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Sir:

I am writing this letter pursuant to our telephone conversation of today.

My regular organization is the Military Police Company of the Baltimore Cargo Port of Embarkation. I have been in the Army for over fifteen months and have been an MP for almost all of this time.

For three months last year I was a member of an escort guard detachment and spent a short time in North Africa with that organization.

My original Army classification was "public relations man" and subsequent reclassification gave me the same designation.

This, briefly, is my experience in newspaper, magazine, and general editorial work:

From 1940 until my induction into the Army, I was a free-lance magazine writer in Washington. I was free-lancing by preference because of my health. During this period I wrote chiefly on national and international affairs and devoted a considerable amount of time to Army stories. I also did a series of articles on cartels. Much of the material I developed while working on this series was used by Congressional committees and Government agencies.

From 1936 until 1939 I was editor, assistant secretary, and an investigator for the Subcommittee on Education and Labor of the United States Senate, commonly known as the Senate Civil Liberties Committee. As editor I prepared, issued and circulated testimony, exhibits and reports totaling approximately twenty million words. I had up to twenty-five people working under me. I was also the committee's liaison with the press and Government agencies.

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Prior to my employment by the committee, I worked for the Wilmington (Delaware) Morning News, beginning in 1931 or 1932. At the same time I did by-line features for the now defunct Philadelphia Ledger Syndicate and occasional correspondence for metropolitan newspapers.

It is my understanding that, should an opening develop in your organization, it would be for a man who is either unfit for overseas duty or who has been on duty in a theater of operations subsequent to December 1, 1941. I have been on duty overseas since that time, in North Africa. In addition, on my induction into the Army, I was put into limited service because of flat feet, a sacro-iliac strain, and "insufficient vision." Further, I have an Army medical record showing several additional physical defects. I do not believe I could pass an overseas physical examination. I am 31 years of age.

If any further information or references are desired, I shall be glad to supply what I can.

May I say, sir, that, after more than a year in the Military Police, I would more than welcome an opportunity to work in your office.

Respectfully,