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Dear Dr. Ellis:

This past week I was informed of the successful conclusion of my loyalty case. I wish to take this opportunity to thank you again for preparing an affidavit for me, and to tell you, briefly, what happened.

As you already know, I was informed by mail last August that, because of my membership in the Washington Cooperative Bookshop, my eligibility as a government employee was being questioned -- this although I had previously been cleared. With the help of Mr. Cobb, I prepared a written statement, telling in detail all I could remember of my association and membership in the Bookshop. We requested a hearing, should they not be satisfied with the written reply.

Accordingly, Mr. Cobb and I appeared for a hearing on October 25th. The three members of the Interior Department Loyalty Board questioned me on my written statement. In addition, they questioned the five witnesses who testified to my character and loyalty. At the close of the hearing, which lasted 3 hours, we submitted the written affidavits, of which yours was one. Late in November, we received a transcript of the hearing for any corrections. Last week, I received the following letter, dated 15 January:

"The Interior Department Loyalty Board, after having given you a hearing pursuant to your request and after having considered the complete file, testimony, the argument in your case, determined by a unanimous vote at a meeting held on October 30, 1950, that, on all the evidence, no reasonable ground exists for believing that you are disloyal to the Government of the U.S. The disposition of your case by the Interior Dept. Loyalty Board was subsequently found by the Loyalty Review Board of the Civil Service Commission, upon post-audit, to be in accordance with the regulations governing the administration of the loyalty program.

"Your case has been closed on the basis of the favorable determination ~~at~~ by the Interior Department Loyalty Board."

Needless to say, I am glad it has ended this way. I deeply appreciate the help you have given me.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth A. M. Schmidt