

Civil Service

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Subject: U.S. Information Agency service

Dear Sir:

I have on hand a letter from Mr. Joseph Polakoff, special assistant to the director, concerning U.S. Information Agency service recruitment.

~~I am very much~~ <sup>hope 2</sup> interested, if I possess special qualifications ~~and in which the Agency is especially interested.~~

Less than a year ago I was offered employment as information specialist (Press) with the United States Department of Interior, Bonneville Power Administration, Portland, Ore. This was to fill a vacancy under a GS-11, \$6,390 per annum, and within six months because of the situation, it would have ~~been~~ advanced to a GS-12.

I was qualified under Civil Service promptly, but ~~because~~ publication of a book was hanging fire ~~and~~ other matters were to be considered, I did not complete my physical examination. <sup>have</sup> ~~although~~ I since received a "register" ~~and inquiry.~~ <sup>routine registry inquiry</sup>

Besides qualifying for that rating, which I am satisfied can be ~~completed~~ completed with a physical examination--or at least I have the same ~~and~~ basic qualifications, I have considerable more to offer in the apparent field. The GS-11 and 12 did not take into consideration

1-publication of a highly successful book showing a keen insight into

<sup>friends and an "alien"</sup> working with a difficult group ~~to work with~~, ie: A remnant Indian band; <sup>to make</sup> obtaining for them protection, and valuable budgetary considerations <sup>preservation of cultural their culture</sup> construction

in a \$349,000,000 hydroelectric project. <sup>This has done</sup> with the good will of the project planners to the extent they <sup>handed to the Ind by way of the dam after</sup> ~~handed to the Ind by way of the dam after~~ them.

2--~~Above average qualifications of organization and communication~~  
ability demonstrated in "promoting" the book. *conversion into Book pub.*

3--~~Above average qualifications of speaking,~~ demonstrated before  
audiences ranging from 100 up to 1,200 (a national convention banquet),  
and at the same time demonstrating the ability to make four separate  
~~speeches~~ *speeches* in one day on different subjects *by request appearance* (repeat ~~speeches~~ requested  
~~from cities where I appeared not less than a month from~~  
~~original appearance date.~~

4--Knowledge of art (sculpturing illustrations in book); ~~and~~ ~~and~~  
~~an~~ art training

5--Knowledge of museums, *libraries, the field of* ~~and library operations,~~ books, history,  
the American way of life and the application of history through service  
as a curator of the Washington State Historical Society and as *a* board  
member of the Yakima Valley Museum and Historical Association (which  
will within two ~~months~~ *dedicates* open a \$140,000 museum building here.

6--~~Demonstration of historical research ability, on which history is~~  
~~based, through service with Fort Simcoe at Mool Mool Restoration~~  
~~Society and dedication of~~ *dedicates* ~~several~~ Fort Simcoe State Park.

7--Public appearances before school classes of all ages, and assistance  
to pupils, students and scholars in preparing plain essay material,  
theses or criticizing dissertations.

8--Owner of my ~~own~~ library of Americana, *Contains 3,000* emphasizing *Western Americana,*  
*volumes* that contains upwards of 4,000 volumes, microfilm, typescript, documents,  
photographs.

9--*Owner of K & R Butterbrook Quad, 1455, demonstrated ability to recog + deal*  
And these qualifications, including ~~and~~ ~~and~~ others  
pertinent thereto, in addition to the qualifications that enabled me

to qualify for the GS-11 (12) (press). This was based on my experience  
as a city editor and managing editor, *and news editor* ~~and~~ executive ability, *to handle*  
*staffs -* training as a reporter in years past; photographic experience and  
the many ~~other~~ qualifications that go into the background of  
a newspaperman with 30 years experience and who is *now* ~~still~~ employed on  
the fifth job in that time. *or his career -*

*where much cultural background of many races & people  
was learned;*

*with number of other groups;*

I do not know for sure whether Civil Service would be involved in the USIA or not, more so than is referred to under the Civil Service Retirement System of Overseas Career Opportunities for Officers with the U.S. Information Agency, fact sheet.

I am interested in a position if I have the qualifications; there is <sup>a career</sup> permanency <sup>for</sup> in ~~it~~ to competent people; and it provides an opportunity for combining my proven qualifications with those listed for a ~~pc~~ classification that would ~~be~~ <sup>be</sup> substantially better my present \$125 a week or \$6,300 per annum (due within a few months to be increased.)

The position and standing I have attained compensate <sup>I believe</sup> for lack of completing college and obtaining a degree. And I have no military service record. Character and Conduct ~~has done so~~

Since I have qualified as an expert ~~and~~ ethno-historian for the Department of Justice, and since the Civil Service rating, contingent on the physical was completed, I know I am satisfactory as to security.

The book I authored and referred to ~~earlier~~ is Drummers and Dreamers ~~and~~ I am sure the Department of the Interior or other libraries in Washington has one you could examine. While the reviews are only now coming in, I am appending excerpts from some of them.

I am not "shopping" but if I possess qualifications desired by the Agency I would be glad to fill out papers for further consideration, or to present myself for an interview say at the Seattle (Regional) Civil Service, if there is a working relationship between the Agency and the Service.

Meanwhile I will endeavor to place possible qualified men in touch, as noted in Mr. Polakoff's letter.

Enclosure (Review excerpts)

Sincerely Yours

*one of proven quality - I believe in*  
*and I am sure*  
*Append 15*