secure a position, he will perform all of its duties with credit to himself and to the entire satisfaction of your Commission.

Very sincerely yours,

*John R. Allen*

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August 27, 1934.

Hon. James A. Moffett, Administrator,  
Federal Housing Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I am writing you in the interest of Mr. Hart G. Foster, who informs me that he has filed application for a position in your department.

Having known Mr. Foster for some twenty years, and having been deeply impressed with his outstanding personality, as well as his technical business ability, wish to put in a few words in his behalf. He is not only a man of business ability, but has excellent qualities of character. I say this from personal knowledge, as his family lived in the LAFAYETTE for some time and I came in close contact with him, and he always wears a smile and has a happy word for and to everybody.

Mr. Foster has a good education, having attended Yale University and other Eastern colleges; he is an ex-service man, having served as Captain overseas during the late World's War. He is sober, reliable and trustworthy, and I am fully convinced would at all times be most loyal to his employer, and he is well qualified for an important position with responsibility.

Assuring you that I will appreciate any kind consideration you may give to Mr. Foster's application, I am,

Very respectfully,

L. B. Shouse, President  
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August 28, 1934

Mr. James A. Moffett,  
Chairman of Commission  
Federal Housing Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I have been informed that Mr. Hart G. Foster is applying for a position with the Federal Housing Administration and I hereby wish to heartily endorse his application.

I have known Mr. Foster for the past six years. During the last three or four years, I have been intimately associated with him as a Reserve Officer of the U. S. Army. Mr. Foster holds the rank of Lt. Colonel of Field Artillery and is the commanding officer of the regiment in which I am a Captain.

His ability as an organizer, leader and instructor has always impressed me. He is held in high esteem by all of the men in his organization. Moreover, he has been a leader in many community enterprises and is highly regarded in business circles. I believe Col. Foster to be well qualified to render valuable service to the Federal Housing Administration.

Respectfully yours,

*Philip Wilson*

PW:G

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August 25, 1934.

Hon. James A. Moffett,  
Administrator,  
Federal Housing Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:-

Mr. Hart G. Foster, a Director in this Association, informs me he has filed for the consideration of those in authority, his formal application for a position of importance and responsibility in your department.

May I not be permitted to bespeak a kindly word in Mr. Foster's behalf? I have known him for a great many years and through close contact with him in many business transactions I have learned to admire his many sterling qualities of character and business ability.

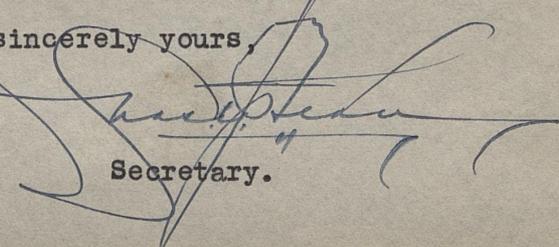
During the past several years Mr. Foster has served this Association as one of its Appraisers. His work in that capacity has been of real merit and it has afforded him a very splendid opportunity of keeping well informed upon changing values in real estate in general, which, I believe, might prove of especial value and assistance, not only to him, but to your organization should his services be engaged.

Further, allow me to say, that Mr. Foster has a most desirable background educationally, having attended Yale University and other Eastern colleges; he is a man of pleasing address, splendid habits and is a tireless worker. He is an ex-service man, having served as Captain overseas during the late conflict. Above all else however, Mr. Foster is a sober, reliable and trustworthy gentleman, - at all times loyal to his employer - well qualified for a position of responsibility and, I might add, thoroughly deserving.

Thanking you in advance for any courteous consideration you may extend his application, I have the honor to remain, Sir

Very sincerely yours,

(Chas. Y. Bean)

  
Secretary.

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CITY OF LEXINGTON  
KENTUCKY

PAUL MORTON  
CITY MANAGER  
M. Am. Soc. C. E.

August 27, 1934

Mr. James A. Moffett  
Federal Housing Administrator  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Moffett:

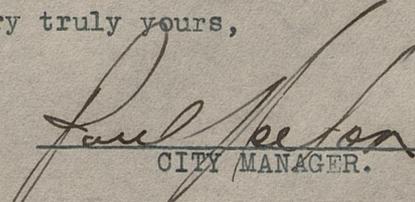
It has come to my attention that Mr. Hart G. Foster desires consideration in the Housing Administration for a position in an executive capacity.

By virtue of Mr. Foster's character and personnel ability and experience, I am of the opinion that he is unusually well qualified for such a position. I have followed carefully the requirements of the Housing Act and I am intimately acquainted with PWA and by virtue of same, have some knowledge as to the type of personnel desired by the Administration.

Mr. Foster meets in every particular these qualifications. He is especially adapted to public contact and public relationship. He holds a Reserve Commission as Lieutenant Colonel in Field Artillery which, in itself speaks prominently of his qualifications and with his education at Yale University, I believe the Housing Administration would be fortunate to obtain his services.

Any consideration you may show his application will be both personally and officially appreciated by me.

Very truly yours,

  
CITY MANAGER.

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450 West Second Street  
Lexington, Kentucky  
August 28, 1934

Honorable James A. Moffett, Chairman,  
Commission Federal Housing Administration,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

Lieutenant Colonel Hart Gibson Foster,  
Organized Reserves, U. S. Army, is an applicant for ser-  
vice under your Commission.

Colonel Foster is a member of one of the  
oldest and most prominent families of Kentucky, and  
carries well the fine tradition of this heritage.

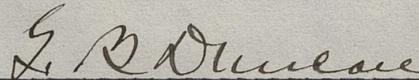
As an officer of Field Artillery he made  
an excellent record during the World War. He has been a  
leader in the Councils and growth of the American Legion,  
and more than any other individual has been responsible  
for the increase and interest of the Reserve Officers of  
the Army in this section. He has been consistent in his  
allegiance and as a worker in the Democratic party, he  
was one of the original boosters of Governor Roosevelt  
for President, before his name was attracting national  
attention.

