

1817 N. Rhodes Street
Arlington, Virginia
7 September 1950

Professor Armin K. Lobeck
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New York 27, New York

Dear Professor Lobeck:

I have been informed that my eligibility as a government employee is being questioned because of my membership in the Washington Cooperative Bookshop, an organization which has been listed by the Attorney General's office as a front for subversive activities. Although the organization had emphatically denied the charges at all times, and actually now no longer exists, those who were members still have to answer individually the charges against the organization. For that reason, and on good advice, I have retained the services of a lawyer.

He advises me that, although I have already replied in writing to the charges, it is also essential that I present several written affidavits concerning my personal integrity and loyalty to the United States Government from people who have known me over a period of years. I should very much appreciate such a statement from you. If you feel free to write one, it should contain the following points:

1. State your own name and address, employment, or other identification.
2. Devote one or more paragraphs to your association with me, more or less chronologically, and stating the capacity in which you knew me.
3. Express in your own words your opinion of my integrity and my loyalty to the government. If possible, indicate, if you have a view, my attitude towards communism, what it was, and why.

This statement should be notarized, and sent to my lawyer, David Cobb, 1822 Jefferson Place N.W., Washington 6, D.C.

Sincerely yours,

Ruth A. M. Schmidt