July 22, 1935.

My dear Governor Pearson:

It is a source of satisfaction to know that the investigation of the Virgin Islands has developed no facts that reflect upon your honesty or integrity or devotion to duty. Nevertheless it is apparent that a situation has developed which renders it advisable to make various official changes in the Islands.

Ickes tells me that he has offered you the position of Assistant Director of Housing in charge of Public Welfare. This is a post of honor that ought particularly to appeal to you because it will give you a chance to assist in the social rehabilitation of those under-privileged fellow citizens of ours who, on account of economic conditions, have been forced to live in slum areas. I am sure that this is the sort of a task that will engage the interest of a man with your background and concern for humanity.

I want you to continue to be a member of my administration in a position commensurate with your ability and experience. I, therefore, hope that you will accept the offer that Ickes has made you.

Sincerely yours,

Governor Paul W. Pearson,
Office of the Secretary,
Department of the Interior.