Colonel Foster has had experience in real  
estate values and transactions. He enjoys the respect  
and confidence of this community in which he lives, and  
above all, that of his Comrades and fellow officers of the  
Reserve Corps and his companions of the American Legion  
throughout the State.

I have no hesitation in commending him to  
you as worthy of any trust or responsibility that might be  
placed upon him under your Commission.

With cordial good wishes upon the great  
responsibility devolved upon your organization, I am,

Respectfully yours,



George B. Duncan,  
Major General, U. S. Army retired.



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

October 31, 1933

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: M

Honorable M. M. Logan,  
United States Senate,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator Logan:

This is in reply to your letter dated October 27, 1933 enclosing a telegram received from Congressman Virgil Chapman endorsing Major Hart G. Foster of Lexington, Kentucky for membership on one of the Special Review Boards for the State of Kentucky.

The President has announced the appointment of the members and alternates of the Special Review Boards which are to serve the State of Kentucky. However, in the event it becomes necessary to appoint additional alternates you are assured that the name of Major Foster will receive every proper consideration.

Your cooperation in suggesting the name of an outstanding citizen who is available to serve on the Special Review Boards is appreciated.

Respectfully,

O. W. CLARK,  
Assistant Administrator.



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON

October 27, 1933

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: M

Mr. Virgil Chapman,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Sir:

This is in reply to your telegram dated October 26, 1933, endorsing Major Hart G. Foster, of Lexington, Kentucky as a member of the Special Review Boards for the State of Kentucky.

The President has already announced the appointment of members and alternate members of the Special Review Boards for Kentucky. However, in the event it becomes necessary to appoint additional alternates you are assured that the name of Major Foster will receive every proper consideration.

Your cooperation in suggesting the name of an outstanding citizen who is available to serve on the Special Review Boards is appreciated.

Respectfully,

C. W. CLARK,  
Assistant Administrator.



VETERANS ADMINISTRATION

Louisville, Kentucky.

October 27, 1933.

YOUR FILE REFERENCE:

IN REPLY REFER TO: .1

Hon. Virgil Chapman,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

My dear Mr. Chapman:

I am in receipt of your telegram with reference to the vacancy existing on one of the Special Review Boards in this office. For your information you are advised it is necessary for me to exhaust all of the names on the alternate lists before calling on our office in Washington for a supplemental list. I was able to complete the board from the alternate list. I might add also that Mr. Hart G. Foster's name has not appeared on the original or supplemental lists furnished this office.

As you may know the members of the Special Review Boards, including the alternates, are certified to me by the Administrator of Veterans Affairs after having been approved by the President. Consequently it is compulsory for me to call the regular members and alternates in the order in which their names appear on the lists furnished.

I regret indeed I am not in a position to consider Mr. Foster as I have known him for the past four years as well as having served in the army with him. I feel sure he would have made an excellent member for the board in the event it were possible to obtain his services. Inasmuch as there are three full boards on duty I doubt if there will be any additional appointments made, since in my opinion the assignment can be completed within the time limit which is November 30, 1933, with the three boards now on duty.

Very truly yours,

D. E. SMITH,  
Manager.

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Sept. 11, 1934

Col. Hart G. Foster,  
Box 445,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Hart:

Yesterday I filed your application, with photostat copies of your letters, with the Chief of the Personnel Bureau of the Housing Administration.

Captain Purdon, Special Assistant to Mr. Moffett, reviewed your letters and application and wrote a very strong letter to the Personnel Chief, urging that you be appointed to a key position in the permanent organization.

The letters of endorsement, attesting your experience in appraisal and mortgage work, were extremely helpful. It is expected that, within the next three weeks, the permanent organization will be set up. At present, the employees are only on a temporary status.

Mr. Hewett, Chief of the Personnel Division, asked me if it would be possible for you to come to Washington for inspection and general overhaul. I told him yes, that you would and could come here as soon as he notified me that they were ready to take you on. Further, I also told them that it would be agreeable to you to be located either in Washington or any place in the field; however, if it were a field job, you prefer Kentucky, in which state you are more familiar with land and building conditions.

I therefore suggest that you hold yourself in readiness to come on a moment's notice. It will be possible for you to stay with us while here, and should you require transportation, will be very glad to provide that.

Col. Hart G. Foster -- 2

Your next move is to have Virgil Chapman call on Moffett, also Fred Vinson and anyone else in Congress. If you do not know Senator Logan, I shall make it a point to have him do the same. You might tell Virgil of my activity in the matter and what has been accomplished so far with the Housing Administration. A boost from him will kick it into Moffett's lap with strong recommendations from within the organization.

I have kept your duplicate copy of the application, together with original letters of endorsement. It might be handy to continue to get letters and send them on to me, which can be added, from time to time, to the file. I might add that your application has been officially considered a special case.

As per my telegram to you, I hope you have, or will, establish and maintain a present contact with the Director of the Housing Administration for Kentucky.

I think it is safe to say that within the next six weeks you will be sent for. Give my love to the family, in which Sally joins me.

Devotedly,

Addison G. Foster.

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Sept. 5, 1934

Lt. Col. Hart G. Foster,  
Box 445,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Hart:

Enclosed please find new forms for application for position with the Federal Housing Administration, which supersedes the one-personal history statement which you filled out and has been returned to me. Kindly fill in these forms as soon as possible, attaching a photograph of yourself in the proper space indicated for that purpose.

I have received your letters and am having them photostatted so that the originals can be kept. When you return the new application forms, will attach the photostats to them and turn them in to my friend, who is the Executive Assistant to Mr. Moffett.

