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Clark

Thank you for your letter

I should think the Veterans Organization could help this man to get his loan or to arrange ~~for their~~ from their groups for the necessary loan.

Mrs T—

I have att. the former corresp. & in our first letter Mrs R. said she thought a plan should be made for them & she would help.

Thank you for your
report on the Clark Case
I have no suggestions
except possibly that
the young man take
a job. I have no money

to lend as what I
have to give has
been pledged

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21 February 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, New York

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am writing with regard to the correspondence from Mrs. Clark of Winchendon, Massachusetts.

The report from our local Chapter gives us the following information:

Mr. Clark is definitely destitute and in need of financial aid. Besides having one child and expecting another in February, he is caring for a nephew left to him by divorced parents. He is six months in arrears in payment on his home purchased through a G.I. loan and two months in arrears in payment on his store. He has not filed bankruptcy and is still trying to meet his payments. He applied for aid to the Winchendon VFW and was referred to the Fitchburg VFW, who in turn referred him to the VA in Boston. Although advised by the local bank to proceed in his business venture until his G.I. loan was approved, this bank, according to Mr. Clark, after the VA had approved the loan, would not take the risk because of the following reasons: (1) The bakery is not located in the main business section, and (2) second hand bakery equipment is being used. Because he was unable to obtain the loan, he was forced to close.

The representatives of our local Chapter state that Mr. Clark has the initiative to make a success of his bakery, which would be the only bakery in the town, and that he feels he could get back on his feet with a G.I. loan. Mrs. Clark wrote you in desperation because this possibility seemed so far in the future.

Mrs. Clark probably has an overly dramatic sense, but the situation really is bad. I don't know what state or local relief agencies have done or which ones might help, and our local people have no ideas as to where they might further seek help for the Clarks.

If you have any ideas as to how they might get help, I'd be glad to hear them and to do what I can.

Sincerely,

Justin N. Feldman
Director of Veterans Affairs

JNF:et

February 17, 1947

My dear Mr. Feldman:

I am enclosing further correspondence from Mrs. Clark. I hope you will write me when you have finished the investigation.

With many thanks,

Very sincerely yours.

Mrs R C. Clark
85 High St
Winchester, Mass

Answer? attd

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9 January 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square, West
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Your letter of 7 January to Mr. Bolte, enclosing the letter of appeal from Mrs. Irene M. Clark of Winchendon, Mass., has been referred to me in Mr. Bolte's absence.

I have written the chairman of our Fitchburg, Mass., Chapter to enlist his help in investigating the plight of this family and in finding out just what local assistance might be available. We will follow through on this matter and will let you know what we find out with regard to the facts in the situation.

Sincerely,

Justin N. Feldman

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Director of Veterans Affairs

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Look for reply

Clark

January 7, 1946

Dear Mr. Bolte:

I am enclosing a letter which I received. Will you please look up this veteran and tell me if the story is true?

I think a plan should be made for them and I will do what I can to help.

With many thanks and best wishes,

So that you may see us, I send this photo.

January 1945-

This was taken a year ago, just after my husbands discharge from service. He was so happy and hopeful then. Your kindness and generousity can give us back our happiness and hope.

Please.