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REQUESTER INFORMATION

Name (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Researcher ID Card Number
Burns, Andrew	4563213
E-Mail Address:	**Phone Number:**
afbfg4@umsl.edu	636-415-7353

INFORMATION NEEDED TO LOCATE RECORDS (Furnish as much as possible)

Name used in Service (Please Print – Last, First, Middle)	Service Number/SSN	Date & Place of Birth
Elkins, Lindsey, R.		

MILITARY SERVICE

Branch of Service:
- ☐ Air Force
- ☐ Army Air Corps
- ☐ Army Air Force
- ☐ Army
- ☐ Marine Corps
- ☐ Navy
- ☐ Coast Guard
- ☐ Unknown

Type of Rank:
- ☐ Enlisted
- ☐ Officer
- ☐ Unknown

Service Period (Check all that apply):
- ☐ 1939 & Prior
- ☐ 1940 - 1950
- ☐ 1950 & After

Date & Place of Death:

State of Residence (upon entry into service):

Other Identifying Information (Parent's Names, CSC Number, etc.)

Researcher Signature: Andrew Burns

CIVILIAN SERVICE

(Agency & Location) Lighthouse Service (FL)

From:	To:
1927	1930

(Agency & Location)

From:	To:

(Agency & Location) 2 folders

From:	To:

Other Identifying Information (Maiden Name, Job Title, etc.)

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Appointment Time and Date:

Additional Researchers: ☐ Yes ☐ No

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Attendant Signature:

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SCREENING NOTES

☒ Reviewed and Nothing Removed KW ☐ Items Removed and User Informed

Hold Requested: ☐ Yes ☐ No

Total Requests:

Screened Items:

☐ Additional charge outs and signatures on reverse side

Time Out:

Final Return:

Form 2374
Sept., 1924 (May be used in lieu of Form 2327 or 1371)

APPLICATION NUMBER

PREFERENCE

AVERAGE PERCENTAGE

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION

APPLICATION FOR EXAMINATION

FIELD BRANCHES ONLY—CITY POST OFFICE, CUSTOMS, ETC.

NOTE.—The applicant must carefully fill ALL blanks in the first column. Failure to do so may prevent examination.

Name of examination: Radio Operator (Exact title as advertised)

Place of examination: New York City, N.Y. (City) (State)

Date of examination: Closes Oct. 28, 1925

City where employment is desired (answer required for Post Office Service only)—

PRINT following information carefully. See instructions at right

Your name: Lindsey R. Elkins

Number and street: 565 St. Marks Ave

City, town, Post office: Brooklyn

State or Territory: New York

Telephone No. Prospect 9229

DO NOT WRITE IN THIS COLUMN

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Application ..... approved ....., 192

By whom ..... approved .....

Admitted to examination ....., 192

Notified of standing ....., 192

Entered register ....., 192

The address given at the left will be treated as the applicant's post office address until notice, in writing, of any change is received.)

(PRINT first name in full, middle initial or initials, if any, and surname in full. If a woman, prefix Miss or Mrs. Use same name EXACTLY as signed at the end of this application, inside.)

(Reserved for the use of the Commission)

NOTICE TO APPLICANTS.—Any false statement in an application, or alteration of a voucher or certificate, or the presentation to the Commission of a paper containing such false statement or alteration, is a violation of the law and punishable as such.

1. Use this blank only when specified in examination announcement or in the pamphlet of "Instructions to Applicants."
2. Answer ALL questions fully in ink.
3. Remember that ALL your answers are under oath.
4. Avoid reference to religion, politics, or fraternal orders.
5. There must be no discrepancy in statements made, or in manner of writing your name throughout application.

TO THE UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION:

I, the undersigned, hereby apply to be admitted to the examination named above, intending to accept appointment if selected.

1. Are you a citizen of the United States?	Date of birth (give month, day, and year)? Applicants can not be examined unless U. S. limits. The answers to these two questions must be consistent	Age on LAST birthday? citizens and within proper age	Place of birth? If native, show State or Territory; if foreign born, show country, and submit proof of naturalization. Naturalization certificates will be returned)
Yes	November 25, 1883	Forty-one years	Arkansas

2. State lowest entrance salary you will accept 1320 Will you accept temporary employment? yes If so, at what salary? 1320

3. Draw a circle around the number indicating the highest grade or year completed by you in each school of the kind indicated.

