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Consul Perry Jester  
In care of the State Department  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Jester,

May I introduce myself? I had hoped to be able to do so here in Miami about a month ago, when I was informed by both Bill Krieg and Pan American Airways Traffic Department that you would be passing through on your way home from Lagos. It was a great disappointment to me when the Clipper on which we were expecting to see you arrived without you. William had told me in his letters how much he enjoyed working under you, so that when I heard you would probably come through Miami I asked especially to be allowed to greet you both in a business capacity and as a friend of my fiance. Had you come here, you would have been heartily welcomed!

William tells me he has spoken to you about our hope to be married some time in the not-too-distant future. In times like these it is not an easy thing to accomplish, as you undoubtedly know just as well as we do! However, I am delighted to say that I have received a passport valid for travel to Nigeria, so that now the only major problem that remains is that of transportation. The division Traffic Manager of Pan American, whom I consulted about the possibility of going via Clipper, informs me that it is impossible without priority. He added, however, that anyone who had obtained a passport under the difficult conditions I had to contend with, should be able to effect the second miracle of obtaining priority! I am afraid the division Traffic Manager greatly overestimated my miracle-working capacities, for I don't know whom I have to thank for having gotten the passport so easily. So I am taking the liberty of consulting you in the matter of attempting to obtain priority status, since William indicated you were sympathetic to our "cause", and because you must have had a great deal of experience with this sort of thing.

You are probably very busy, and I certainly hope I'm not bothering you too much; but if you could find a few minutes to enquire if and how I might make an application for priority status, I should be very grateful indeed. Bill and I are counting so much on this- it's hard for me to express how much- and we have waited so long, that it would be most disheartening to have a passport and no way to use it. Bill tells me that there would be plenty of work for me to do if I ever got over there, and I am sure I am ready and willing to undertake anything that is offered. Pan American's African Division is understaffed, so I think I could be useful with them, and I have worked at the Consulate General in Lisbon. We thought these facts might be used as arguments in favor of my travel, in addition to the obvious argument. Would you tell me what you think about it, and if you know of any other way I might get there in the event that priority is unobtainable?

Some day I hope that Bill and I will be able to repay you for this and for all the kindness you showed him in Lagos.

Sincerely,  
Phyllida Jones

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