In regard to your question, it will not be necessary for you to write any personal letter to Mr. Moffett. What is available and what can be done rests between me and my friend in the Housing Administration. He tells me your recommendations in regard to appraisal of property fits in with a new set-up under the Administration which is about to be formed. Therefore, your prompt return of these application forms will be desirable. I am certain that I can get something for you, either here or in Kentucky.

Give my love to the family and believe me,

Devotedly,

Addison G. Foster.

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813 15th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

August 10, 1934

Lt-Col. Hart G. Foster,  
Box 445,  
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Hart:

I received your application blank and, after discussing the matter with the Special Assistant to the Director of the Housing Administration, I have taken his advice to write you requesting letters of recommendation from past employers; also, endorsements from the political standpoint.

As to your activities in connection with the B. T. U. Gas Company, I will write that endorsement and file it with the application when I have received the above-mentioned letters from you.

In this connection, I trust that you have aligned yourself with Democratic activity in Lexington. If so, Virgil Chapman undoubtedly will give you a strong letter. I would get in touch with Dorothy Shackelford, who is secretary of the Young Democrats in your local district, and get her to get some letters from some of the ring there. I suggest that you ask Virgil to get a letter from Barkley.

The organization here in Washington is complete and in about a month or six weeks' time the set-up for the states will be in order. I will watch this very closely and will be advised as to what jobs will be available. In the meantime, you must get yourself before the proper authority in Kentucky who dispenses patronage. I believe it is Senator Barkley, and in that case Virgil Chapman can be very helpful; -- however, you must beat the other

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people to it. I would do this as soon as I possibly could and I will watch and do as much as I can at this end of the line.

Sonny has been here for ten days and will return probably the evening of the 30th on the George Washington. Will let you know the train so that you can see him in Lexington on his way through to Louisville. Charlie Foster arrives tomorrow from New York to spend the week-end with us.

Give my love to the family, in which Sally and Sonny join me.

Devotedly,

Addison G. Foster.

813 15th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

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P. O. BOX 445  
LEXINGTON, KY.

September 13, 1934.

Dear Addison:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter which was written to Virgil Chapman, which speaks for itself.

I do not know Senator Logan, and therefore prefer that you make a contact if you can, and in so doing you might mention the fact that I served as Assistant Supervisor of the Business Census, Department of Commerce, under J. C. Helburn of Eminence, Kentucky, this last winter. I am getting in touch now with Mr. Helburn. However, to expedite matters, if you will work from your direction, I think things can be stepped up a bit.

As soon as I get a copy of a letter from Louisville indicating the housing situation there and appointments, I shall forward it on to you. At the same time I shall try next week to go to Louisville, and again present myself to Judge Layman, whom I have already met, and talked with in the month of April. While there I shall gather a few personal letters from some friends of mine, who are acquainted with my activities throughout the State, as well as a personal expression such as would be used in an efficiency report.

With a definite order to place me in a position, in Washington, I can compass the financial situation. However, for an inspection and general overhauling trip, it would be necessary for me to accept your very kind offer until the definite situation would be culminated. As you remember, some time ago I wrote that I, as well as they, would be better satisfied to make the personal conference because certain features might be brought out which have not been exactly classified, or even mentioned.

From time to time I shall add to the file with letters as you suggested, and I trust that you will retain copies of any letters I forward to you from here, in as much as they are the only ones I have.

With best of luck and hoping to see you soon, I am,

Devotedly,

AMERICAN LEGION OF KENTUCKY



MAN O'WAR POST No. 8  
LEXINGTON, KY.

September 14th. 1934

*Hold.*

Honorable Virgil Chapman  
House Office Building  
Washington D. C.

Dear Sirs:

I understand that a member of my Post Colonel Hart G. Foster, has made application for a Federal position in Washington or Kentucky.

Colonel Foster has held responsible positions in both Man-O-War Post and the Kentucky State Department and has proved faithful to every trust. During the past winter he was Assistant Supervisor for the Business Census under the Department of Commerce in this district, and from all reports and the results of his work was eminently satisfactory. Comrade Foster is so well known both by the Legiennaires and citizenry in our state that is hardly necessary for us to recount his many outstanding accomplishments.

He has the undivided support of the membership of Man-O-War Post and favors or preference you may show him will be much appreciated. We wish to thank you in advance for every consideration you you make in his behalf.

Very sincerely yours

Milo Baxter

Comdr.

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Dudley School  
Lexington, Kentucky  
August 30, 1934

Mr. Edward F. Seiller  
Federal Building  
Louisville, Kentucky

Dear Sir:

My attention has just been called to the fact that Hart G. Foster is much interested in being placed with the Housing Administration in either a field or office capacity.

I don't want you to think that I am presumptuous when I place you in a position of this sort but I would personally appreciate anything you may feel inclined to say to Judge Lehman that would further Hart's cause.

It is needless for me to mention his qualifications since they are well known to yourself.

Thanking you for past favors and pleasant contacts, I am

Sincerely yours,

J. M. Server

*M. R. S.*

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October 28, 1934.

Dear Kit:

Just a line through my own efforts to let you know that I appreciate your letter to Fred Vinson to get him in turn to write a letter on my behalf to the Federal Housing Administration as a candidate for a job. As I am one of the few up here before the organization is established I want to let you know that (in the event that you have not got connected up yet) through Fred Vinson you might put in an application for a legal position under Title II of the FHA which comes through Mr. Weston. However, just do it and do not mention me unless you want me to get in touch with Fred to let him know how to route the application.

I have been as busy and Lord knows what, working night and day to aid in my small way the "birthing" of this child. The result has been that I have been all over the South from the Atlantic to the Mississippi looking for men of a particular technical variety.

Let me hear from you whether you wish any aid that I can give or just to tell me how you are getting along and what the crops are doing up on the head of Big Blaine.