Common school: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (8)

High school at Little Rock, Arkansas (City) (State): 1 (2) 3 4 Finished Second 1897 (Year)

College: ..... (Name) ..... (City) ..... (State): 1 2 3 4 Finished ..... (Year)

State any other school courses or training which would tend to fit you for the position for which you are making application—

U.S.N. Radio Schools — Signal Corps (U.S.A.) Trade Schools Electrical

4. Do you speak or read any foreign languages? Speak Spanish & German (Languages) Slightly (To what extent)
Read Spanish (Languages) Some (To what extent)

5. Have you had any experience as typist? yes Stenographer-typist? No Driver of an automobile of any kind? yes
Give details in each case under Question 6. If you wish consideration for the position of chauffeur-carrier in the Post Office Service, show kinds (passenger, truck, etc.) and makes of machines operated, and submit your driver's license for record, if you have one.

6. Furnish in the space below a complete, comprehensive statement, showing every kind of occupation you have followed since you first began work, including your present employment. It is intended that this statement shall be a complete history of all experience you have had in any occupation. (If more space is required, use blank paper, numbering to correspond with the number of the question.)

Dates and salary	Where employed	Name and address of employer	Exact nature of duties in each case	Cause of leaving
From Sept, 1901	Ships and	Chief Bureau of Navigation	In charge of Radio	Accept
To Nov, 1916	Shore Stations	Enlisted Personnel U.S.N.	Stations ashore	Public Works
Salary, $..... per	U.S. Navy	Washington D.C.	and afloat	Guantanamo Bay
From Sept, 1922	Central America	Cutling & Washington	Installing Radio	Completed
To March, 1924	and U.S.	35 Water Street	Stations and operating	Contract
Salary, $..... per		New York City	same for Fruit Co.	
From March 5, 1924	Washington	U.S. Navy - Com. Svc.,	Chief Radio Man U.S.N.	Discharged
To March 9th, 1925	D.C.	special duty Radio	Duty Dept. of Justice	to accept
Salary, $..... per		Patent Litigation	Radio Patent Litigation	Civilian Work
From March, 1925	35 Water St.	Independent Wireless Tel Co	Inspector and Installer	To go to
To May, 1925	New York City	35 Water Street	of Radio Equipment	Williamsburg
Salary, $45.00 per week		New York City		Power Plant
From May, 1925	Wmbg Power Plant	O. T. Geirisch	Foreman Electrical	Still
To Date, 1—	500 Kent Ave	85 Clinton	Constn. Power	Employed
Salary, $7.74 per day	Brooklyn	Room 900 Brooklyn N.Y.	Plant Equipment	here

(If more space is required, attach additional sheets)

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7. Before appointment you will be required to furnish on a prescribed form a certificate of physical examination from a physician in good standing. If the essential statements made herein are not verified by such certificate, or if it discloses any physical unfitness for the service, you will not receive appointment. A list of the physical defects which will debar applicants from examination will be found in the pamphlet of instructions to applicants or in the examination announcement.

Physical qualifications and health record. All applicants, both male and female, must answer each of the following questions:

Exact height in bare feet? 5' 10 1/2" | 5 feet 10 1/2 inches | Weight in ordinary clothing without overcoat or hat? 210 lbs.

Have you now or have you ever had any of the following disabilities? **(Answer "Yes" or "No" to each inquiry; in case answer is "Yes" describe fully under question 8.)**

Rupture?	No	Any defect of speech?	No	Tumors, sores, ulcers, enlarged veins?	No	Difficult urination; immoderate flow of urine; bladder or kidney disease?	No
If ruptured, is rupture retained by well-fitting truss?	—	Any injury, deformity, or defect of hand, arm, foot, or leg?	No	Rheumatism?	No	Are you subject to headache—severe, protracted, or frequent?	No
Any difficulty in hearing ordinary conversation readily?	No	Fallen or misplaced arch of foot impairing efficiency	No	Paralysis?	No	Any deficiency or weakness of abdominal wall due to wound or operation, or congenital?	No
Any defects of hearing in either ear?	No	Tuberculosis in any form?	No	Piles?	No	*Any disease or infirmity not referred to herein?*	Childs diseases
Sore eyes or any defects of vision in either eye?	None	Asthma or shortness of breath?	No	Nervous exhaustion or mental derangement?	No	*Any symptoms of disease or disability not referred to herein?*	No
Do you wear glasses?	No	Any chest, lung, throat, mouth, or nasal disease?	No	Palpitation or any disease of the heart?	No		
		Any skin eruption?	No	Convulsions or fits?	No		

8. Describe fully here all diseases, disabilities, defects, or infirmities which you now have or may have had in the past. If suffering from any of them at present, so state; if not, state when and for what length of time.

