

138 West 58th Street,  
New York City.

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Dear Peg -

I want to confine this letter to one subject, so will write you on other matters separately.

Miss Johnson (my "friend" in the Hudnut Salon) passed over the position about which she had been so enthused as she might discuss the weather, or some such trivial matter. So, you were right - but it did seem worth while waiting for; however, it is perhaps better so if she isn't reliable.

There are no desirable openings in the cosmetic work so I have made up my mind to pass it by and attempt to return to office work. Besides, Mama is not well and must remain at my sister's and receive medical attention - dizzy spells, low blood pressure, etc., so I do want to remain here near her; also to retain my little home if at all possible, I enjoy it so.

You will recall my having spoken to you a few weeks ago of the possibility of having to ask your assistance in securing a place in one of the local federal offices. At that time you asked if I did stenographic work - you will recall (although you naturally associate me with cosmetic work in recent years) that I was secretary to Felix Tumulty when you saw me in Washington during the war; in fact I did that work for about twelve years. Naturally, I would prefer not to have to return to straight stenography, after being away from it so long, and of course executive or executive secretarial work commands a better salary and I have had good experience. However, if need be I could take a hurried course to brush up; if necessary.

I have made inquiries and the following local offices were suggested, in order of preference: Collector of the Port (this seems to be considered the most desirable), Port Appraiser, Post Office, Internal Revenue, Naval Officer, U.S. District Attorney and Att'y General - and of course there may be others. Such a position would be under the classification of "exempt" and no civil service necessary.

So Peg, I will greatly appreciate it if you will ask Mr. Roosevelt if he will be good enough to try to place me as well as may be possible, and preferably here. Please know that I dislike to ask this and most especially to bother either of you when you have so many tremendous problems before you, but I must do something soon and would like to know if possible before another first of the month. Friends here have encouraged the belief that it can rather readily be done, so I am hoping for the best.

My very best wishes - and thanking you for anything you may do, believe me always

Sincerely,

Eleanor Townsend