

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON

OFFICE OF THE CHAIRMAN

September 14, 1937.

My dear Miss LeHand:

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One of the matters that I thought it would be well to call to your attention before I leave my office relates to Miss Eleanor J. Townsend. # You will recall that she came to the Securities and Exchange Commission first as Secretary to Mr. Joseph P. Kennedy and then she continued in the position of Secretary to the Chairman as long as I was here. In the absence of the appointment of a new Chairman, there is no one who can give her any assurance that she will continue in that capacity. Until that time she will continue in her present position.

In order for her to remain with the Commission she would have to have one of the positions which exempt her from Civil Service and which are limited to the secretaries to the five commissioners. Her want of any Civil Service classification means that she is ineligible for a position in the general administrative secretarial staff.

I am bringing the matter to your attention because I know of your interest in Miss Townsend and because I have her well-being very much at heart. She has been extremely efficient and loyal. I shall, of course, do all I can to help her out, but I just want to bring to your attention the seriousness of her position.

Sincerely yours,



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The White House.