Wounded in France left shoulder - now O.K.

9. State in each case whether or not you have ever used any of the following, and, if so, to what extent:

Whisky	None	Beer	none	Opium, morphine, or other narcotic drug	none
Wine	None	Other intoxicating liquor	none		

10. Have you ever been discharged from a position under the U. S. Government or under a State, county, city, or local government, or from private employment? No

If so, state when and where you were employed and give the name and address of your employer and the reasons for your discharge in each case

11. Are you now in the classified or unclassified service of the U. S. Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No If your answer is "Yes," state where and in what position

12. (a) Were you ever employed in any branch of the U. S. Government? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") yes

(b) If employed, was your appointment permanent or temporary? Permanent

If employed, either permanently or temporarily, fill in the answers to the following questions concerning each period of your employment by the Government:

In what department or service were you employed?	In what city or town were you employed?	Dates of employment	Did you voluntarily resign?	Were you discharged?
Public Works U.S. Navy	Guantanamo Bay Cuba	about From November 1916 to June 1, 1917	yes	No
		From , 1 to , 1		

13. (a) Are any members of your family or relatives (either blood or by marriage) in any part of the U. S. Government service whatsoever? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No

If so, furnish the information required below in regard to all such relatives.

Name	Post office address	Position and department or office in which employed	Relationship	Married or single
None	Street and No. / City or town	Position / Department or office		
	Street and No. / City or town	Position / Department or office		
	Street and No. / City or town	Position / Department or office		

(b) Does your answer above cover all your relatives in the U. S. Government service? yes

(c) Indicate here which, if any, of the persons named above are temporarily employed

(d) Indicate here which, if any, of the persons named above live in the same house with you

(e) Indicate here which, if any, of the persons named above are less than 21 years of age

14. (a) Have you ever been arrested or charged with any offense against law or police regulation; or have you ever forfeited collateral, or been convicted on account of any misdemeanor or offense whether fined, imprisoned, or released. (Answer "Yes" or "No.") No

(b) Does your answer to (a) above cover all cases therein referred to? (Answer "Yes" or "No.") yes

Untruthful answers may result in debarment from examination. The fact that an applicant has been arrested, indicted, or convicted may not cause the disapproval of his application. If your answer is "Yes," name the offense and include with the application an abstract of the court proceedings in each and every case sufficient to show the action taken, and also, in case of conviction, whether fined, imprisoned, or released, furnish a statement from the trial judge or other court officer showing the surrounding circumstances and your reputation. This question does not include proceedings against a child in a court acting in such case as a juvenile court.

15. Have you ever been barred from examination by this Commission? No

If so, when and for what reason? (Give the date, place, and kind of examination for which you applied and in connection with which you were barred.)

16. (a) Have you ever filed an application with this Commission or its representative for any branch of the U. S. Government service? ____

(b) If so, give information indicated regarding each examination.	Name each position for which examined or for which application was filed	In what city were you, or are you to be, examined?	Give the date of each examination (Month and year)	Did you pass? (Answer "Yes" or "No")
	Asst. Radio Engr.	Wash. D.C.	Think about 1922 or 23	no ?

(If you passed only one part of the combined stenographer and typist examination, indicate in above answers the part in which you passed.)

17. (a) Were you ever in the U. S. military or naval service? (Answer "Yes" or "No," and see note below.) ____

In what company and regiment, or on what vessel, or where else? (Do not give service in militia)	Give exact name under which enlisted and discharged
yes both. Major Signal Corps U.S. Army (AEF)	Lindsey Robt Elkins

(b) Dates of each enlistment and discharge from U. S. military or naval service.

Enlisted	Sept, 1897	Enlisted	Sept 9th, 1901	Commissioned Enlisted	June, 1917	**Was enlistment in each case terminated by honorable discharge?** (If answer is "No," state how.)
Discharged	Sept, 1901	Discharged	" , 1904	Discharged	March, 1919	yes
Enlisted		Enlisted	Sept, 1905	Enlisted	, 1	
Discharged		Discharged	" , 1909	Discharged	, 1	

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NOTE.—If you are the widow of a soldier, sailor, or marine, and were not divorced from him, and have not remarried since his death, or if you are the wife of a disabled soldier, sailor, or marine, fill out the answers to Questions 17a and 17b to show the service of your husband.