My best regards to Mrs. Kit and yourself, I am,

Sincerely,

Hart G. Pester,

October 28, 1934

Mr. Paul Morton,  
City Hall,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Captain:

This is just a line to say that I certainly appreciate your letter of recommendation to the Federal Housing Administration supporting me as a candidate for a position with them.

Needless to say that I have been put on. This was a month and a half ago, but since that time I have been working day and night not only here in Washington, but was on the road three weeks picking out personnel for future positions.

Title II of the Housing Act will break before long and it was the policy to go out to the field to get the men rather than have them come to Washington. The merit of this will prove to be very satisfactory.

C.W. (Billie) Campbell formerly of Louisville is up here in a similar capacity and said that he wish to be remembered to you.

In the not too far distant future I hope to be able to see and talk to you personally and more adequately express my thanks. If there is anything that I can do in my small way, you have but to request it.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely

Hart G. Foster.

October 28, 1934.

Dear Cousin George:

This has been the first opportunity that I have had since I saw you last in the St. Joseph's Hospital to drop a line and thank you for your letter of recommendation to Mr. Moffett. I certainly do appreciate it more than I can say as it put me on the job.

At present I am with Title II of the Federal Housing Act., This has to do with the insurance of loans made to individuals by National recognized Loaning organizations. As yet it is not under way but is in the "borning" as they say in the mountains. In order to get qualified men to fit the responsible positions four teams were sent out all over the United States to see and interview personnel qualified for those positions. I happened to be senior on one of those teams which covered the South from the Atlantic to the Mississippi below the Mason-Dixon Line with Indiana, Ohio, and West Virginia thrown in.

For this reason there has been no stopping to breathe for the last three weeks. We interviewed some seven hundred and fifty in that time and from the personal angle it was very illuminating. I am very glad that I experienced the war period and have kept up the study since that time as it has been invaluable to be in systematizing my own mind through logical reasoning by psychological interviewing.

I have been very insistant that all communication of a directive nature will be couched in the simplest language as the educational factor in this co untry is decidedly low.

Pardon my stuttering on t is typewriter and the brief letter but my brain and fingers have not yet got coordinated. Thanks again and give my love to Cousin Mary and Henry,

Affectionately,

October 27, 1934.

Mr. Leonard Shouse, Sr.  
Lafayette Hotel,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Mr. Shouse:

This has been the first opportunity to drop you a line since leaving Lexington to express my appreciation to you for your very kind letter of recommendation which accompanied my application to the Federal Housing Administration for a position.

Needless to say that I have been on the job so constantly that there was no way to write. In fact after one week I was sent to the country to select men for possible positions with this new set up which is to take place in the near future.

Life here is rather hectic as there is no limit to the hours and most of the real work is accomplished after dinner until midnight. This I believe is not really appreciated by persons who are not connected with this sort of work.

Kindly give my personal regards to Mrs. Shouse, Miss Utterback,

Sincerely,

NATIONAL RECOVERY ADMINISTRATION

WASHINGTON, D.C.

408 FEDERAL BUILDING  
LOUISVILLE, KY.

August 31, 1934.

Mr. J. M. Server,  
Dudley School Building,  
Lexington, Kentucky.

Dear Jim:

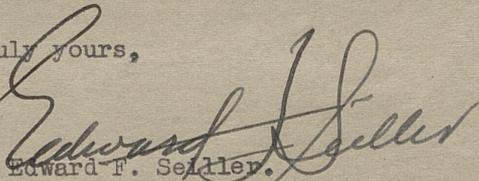
I thank you for your letter of August 30, 1934 recommending Hart Foster and I should like personally to do whatever I can for Hart. I think a lot of him, but unfortunately in the Housing Administration, practically all of the work will be done through the banks of the State. Judge Layman, in addition to his NRA and Emergency Council duties, is the Director for Kentucky for the Housing Administration and he will have an Executive Assistant and two stenographers for this work.

The Executive Assistant has already been appointed and the two stenographers will be sent us in a day or so. Hence, there is no opening for Hart in this administration.

The plan works in this way; all of the money for housing improvements is loaned directly by banks and repaid to the banks in monthly installments extending to a maximum period of three years. No money is put out by the Federal Government except as to insure to the extent of 20% of the loans made by the banks. So you can see from this explanation that there will be practically no Housing Administration employees necessary for the state, other than the three I have mentioned.

With cordial regards to you and Hart, I am with best wishes,

Very truly yours,

  
Edward F. Seidler.



August 13, 1934.

Mr. Addison G. Foster,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Addison:

Am in receipt of your letter of the 10th. and am hastening to reply relative to what I am doing, and at the same time ask a few questions.

Whether this enclosed Child Welfare Report is of any significance, I do not know, but it will suffice to give you an idea of what the summary is of a report I made for the American Legion. As Secretary, I obtained the data and wrote the report as indicated, which was accepted by the Committee.

Am enclosing a letter from Colonel Chas. D. Herron now Brig. General, and Chief of Reserve Affairs in the office of Chief of Staff, which I trust that you will read and return or use, if you so desire.

I saw Virgil Chapman to-day and he said that he would not only write a letter of endorsement, but that he would see the Housing Administration Director when he got to Washington.

I am getting a letter off to Senator Barkley and am referring him to a number of citizens who have already stated that I might use their name for that reference.

Enclosed you will find the item in the paper of this date. The reference to my work at the Olympic Portland Cement Company, unfortunately is in my official file in the War Department. I used it as an application to get into the training camp. If you can in any way get a copy of it, I hereby authorize you to do so, using this letter as an authority. Undoubtedly Myron & Kramer can be of some assistance in help along that line. At the same time a picture of myself, if you think advisable, could be forwarded to show what sort of a person I look like.

