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PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Senator Morris Sheppard,
U. S. Senate Building,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I wired you following the announcement of the Consolidated Plant's location in Fort Worth and expressing our thanks and appreciation for the very marvelous job you performed in behalf of our City.

I have a personal thought in this connection which if there is any consistent way possible that you can help arrange would please me very much. Elliott Roosevelt, who married a very charming girl in Texas, has lived here for a number of years. He enlisted in the Aviation Corps and is at the Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio. Although he was not eligible under the draft he was anxious to do his bit and joined the Air Corps. They made him a Captain which, as you know, brought him a lot of criticism throughout the country which was unjust and uncalled for. The Army was fortunate in securing his services which are now devoted to the Procurement Department. Meanwhile you know the public is prone to give criticism, many times, without just thought or consideration.

Incidentally, Elliott is a clean-cut, doublefisted six footer, or maybe six feet two, who has a lot on the ball and the thought occurred to me relative to the Consolidated plant which the Government is going to build in Fort Worth, through your timely and effective assistance, that they might be able to transfer Elliott Roosevelt to this point in charge of the construction or in some worthy connection with this project which the Government is to build under the direction of the Army Engineers. Having some slight conception of the problems confronting the building of such a plant and knowing Elliott as I do, I feel the Government could not select a better man. In other words, if the responsibility were up to me and I had the choice, I would unhesitatingly

select Elliott. Therefore, I wonder if you could investigate the matter in a confidential manner and without brining forth any newspaper publicity and see if it would be possible to have him transferred back here to his home in connection with a job of this kind.

I am certain that his father would appreciate it; although, under no circumstances, would make any effort to secure the assignment for Elliott. This you can readily understand. Meanwhile, I unhesitantly recommend him and if there is anything you can do, I shall appreciate it very much.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

AGC.KD