

101 Ocean Avenue
Seal Beach, California
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Dear Miss Gandy:

After twenty years how are you? I'm still living in California and have adopted the state. Still a member of the Women's National Press Club, however, and some day hope to be back for a meeting or two, and maybe we could have lunch together then.

In connection with the tragedy of President Kennedy's passing, I thought you might like to hand Mr. Hoover the enclosed article about one Robert Shorman who, according to the story, worked with Jack Ruby in Dallas. Since this is a local story in a relatively small-town newspaper I felt maybe your local bureau might happen to miss it.

In case you have forgotten all about me, I'm enclosing a picture taken of me a generation since I've seen you. With me is my fine husband of five years, Glen W. McFarland. With him I acquired two fine sons, one, an M.A. from Pepperdine College who is teaching at Long Beach City College, and another who is finishing four years in the Navy in Key West. My name there, of course, was Violet Sweet Haven, and now it is Mrs. Glen W. McFarland and we live at the above address. If you come to California please let me know and I'll show you the wonders of Disneyland, Knotts Berry Farm and Marineland.

The passage of time does not remove my pride in being once a member of the "Fifty Floor Family". It is hard to realize that we still survive in fine health and look to the future with lots of hope and plans; yet being aware of the gross loss of such good friends as Gordon Dean, Brien McMahon, Harold Stephens, William Stanley, Robert Jackson, Frank Murphy and Homer Cummings.

Tell your Boss I miss seeing him each year at the Ambassador Hotel Restaurant; and tell Mr. Tolson that I'm still remembering how scared I was when he gave my dictation test in the Hubbard Building in February 1934. He counseled me well, when I came back in a flash with several mistakes, and Mr. Tolson said: "It isn't the speed that counts, it's the accuracy." Then my anxious days when Jim Morris sent me up to Frank Wideman through the tender care of Grace Stewart, who forwarded me to Dan McGrath who, with the shepherding of Bern Berard helped me obtain an excepted position in the office of Joseph B. Keenan.

Even though the tragedy of the hour has paralysed us all, please know it is good to write to you and I hope this article will in some small way help.

Affectionately,

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