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In this news item it speaks of salesmanship. Believe me it does take salesmanship, and the ability to express yourself with diplomacy and tact. That was rather noticeably indicated in my last job with the Department of Commerce on the Business Census. In regard to that a reference can be gotten from Mr. C. K. Elsworth, who is a Director in charge in the Bureau of the Census. He received an efficiency report in regard to my capacity and ability, which is on file in that Department.

I am writing Mr. S. W. Wood, in the Department of Commerce, asking for a letter of recommendation as you suggested.

In as much as I donot know the exact nature of this particular job that I am trying to get, it makes it a little difficult in presenting the question for endorsement. However, I am still working on the job.

Give my best to Charlie and Sallie and Campbell and Tugger, and any other that I have failed to include.

Devotedly yours,

July 31, 1934.

Dear Edison:

Thanks for your letter of the 28th., and am hastening to fill in the blank as per your request. In as much as the history is supposed to be written out in my own handwriting, and the space so small, it makes it rather difficult to give a complete history of what you have done throughout your entire life.

In studying or research work which I may have done, as you well know, has been for myself, such as with the Cement Pipe Machinery Company, on the patents on sewer pipe, places me in a position which does not fairly give an estimate along any particular line. The Child Welfare and Unemployment Investigation, which I did in Kentucky, I had a mission to perform. It was so stated, and I completed that mission with a final report. For references to that, they only have to get in touch with Milt Campbell, Child Welfare Division, American Legion, Indianapolis, Indiana, he being a National Chairman for that particular work, and is familiar with what I have done.

The last position with the Census Bureau, Department of Commerce, I was the Assistant Supervisor, of fourteen counties, comprising the Sixth Enumeration District of Kentucky. The Head of the Area was Mr. S.W. Wood, who is out of the Department of Commerce himself, and am sure that he will state what qualifications I possess with regard to the fulfillment of that job. My immediate Supervisor was Mr. J.C. Helburn, of Eminence, Kentucky. He too can give you what type of work I accomplished. For your interest, this District was the highest district in percentage in the State of Kentucky.

If an appointment would be in the making, I would much prefer to see and have the appointing officer see me before passing judgment on this little sheet of blue paper. For further qualifications it might be of interest to look up my record in the War Department, which takes in all the recent work that I have done. I know for the last three years my rating on handling instruction of the Regiment as a whole, in tactical as well as executive work, has been excellent. This I have found to be the case from the records in Louisville headquarters.

I put no pay expected for the simple reason that I do not know what type of position is to be offered. I could be of great assistance in this state at any location or in the entire state. I am at present the Director in the Estate Building & Loan Association, Lexington, Kentucky, where values

of real estate and costs enter into the situation considerably before loaning other persons money on property.

My organization work, as far as the Legion is concerned, has many ramifications, but the most glaring of these would be the Child Welfare & Unemployment Survey, which took me into very nearly every county in the state and in which I had to interview Health Departments, Judges, Mayors of the Cities, and what have you, in order to get the information.

Mr. Wood of the Department of Commerce, after meeting me, stated that he was so glad that I came in, particularly clarifying the mission on the Business Census, and in knowing what kind of a person I appeared to be. I have at the same time acted as interviewer in the N.R.S. and see a great deal of the futility of blank forms, when selecting individuals and type of work required. In the appointment of Enumerators thruout the District, wonderful cards filled out did not mean correspondingly wonderful Enumerator, altho it did aid in the elimination when many applied for the position.

My love to Sally and Campbell, and hope the weather is cooling off a bit. We are all well here, fortunately, as I really do not know how we could compass sickness. I certainly am more than indebted to you for giving me this tip, and hope that it may bring some results.

Best of luck.

Devotedly,

August 13, 1934.

Mr. Kit C. Elswick,  
Louisa, Kentucky.

My dear Kit:

I suppose you are back home and everything is going along in good order by now. I am dropping you this line not only to let you know what is going on in regard to a possible contact camp sometime in October, but at the same time to ask some help. I put in my application quite a while ago for a position with the new Housing Organization in Lexington or Washington.

You, as an individual, have known me for some little time, and should be able to understand whether or not I am capable of handling organization work, which would be necessary with this administration. I, therefore, am going to request that you get in touch with Fred Vinson and see if he will agree to add his name to that of Virgil Chapman in endorsing my name before the Housing Administration in Washington. Virgil has already written and I am now endeavoring to get Senator Barkley's endorsement, but not knowing him intimately beyond a slight acquaintance, I naturally have to have some of my friends aid me. Anything you can do along this line will more than be appreciated by me.

Sometime in October I hope that arrangements can be completed for all those in the Regiment to bring their bedding and a few Gold Medal cots and spend Saturday and Sunday on the River, in order to become organized for the coming year. I trust that you arrived before dark that day in order not to be affected by the night air.

With kind personal regards to Mrs. Elswick, the children and yourself, as well as members of the old Guard in Louisa, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Hart G. Foster



P. O. BOX 445  
LEXINGTON, KY.  
September 15, 1934.

Dear Addison;-

Today I have just seen Virgil Chapman with regard to writing a letter and getting in touch with the Housing Administration in my behalf. He said that he would and that he expected to be in Washington soon and that he had been away because his wife was sick. At the same time he was feeling a bit "oiled up" so that I am not sure what he will do although he said he would give all the pressure that he could.

He seems to be more or less peeved about the fact that he has no particular weight with the appointment of persons in office.

Mr. Allison Holland is writing Senator Logan about me and I will get a letter off myself to him. There will be a few others doing the same thing. Were circumstances such that I could go several places out of town I would be able to get considerably more push behind the gun.

Love to Sally,

Devotedly,

September 13, 1934.

Mr. Kit C. Elswick,  
Louisa, Kentucky.

Dear Kit:

Thanks ever so much for your letter to Fred Vinson. I have written on myself, stating that I have put in an application for a job with the Federal Housing Administration, and that the additional weight of his endorsement to the letters I already have, will be greatly appreciated by me.

