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Dear Mr. Fyfe:

The Department of State has appointed Miss Laura Philinda Jones as a clerk in the Consulate General at Lagos. She is the fiancée of Vice Consul Krieg and both of these young people have been struggling for a year to get her out to Africa. The Department has approved her appointment, knowing that she will marry upon her arrival (which will solve an otherwise unsolvable housing problem).

The Department has given her the appointment but she is being required to pay her own way to Lagos to take up her job. We had hoped to obtain air priority for her so that she might proceed by Pan-American Airways but the Army has refused to take any woman. She has the option either of proceeding by Portuguese vessel to Lisbon and trying to make her way from there to West Africa, or of obtaining passage on one of the fast ships (I believe these are Norwegian vessels under charter to the Barber Line) sailing for that coast, in like manner to the passage recently found for Mrs. Price.

If Miss Jones applies to you for assistance in establishing her priority and booking passage, would you be good enough to do anything you can to assist her. I am also supplying her with a letter of introduction to Mr. Finch but have suggested that she first check with your office regarding procedure.

With

Howard Fyfe, Esquire,  
United States Despatch Agent,  
45 Broadway,  
New York, New York.

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With kindest regards and best wishes as usual,  
I am

Sincerely yours,

Perry N. Jester

P.S. Miss Jones has with her the letter of appointment  
and I believe she has also received her special passport.  
If not, it is in process of completion here.