

Mollie
ask Harry about this

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Mr. Cohen:

Re: Increase in Grade for Rhoda Pines and Mollie B. Zion

In reply to your question I have never stood in the way of anyone getting an increase and if you feel it is deserved and it can be justified that it up to you.

As to your question as to what my request for a grade 12 has to do with it, I submit the following:

Rhoda has been in the position for approximately eight or nine months. As far as I know none of the duties have changed from the position as performed by Loretta other than perhaps the increase of pressures on the job. If this is a basis for considering the increase in that job, you well know that the increase in pressures in addition to increase in responsibilities in my job have increased tenfold since I assumed the position of Confidential Assistant to the Chairman in August of 1964. I have not received an increase in grade. In May of 1966 I requested an increase and it was turned down and a palliative of a merit increase was given to me. At that time, however, you told me that you advised Harry Pollack that if ever any agency gave a grade 12 for a comparable position you would want to do something for me. I have known for some time of such a case but I have not taken the matter up with you because it has always been a painful matter to me. In view of the above situation, however, I feel that I deserve some consideration from you at this time. My information comes from the person who had the grade. The information is as follows: The Bonneville Power Administration, Portland, Oregon, has an Administrator whose salary is less than that of a Commissioner but the Grade of the Confidential Assistant to the Administrator for the past two years or more has been a GS-12. Surely justification can be made for a Chairman's Confidential Assistant. I trust you will do the best for me. Incidentally, in the Bonneville Power Administration the second girl is a grade GS-10. It further appears in my various checking that there is ~~usually~~ usually a 2 grade difference between a first and second girl in a top office.

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