Of course, I need the added weight of Senator Logan's endorsement, as well as those of numerous friends of mine. However, the political angle is the one that is more necessarily needed. All the other letters I have sent in addressed to Mr. Moffett through Addison who is handling the tactical maneuvers while I am playing G-4 and supplying ammunition.

I note that you contemplate flights to Washington yourself, and trust that your professorial experience at Fort Knox will not mitigate against your legal flights to the Nation's Capitol.

With best of luck and appreciation for your help, and hoping that you will call on me if in any way I can be of assistance to you, and with best regards, to Mrs. Elswick and the children, and Cetera and Cetera, I am,

Sincerely,

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Hart G. Foster

HGF-WFU

September 13, 1934.

Dear Addison:

Enclosed please find a copy of a letter which was written to Virgil Chapman, which speaks for itself.

I do not know Senator Logan, and therefore prefer that you make a contact if you can, and in so doing you might mention the fact that I served as Assistant Supervisor of the Business Census, Department of Commerce, under J. C. Helburn of Eminence, Kentucky, this last winter. I am getting in touch now with Mr. Helburn. However, to expedite matters, if you will work from your direction, I think things can be stepped up a bit.

As soon as I get a copy of a letter from Louisville indicating the housing situation there and appointments, I shall forward it on to you. At the same time I shall try next week to go to Louisville, and again present myself to Judge Layman, whom I have already met, and talked with in the month of April. While there I shall gather a few personal letters from some friends of mine, who are acquainted with my activities throughout the State, as well as a personal expression such as would be used in an efficiency report.

With a definite order to place me in a position, in Washington, I can compass the financial situation. However, for an inspection and general overhauling trip, it would be necessary for me to accept your very kind offer until the definite situation would be culminated. As you remember, some time ago I wrote that I, as well as they, would be better satisfied to make the personal conference because certain features might be brought out which have not been exactly classified, or even mentioned.

From time to time I shall add to the file with letters, as you suggested, and I trust that you will retain copies of any letters I forward to you from here, in as much as they are the only ones I have.

With best of luck and hoping to see you soon, I am,

Devotedly,

September 13, 1934.

Hon. Fred Vinson,  
House Office Building,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Fred:

Some time ago I put in an application through the office of Hon. James A. Moffett, Administrator of the Federal Housing Administration, for a position with that organization. Senator Barkley and Virgil Chapman have very kindly endorsed my application, but at the same time I realize that they may not be as familiar with some of my actual activities as you are, and therefore I would like to ask you as a favor to add your word to theirs.

Numerous friends of mine have written outlining the different types of work in order that a picture may be presented to them so as to better place me in the niche where I could be of most service.

You are familiar with the different positions on investigating and research lines, as well as public relationship that I have done in Legion activities, and so I am sure that any effort you would make for me will not only be greatly appreciated, but will have great weight in bringing about a decision, while the organization is in the process of formation.

With kind personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

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Hart G. Poster,

HGP-WFU

Box 445,  
Lexington, Ky.

September 17, 1934.

Dear Addison:

Today I received the following letter from Mr. Owens and will reply in the following manner.

1. I am interested in the field of Mortgages and realestate in connection with the FHA.

2. I have been a director and organizer of the ~~Esate~~ Building and Loan Co. of Lexington Kentucky since its organization three years ago. In that capacity I have acted as appraiser and passed on loans at the directors meetings. The Capital of the Company is \$ 3,500,000.00.

3. I am prepared to come to Washington and if I meet the qualifications required I shall be prepared to stay in Washington.

Under the circumstances I may not be able to borrow the sum of money to take me there and leave things here in such a way that father can keep on owing to the fact that the letter asking me to report it not definite enough. However, I may be able to arrange the details to let things go on after the position has been definitely settled and I am carrying on.

So if you feel that you can do as you suggested in your letter and get me there I will return the advanced sum as soon as it can be accumulated. I will be ready to go at the end of the week and in that way will be able to talk matters over with you during Sunday.

what do you say to this? Let me know as soon as you can.

Devotedly,

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CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.

CABLE ADDRESS "FAIRVIEW"

REFERENCE

CAMDEN

Sept. 5, 1934

Lt. Col. Hart G. Foster,  
Box 445,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Hart:

Enclosed please find new forms for application for position with the Federal Housing Administration, which supersedes the onepersonal history statement which you filled out and has been returned to me. Kindly fill in these forms as soon as possible, attaching a photograph of yourself in the proper space indicated for that purpose.

I have received your letters and am having them photostatted so that the originals can be kept. When you return the new application forms, will attach the photostats to them and turn them in to my friend, who is the Executive Assistant to Mr. Moffett.

In regard to your question, it will not be necessary for you to write any personal letter to Mr. Moffett. What is available and what can be done rests between me and my friend in the Housing Administration. He tells me your recommendations in regard to appraisal of property fits in with a new set-up under the Administration which is about to be formed. Therefore, your prompt return of these application forms will be desirable. I am certain that I can get something for you, either here or in Kentucky.

Give my love to the family and believe me,

Devotedly,

*Addison*

Addison G. Foster.

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813 15th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

Phone Number \_\_\_\_\_

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STANDARD FORM No. 6  
(Approved by the President 3/23/24)  
Revised Dec. 5, 1929

### PERSONAL HISTORY STATEMENT

(To be prepared by appointee in own handwriting)

Department or Establishment National Housing Administration Date 7/31/34

1. Name in full (Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) Foster Hart Gibson  
(Surname) (Given name) (Middle name)

2. Present address 309 Park Ave Lexington Ky.  
(Number) (Street) (City) (State)

3. Legal (voting) residence 6th Dist Ky Fayette, Lexington  
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

4. Where born Minnesota St Paul When born Sept. 2 1890  
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Month Day Year)

5. If foreign-born, state whether naturalized or alien \_\_\_\_\_

6. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus:  If Mrs., state other names under which previously employed.

