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1504 E. 74th Place
Chicago, 19, Illinois.

Mr. P. Murray

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My dear sir:

I realize you are a very busy man these days, but I'm sure you can spare ten min. of your time to read my letter.

My husband was employed for 14 yrs at Carnegie Ill. Steel Co; the last 3 1/2 yrs he was a grievance man for Local 65. Div 5.

On Aug 15, 1947, He was fired for violating a safety rule, the fellow working with him breaking the same rule was kept on the job.

My husband was a locomotive Engineer at this time. His switchman wasn't feeling well asked him to

switch for him while he ran the engine. He did and the yard master seen this and told him to report to the office, where he was told he was fired. This has been a common practice in the mill no one was fired before or since for this violation.

The local union officers in charge of his case fell down somewhere along the line because the case never reached arbitration. We are sure if it had he would have been restored to his job. Local 65 voted to re-open the case but nothing ever came of it. He contacted G. Michon, N. Harris, and J. Germans but they couldn't do a thing. That is why I'm writing to you, as a last hope before giving up.

These past two years have been a nightmare one job after another. Our once happy home a nerve center waiting any minute for Dad to blow up.

One of our little boys has been in the hospital this past month the Doctors tell us he must spend the next 6-7 months in a sanitarium for complete rest he has rheumatic fever.

I'm driven by a desperate hope in human nature that you may be able to do something for us.

My husband doesn't know I'm writing you, I couldn't bolster any false hopes, and let him down, because I love him too much to see him hurt again.

It is very hard for a man 37 yrs to re-adjust himself after

spending 14 yrs on one job.

I'm sending you our family picture so you can see we are just another average American family. Our oldest boy joined the Air Force after graduating from High School.

Mr. Murray please regard my letter as personally to you; not as some silly woman looking for publicity.

May I thank you for any thing you may be able to do about my husband's case.

I remain, Very Truly Yours
Mrs Mary Durham,

Husband Name.

Leighton L. Durham

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