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Honorable Harvey H. Cluff, Secretary,
Department of Board of Pardons,
State of Utah,
Salt Lake City.

My dear Mr. Cluff:

Responding to your inquiry of the eighth instant, wherein you request any information I may have, which, in my opinion, will be of aid to the Board in the consideration of the application of one Lawrence Johnson, convicted March 9, 1923, of petit larceny, to be heard by your Board on Saturday, May 19, 1923, please let me outline briefly the case:

Lawrence Johnson is a young man about twenty years of age, who resided with his parents at Fielding, in this County. The postmaster at Fielding does the postoffice business at that place in a small shack, and owing to the insecurity of the same, carries the funds home with him each evening. Lawrence knew that and one night shortly before his conviction, he broke into this man's house, entering in the night time, and took therefrom \$30.00 in currency. This is clearly burglary and a felony, but a number of citizens came down and pleaded for the boy that he be given a chance and not branded as a felon, and with the consent of the District Attorney the charge was reduced to a misdemeanor and he was given but five months in the County Jail. He explained at the hearing that he stole the money to take up some fraudulent checks he had issued at Malad, Idaho. He pleaded guilty to the charge, but he could have been convicted of burglary without any trouble.