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)	
Male <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Female	Single <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Married	Divorced	Widowed	White <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Colored

Physically handicapped in any way no If so, How? \_\_\_\_\_

7. Number and ages of dependents domiciled with you one, 68 yrs. (father)

8. A complete record of your past service for the United States Government other than military or naval:

BRANCH OF SERVICE	PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
				Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
<u>Bureau of Census</u>	<u>6th Minn. Dist</u>	<u>Asst. Supv.</u>	<u>\$34.00 wk</u>	<u>Jan.</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1934</u>	<u>Apr</u>	<u>5</u>	<u>1934</u>
<u>Dept. Commerce</u>									
Any Civil Service Examination (Federal or State)									
Classification									
Date									
Rating									
Grade									
If Civil Service, last efficiency rating									

9. Are any members of your family, who are domiciled with you, in the U. S. Government service? No, state below:

NAME	POSITION AND DEPARTMENT OR OFFICE IN WHICH EMPLOYED	RELATIONSHIP
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	
	Position Department or office	

10. Do you now hold any State or municipal office? No state below:

(Title) (Location) (Date appointment expires)

11. Are you the wife of a disabled veteran or widow or orphan of a person who was in the military or naval service?

(Wife, widow, or orphan) (Name of veteran) (Organization and last year of service)

12. Military and naval record. If any, check (✓) to indicate branch and other information, and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War veteran <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary
1st				2nd			
Enlisted	<u>Aug 14, 1917</u>	Discharged	<u>Feb 5, 1919.</u>	Enlisted	Discharged		
Rank	<u>2nd Lt. FA Res.</u>	Rank	<u>Capt. FA.</u>	Rank	Rank		
Organization	<u>313 FA Regt.</u>	Organization	<u>28th FA.</u>	Organization	Organization		

13. State any special qualifications not involved in your present position (for instance, lawyer, physician, civil engineer, knowledge of foreign languages, etc.) or use of statistical techniques Speak French fairly well

14. Statement of principal employment other than with the United States Government:

NAME AND ADDRESS OF EMPLOYER	POSITION AND CHARACTER OF WORK	LENGTH OF SERVICE	
		Started	Left
Olympic Portland Cement Co. Bellevue, Wash.	Asst chief chemist.	Aug. 1913	Sep. 1914
Self and associates Lexington Ky	in charge. Geological + Dev. of oil and Gas. East. Ky	1919	1924
Self Farming + Real estate Dev.	In charge	1925	to date.

15. Education. Indicate by circling the number of years:

Common school ① ② ③ ④ ⑤ ⑥ ⑦ ⑧	High school ① ② ③ ④	College ① ② ③ ④	(Name of college, degrees, and dates conferred)
			Sheffield Scientific School. Yale U. 1913.

16. In case of emergency, notify Extension, night or correspondence courses: Mrs. Wm Pettit, 276 Oakland Ave.  
Relationship Sister Post office address 276 S. Oakland Ave, Lexington, Ky

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Harold Foster  
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

Membership in technical or professional societies, trade association or unions:

Work best qualified for:- office or field executive.

Other work qualified for:-

Pay expected  
Location preferred Kentucky or Washington Willing to travel Yes.  
When could you report for work as soon as notified  
Have you had supervisory or executive responsibility Yes In what capacity In Army  
Over how many over two hundred. in staff or field

Any research work Yes.

Indicate in detail those parts of your experience which would qualify you for the work you prefer:-

Investigating child Welfare + Unemployment 1931 for entire State of Ky for national Hdqrs. American Legion. Child Welfare Division. 1915 did research work on patients in Washington D.C. and worked on improvement designs. Hold at present Commission as Lt. Col. 864 Ft. Res. on active list.

(Use additional sheet if necessary)

HEADQUARTERS  
864th F.A. Regt.  
Lexington, Ky.

MEMORANDUM:

To All Officers 864th. Field Artillery:

From the experience of the Regiment Camp this summer for the most part it will be necessary for all officers to take a correspondence course during the winter months in the course which will be necessary for them to complete before attaining a higher grade.

The Troop Schools will start in October under the Senior Instructor, Capt. Philip Wilson, and aided by Lieut. Col. T. J. Johnson, Reg. Army. For those officers near enough to Lexington to take advantage of this instruction, ~~they~~ will feel particularly enthusiastic when they find the type and interesting features of this work.

At the same time for further credit, the Reserve Officers Mess of Central Kentucky holds its twice a month dinner meeting at which lectures are given on general subjects and credit at the same time applied to your standing.

The Reserve Association has been a means of keeping the Reserve active training alive and it is the least we can do to aid it in its good work. This Regiment should be 100% members of the Association. Any inquiries in this respect may be addressed to Headquarters.

The excellent, earnest and spirited good work shown by those officers in the camp, when spread throughout the Regiment, can not help but make it the best one in the Division. Its numbers are small but its spirit can be indicated by living up to the Regimental motto: "To the utmost always."

The accompanying assignment of officers is arranged geographically as nearly as possible to make a closer battery contact.

Hart G. Foster,  
Lieut. Col. 864th. F.A.  
Commanding.

Attest:

Philip Wilson,  
Capt. 864th. F.A.  
Adjutant.

NEW YORK SHIPBUILDING COMPANY  
CAMDEN, N. J.  
INTER-OFFICE CORRESPONDENCE

To.....

DATE

Tuesday Aug. 21, 1934

FROM.....

SUBJECT.....

FILE.....

