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Dr. Roche,
Civil Service Commission,
Ottawa.

Dear Dr. Roche:-

I desire to lay before you the case of the widow of one of our men who was killed overseas. From what I have learned of you through our mutual friend, Hugh Dwyer, I have every confidence that you will give her case sympathetic consideration.

This woman is Mrs. M. E. Harris, 375 Lisgar Street, Ottawa. Her husband, as I stated above, was killed in France, after having served for three and one half years at the front. She states that after repeated trials she was allowed to start as a junior clerk and was given a salary of \$10.00 less than any of her fellow employees. She strikes me as being a clever woman and states that she was paid \$110. per month as a Secretary-translator at the Intelligence Branch of the War Office in London during four years of the War.

She says she took a Civil Service examination and succeeded in all items except filing. She is a woman who has a University education, which, of course, did not include filing. She failed by only 7 marks.

Writing me on November 2nd she states that she wrote over three months ago asking that her case be reconsidered and that up to the present time she has received no answer. It seems to me that, considering her husband's service and his sacrifice and her own war record, these should be worth to the Government the equivalent of seven marks on an examination on filing.