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*Write*

July 22, 1935.

My dear Governor Pearson:

It is a source of satisfaction to know that the <sup>*current*</sup> ~~recent~~ 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.

*Administrator*

~~Administrator~~ Ickes tells me that he has offered you the position of

*W. H. H. H.*

Assistant Director of Housing in charge of Public ~~Works~~. 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 <sup>*Secretary*</sup> ~~is~~ Ickes has made you.

Sincerely yours,

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