

May 24, 1954

Mr. Hamilton Hall
522 Locust Avenue
Germantown
Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Dear Mr. Hall:

This is in reply to your letter of May 17 to Mr. Green in which you ask several questions concerning your prospective employment in our Atlanta Regional Office.

Prior to taking up your duties in Atlanta, you would undergo a period of training of approximately one month in Washington, D. C. You would receive a per diem of \$9.00 for the time in Washington.

The position involved is that of Attorney, GS-11. It is an excepted job in Schedule A. Status previously acquired would not be lost, but the protection which it affords would be suspended while the employee occupies an excepted job. From the technical standpoint, this means that a non-veteran incumbent, whether or not he has Civil Service status, can be removed summarily. A veteran, however, would have the protection of Section 14 of the Veterans Preference Act. With respect to reduction in force, there is little practical difference between a GS-11 competitive position and a GS-11 excepted position in a small office such as Atlanta. In either case, there would be no 'bumping' or reassignment rights to other positions on that staff. Of course, once separated by reduction in force, the status incumbent of a position in the competitive service would be entitled to priority in placement in other agencies under the Civil Service Commission's separated career employee placement program. I hope that the above explanation will clarify the matter for you. If you have any further questions, please write me.

Sincerely yours,

Edward T. Tait
Executive Assistant to
The Chairman