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Misc.

Dear Mr. Dawson:

One further item regarding Joseph H. B. Evans (see our recent correspondence). From September 1943 to December 1945 he was Regional Director for the States of Virginia, Maryland, West Virginia, North Carolina and the District of Columbia, of the President's Committee on Fair Employment Practice.

Yours sincerely,

*Charles Fahy* x1285-0

Honorable Donald S. Dawson,  
Administrative Assistant to the President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

x1285-0 Enclosure

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 11, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONNELLY:

Dear Matt:

I have been looking into the complaint about Joseph H. B. Evans made by Sherman Hibbitt, the unofficial mayor of Harlem, and have come to the conclusion that there is nothing here which calls for any action on our part.

It would appear that Sherman Hibbitt himself does not appear to be a reliable informant, as indicated by the attached newspaper clipping.

It also appears that the Joseph H. B. Evans' appointment was checked with John Sengstacke, publisher of the Chicago Defender, who personally approved it. Congressman Dawson's office has no knowledge of Joseph H. B. Evans working against the President during the campaign, but tells us that he was active in Michigan in behalf of Frank Hooke, who ran against Ferguson for the Senate.

Congressman Dawson was not asked about filling the position, but I understand that he raised no objection after the job was filled.

DONALD S. DAWSON

Attachment.

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Filed by  
MR. DAWSON

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*Mr. Nash?*  
*JHF*  
*Fica*

Dear Mr. Dawson:

I have your note of the 25th. enclosing the letter of Mr. Sherman Hibbitt to Mr. Connelly regarding Joseph H. B. Evans' employment by our Committee. As requested I am returning Mr. Hibbitt's letter.

I am sorry a problem of this sort has arisen and hope it will not in any way embarrass The White House. We did not know anything about Frederick S. Weaver. His availability was not called to our attention. Should we need another man I shall certainly keep him in mind if you would like me to do so.

Regarding Joseph H. B. Evans, he was suggested to us by James Evans, Special Assistant to the Secretary of Defense on minority problems. I understand he had been cleared with Congressman Dawson of Chicago. On our Committee, as you know, is Mr. John H. Sengstacke, publisher of "The Chicago Defender", a strong supporter of the President. As I had not known Joseph H. B. Evans myself I asked Mr. Sengstacke whether he thought he was all right and he gave me an affirmative answer. It might be that he was unaware of the information which Mr. Hibbitt supplies. Joseph H. B. Evans had held positions in the Government in connection with fair employment practices. I am tracing down additional information and will write you again.

Yours sincerely,

*Charles Fahy*

Encl:

Honorable Donald S. Dawson,  
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Washington, D. C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 7, 1949

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. DAWSON:

Dear Don:

Will you please handle the  
attached letter.

Thanks.

*mjc*  
M.J.C.

3/17/49

Mr. D:

I am advised that there is a Joseph Evans  
working with the Committee, but the gal with whom  
I talked was unable to give me his exact title.

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March 25, 1949

Dear Mr. Fahy:

Matt Connelly has given me the attached letter from Sherman Hibbitt, 261 West 125th Street, New York 27, New York, regarding Joseph H. B. Evans reported to be serving your committee. Will you please let me know what you can about Mr. Evans? It appears that he does not believe in the President or his policies.

I shall appreciate the return of Mr. Hibbitt's letter with your reply.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

DONALD S. DAWSON  
Administrative Assistant  
to the President

Enclosure

Honorable Charles Fahy  
1625 K Street, Northwest  
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DS Dawson:jg

March 7, 1949

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MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. DANSON:

Dear Don:

Will you please handle the  
attached letter.

Thanks.

M.J.C.

Letter to MJC dated 3-3-49 from  
Sherman Hibbitt, Unofficial Mayor of Harlem  
recommending that Frederick S. Weaver be  
given a job in consideration of his work in  
recent campaign. Feels he should have been  
given job as Associate Secretary to the  
President's Committee on Equal Opportunities.

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# Community of Harlem Civic Association

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SHERMAN HIBBITT  
MAYOR

March 3, 1949

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Hon. Matthew J. Connelly,  
Secretary to the President  
The White House  
Washington, 25, D.C.

My dear Mr. Connelly:

I note from the Negro press that Joseph H. B. Evans, who lives in Washington at 101 S Street, N.W., has been appointed as Associate Secretary to the President's Committee on Equal Opportunities in the Armed Forces, at a salary of \$8,500 per annum.

Mr. Evans was one of the few Negroes who actively supported Dewey in the Presidential campaign, and who actually returned to his voting residence in Michigan to vote for him. Neither his financial circumstances nor his party contribution entitled him to this recognition over Frederick S. Weaver, whom I have repeatedly urged be given a job in consideration of his long Party loyalty and his work in this most recent campaign. It was he who interested me in working for the President, and in donating \$1,000 to the campaign fund. While I had not asked for any particular job for Fred, I had hoped that our friends there would be looking out for him, and the job given to Evans is one which I know Fred could have filled admirably.

He is a married man with three dependant children, and comes from the President's home State and is known by the President to have been a faithful worker in his campaigns dating back to his Senate days. I hope something immediate can be worked out for him, as this is all I am asking for the part I played in the campaign, being an independent business man, ready to do the same thing again. I have confidence that you will give this matter proper consideration and if necessary place it before the President, to whom I send my cordial good wishes. By the way: that Jefferson day address he delivered was a cracker jack, and hit them right between the eyes.

Cordially,  
*Sherman Hibbitt*  
Unofficial Mayor of Harlem