

Lang

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To Whom It May Concern:

This letter of recommendation is written in support of the application of Robert E. Lang for a commission in the United States Navy.

On September 19th of this year I was assigned to duty in charge of the Office of Strategic Services Message Center. Faced with a job about which I knew nothing and an unknown personnel, I was enabled to judge without preconception the abilities and qualifications of those then staffing the Message Center.

Within a few days it became apparent that Mr. Lang stood above the others in ability in handling others, in the comprehension and solution of complicated operating and public relations problems, and in reliability. Accordingly, I made Mr. Lang a principal assistant in full charge of operations, subject only to general review and discussion on doubtful points.

Message Center work requires not only cryptographic knowledge of a broad order, but also the possession and application of a considerable degree of education, intelligence and mental ability. In addition, honesty, stability, and the ability to keep one's mouth shut are essential.

In all the respects mentioned above, and others, I have found Mr. Lang to be outstanding and I therefore feel confident that he can tackle any job to which he may be assigned by the Navy with credit and success.

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