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REF NYC 22. RATHER DIFFICULT FOR ME TO GIVE FAIR BUT HONEST EVALUATION FOR JOB DESCRIBED. WE LET HIM GO BECAUSE WE WANTED BETTER RESULTS. COMPARED TO PRESENT INCUMBENT, HIS GRADE IN JOB WITH US WOULD NOT BE MORE THAN 40 PERCENT EFFECTIVENESS. IF I PERSONALLY WERE A "HIGH EXECUTIVE" IN A NEWSPAPER PUBLISHING (OR ANY OTHER) BUSINESS, I WOULD LOOK FURTHER, BUT I HAVE NOT BEEN IN NEWSPAPER BUSINESS AND OF COURSE DO NOT KNOW JUST WHAT IS DESIRED IN THE POSITION. HE HAS NO LACK OF INTELLIGENCE OR SOPHISTICATION. HE HAS LIKABLE QUALITIES AND HIS ENTHUSIASM AND FRIENDLINESS GET OVER VERY WELL WITH CASUALLY INFREQUENT CONTACTS, BUT DO NOT WEAR SO WELL OVER THE LONG RUN WITH REGULAR ASSOCIATES AND SUBORDINATES (WHO WERE GLAD TO SEE HIM LEAVE). HE SPEAKS FRENCH FLUENTLY (CHARMING FRENCH WIFE) AND SEEMED TO HAVE MANY FRIENDS IN FRENCH RADIO AND OTHER CIRCLES BUT DID NOT BRING RFE INTO VERY HIGH RESPECT AMONG KEY U.S. NEWSPAPER MEN IN SAME CITY.

HE SAID HIS ABILITIES AND INTERESTS WERE IN RADIO AND TV WRITING. MATER'S INDEPENDENT EVALUATION FOLLOWS (NO COLLUSION):

"I CAN NOT RPT NOT RECOMMEND HIM FOR THE POSITION AS DESCRIBED. HE IS A PROFESSIONAL, CAPABLE NEWSMAN. HE EXPERIENCED CONSIDERABLE DIFFICULTY IN PERFORMING GENERAL EXECUTIVE DUTIES, PARTICULARLY IN EMPLOYEE RELATIONS. HE WAS TRANSFERRED FROM FIRST BUREAU PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF TROUBLES HE HAD DIRECTING THE WORK OF THE INFORMATION STAFF. HE HAD SIMILAR DIFFICULTIES AND PERSONNEL PROBLEMS IN SECOND BUREAU, ALMOST ALL OF WHICH CAN BE TRACED BACK DIRECTLY TO HIM. ALTHOUGH HE IS A LIKEABLE, PERSONABLE INDIVIDUAL, YOU WOULD BE DOING YOUR FRIEND A DISSERVICE IN RECOMMENDING HIM FOR THE JOB, BASED ON HIS TWO YEARS WITH RFE."

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