Dear Hart:-

Received your letter with enclosures. While the Welfare Committee Report is of some value, Col. Herron's personal letter to you means nothing. You should get letters addressed to James Moffett, Administrator of the Federal Housing Administration attesting your qualifications. With the thousands applying for jobs don't ask them to look up your record because they won't do it. Get as many letters as you can, they only serve as endorsements that these people know you and you are not a fit subject for a feeble minded Institute. Send them on to me, get Barclay & Virgil to write and send the letters to me, get anybody to state that your experience

qualifies you to take a position in the local regional organization in the valuation of property supervision of construction or what not. Send as many letters as you can get, send eight or ten or twenty if necessary. Ask anybody in Kentucky who knows you to write a letter its no skin off their ass and all I need is to have the letters to file with the Administration. I have the way paved but cant move without some letters. Get busy -

Dev.

Addison.

# NEW YORK SHIPBUILDING CORPORATION

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CAMDEN, NEW JERSEY, U.S.A.

CABLE ADDRESS "FAIRVIEW"

REFERENCE

CAMDEN

August 10, 1934

Lt-Col. Hart G. Foster,  
Box 445,  
Lexington, Ky.

My dear Hart:

I received your application blank and, after discussing the matter with the Special Assistant to the Director of the Housing Administration, I have taken his advice to write you requesting letters of recommendation from past employers; also, endorsements from the political standpoint.

As to your activities in connection with the B. T. U. Gas Company, I will write that endorsement and file it with the application when I have received the above-mentioned letters from you.

In this connection, I trust that you have alligned yourself with Democratic activity in Lexington. If so, Virgil Chapman undoubtedly will give you a strong letter. I would get in touch with Dorothy Shackelford, who is secretary of the Young Democrats in your local district, and get her to get some letters from some of the ring there. I suggest that you ask Virgil to get a letter from Barkley.

The organization here in Washington is complete and in about a month or six weeks' time the set-up for the states will be in order. I will watch this very closely and will be advised as to what jobs will be available. In the meantime, you must get yourself before the proper authority in Kentucky who dispenses patronage. I believe it is Senator Barkley, and in that case Virgil Chapman can be very helpful; -- however, you must beat the other

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people to it. I would do this as soon as I possibly could and I will watch and do as much as I can at this end of the line.

Sonny has been here for ten days and will return probably the evening of the 30th on the George Washington. Will let you know the train so that you can see him in Lexington on his way through to Louisville. Charlie Foster arrives tomorrow from New York to spend the week-end with us.

Give my love to the family, in which Sally and Sonny join me.

Devotedly,  
*Addison G. Foster*  
Addison G. Foster.

813 15th St., N.W.,  
Washington, D.C.

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August 29, 1934.

Dear Addison:

Enclosed please find four letters of recommendation with others to follow as soon as they are completed.

I am at present now working as an Inspector on this tobacco destruction, where there has been production on over-acreage, so that it has kept me busy from early morning until quite late in the evening.

Virgil Chapman said that he would personally go in to see Mr. Moffett and this letter from Senator Barkley indicates that he himself has also endorsed me for a position.

There have been several friends such as Colonel John R. Allen, working with letters to Barkley and Chapman, urging their support. Within the next few days, as I mentioned before, more letters will be forwarded. I hope that these will have weight and some concrete expression of ability along lines of real estate and "whatnot".

My love to all the family. All are well here with the exception of the two boys, who have whooping cough.

Devotedly yours,

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CABLE ADDRESS "FAIRVIEW"

REFERENCE

CAMDEN

Sept. 11, 1934

Col. Hart G. Foster,  
Box 445,  
Lexington, Ky.

Dear Hart:

Yesterday I filed your application, with photostat copies of your letters, with the Chief of the Personnel Bureau of the Housing Administration.

Captain Purdon, Special Assistant to Mr. Moffett, reviewed your letters and application and wrote a very strong letter to the Personnel Chief, urging that you be appointed to a key position in the permanent organization.

The letters of endorsement, attesting your experience in appraisal and mortgage work, were extremely helpful. It is expected that, within the next three weeks, the permanent organization will be set up. At present, the employees are only on a temporary status.

Mr. Hewett, Chief of the Personnel Division, asked me if it would be possible for you to come to Washington for inspection and general overhaul. I told him yes, that you would and could come here as soon as he notified me that they were ready to take you on. Further, I also told them that it would be agreeable to you to be located either in Washington or any place in the field; however, if it were a field job, you prefer Kentucky, in which state you are more familiar with land and building conditions.

I therefore suggest that you hold yourself in readiness to come on a moment's notice. It will be possible for you to stay with us while here, and should you require transportation, will be very glad to provide that.

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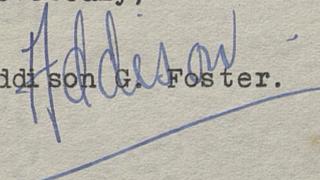
Your next move is to have Virgil Chapman call on Moffett, also Fred Vinson and anyone else in Congress. If you do not know Senator Logan, I shall make it a point to have him do the same. You might tell Virgil of my activity in the matter and what has been accomplished so far with the Housing Administration. A boost from him will kick it into Moffett's lap with strong recommendations from within the organization.

I have kept your duplicate copy of the application, together with original letters of endorsement. It might be handy to continue to get letters and send them on to me, which can be added, from time to time, to the file. I might add that your application has been officially considered a special case.

As per my telegram to you, I hope you have, or will, establish and maintain a ~~pleasant~~ contact with the Director of the Housing Administration for Kentucky.

I think it is safe to say that within the next six weeks you will be sent for. Give my love to the family, in which Sally joins me.

Devotedly,

  
Addison G. Foster.

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July 28, 1934

My dear Hart: -

Enclosed you will find an application blank for employment with the Federal Housing Administration. They will have organizations all over the Country. If you are interested - fill it out either for Kentucky or Washington and send it back to me so that I can put it in the hands of the proper authority. The quicker the sooner.

Dry & Hot as Hell here. Sunny arriving next Wednesday. Sally joins me in love to the Tribe

Addison