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OTTAWA, Ontario.

Dear John:

I greatly appreciate the letter that I received from you now some time ago about Miss. Patterson's passport. I realize that the Passport Office must be very busy but I also realize that if there was any proper organization to it that the important passports should surely be issued before those that are only a matter of routine. There must be many passports that matters little whether they are issued today or three or four months from now. In this particular case, however, it is important. I sent you the letter stating that Miss. Patterson would be accepted in Women's Auxiliary Service but naturally they are not going to wait on her for ever and it would be rather a tragedy if they came to the conclusion she was not going over. So I do think that if you brought the matter forcibly to the attention of the proper official the passport could be issued right away.

I hate to trouble you so much about this but it is important and so I am running the risk of being a nuisance by bringing it again to your attention and asking you to see the Chief Officer and get some action on it immediately.

I am willing to bet that if a grit applied for a passport under these circumstances it sure would be issued without delay.

Yours truly.

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