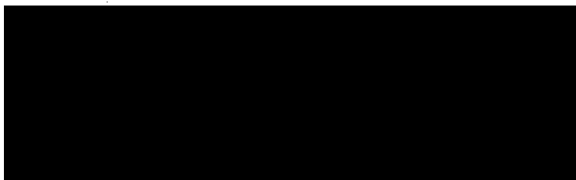


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11 February 1949

STATOTHR

311 Lomb Street, Boston



Dear Ed:

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On receipt of your letter concerning [REDACTED] I made a few inquiries through the proper people. This is one of the unfortunate cases that rise to plague us from time to time. She made her application at the worst possible time because we were then in the middle of a log jam due to the impossibility of completing investigations while the enormous burden of the President's Loyalty Program was occupying the full time of the investigative agencies. We are just now getting our heads above water, and, of course, there were many priority requests that were put ahead of the routine applications.

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[REDACTED] case is still active, and we have no excuse for the fact that she has not received the routine acknowledgements that are normally sent out every month or two. They would not have told her anything, but, at least they give assurance of proper consideration. Would you intercede for us and ask for a little more patience as I understand that the final answer should come along in about a month? Of course, I have no way of knowing what the final answer will be.

Thanks for your interest in the case and never hesitate to call on me as we are all interested to know when we have "muffed" one so we can correct the situation as soon as possible.

Best regards to Nancy, and if we can ever find time to make our trips to or from Charlottesville more leisurely, we will stop by to call.

Very truly yours,

LAWRENCE R. HOUSTON

A handwritten signature or initials, possibly "LH", written in ink.