An honorably discharged soldier, sailor, or marine *must submit with his application his certificate of honorable discharge, or a photostat or certified copy thereof, or an official statement from the War or Navy Department showing service record*, unless he has already been allowed preference by the Commission or its representative because of military or naval service, in which event he should state the kind, date, and place of examination in connection with which he has been allowed preference.

18. (a) Do you receive or have you ever received a pension or disability compensation? No

(b) If so, for what disability and what per cent? —

(c) Do you receive or have you ever received vocational training? ____

(d) If so, at what time did you or will you complete training? ____

(If, because of disability, the applicant is entitled to a pension under authorization of the Pension Bureau, or to compensation or training under the Veterans' Bureau, he should submit his pension certificate, or a certified copy thereof, or a certificate from the Veterans' Bureau, showing that he is entitled to compensation or training by that Bureau. Such papers will be returned to the applicant.)

19. (a) Have you ever been married? (Answer "Yes" or "No") yes **(b) Are you now married?** (Answer "Yes" or "No") yes

20. Give the names and addresses of five persons, preferably employers, who have knowledge of your character, experience, and ability.

	Name (Give full name)	Present address (Give complete address, including street and number)	Business or occupation
(1)	John Love, Wilkes	Genl Mgr. Jax Terminal Co. Jacksonville, Fla.	Executive
(2)	Dr. Lee Deforest	45 W. 45th St New York City	Inventor
(3)	Radio Inspector Lee	Federal Bldg New York City (Customs Office)	Radio Inspector
(4)	C. J. Pannil	35 Water St. New York City	Director
(5)	E. E. Bucher	233 Broadway " " "	Instruction Radio
	E. C. Cochran	Room 603 Customs Office " " "	Radio Inspector

I solemnly swear that the answers I have made to each and all of the foregoing questions are in my own handwriting and are full and true to the best of my knowledge and belief. So HELP ME GOD.

If a woman, prefix "Miss" or "Mrs."

Signature of applicant) Lindsey R. Elkins
(Sign your first name in full, your middle initial or initials, if you have any, and your surname in full)

(*P. O. Address*) 565 St. Marks Ave

Brooklyn N Y
(Give number of street, city, and State)

NOTE.—Your name, EXACTLY as above, and post office address must be PRINTED in the space therefor on the first page of this blank. Failure to do so or to attach sufficient postage to the envelope when forwarding your application may prevent your examination. If you write to the Commission later, or when signing declaration of appointee, if appointed, use same name EXACTLY.

THIS APPLICATION WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED IF THE JURAT OR OATH IS OMITTED

JURAT OR OATH

[Under the provisions of the civil service act and rules, an application for examination must be made under oath, in such form and manner and accompanied by such certificates as the Commission may prescribe. The following oath may be taken at any place in the United States most convenient to applicant, before any NOTARY PUBLIC, or other officer authorized to administer oaths for general purposes, *and before whom the applicant must appear in person* and make oath *to all the statements made by him in his application*. THE OFFICER'S SIGNATURE MUST BE AUTHENTICATED BY OFFICIAL (IMPRESSION) SEAL. If the oath be taken before a justice of the peace or other officer who has not such seal, his official character must be certified by the clerk of court, secretary of state, or other proper officer, under official seal.]

Subscribed and duly sworn to before me according to law by the above-named applicant, this 9th day of October, 1925, at New York, county of New York and State [or Territory or District] of New York

(seal)

(*Signature of officer*) E. S. Avery

[OFFICIAL IMPRESSION SEAL.]

(*Official title*) Notary Public Kings County #50 Certificate filed in N.Y. County #10

☞ THE OFFICIAL SEAL MUST NOT BE OMITTED.

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MEDICAL CERTIFICATE

This certificate should be executed only when required by the examination announcement. The certificate should NOT be executed in connection with an application for clerk or carrier in the Post Office Service, or for any other position, unless specifically required.

N. B.—The examining physician is requested to read this certificate carefully before beginning the examination and to note the applicant's answers to questions 7 and 18 of the application. All entries upon this certificate must be made in ink.

If erasures or corrections be made in answer to questions contained in "Medical Certificate," or in date of same, certification must be made on the margin by the physician showing such corrections. All physical defects must be *fully* described opposite the question or under the last heading (9). "R," right; "L," left.

1. Exact weight, in ordinary clothing, without overcoat or hat.....pounds.
(The physician must himself weigh the applicant)

2. Exact height without boots or shoes .....feet.....inches.
(The physician must himself measure the applicant)

3. Vision: Distant—

(Use Snellen's test types. Consider 20 feet as normal and report all vision with 20 as numerator. Record as denominator the number of smallest type read at 20 feet.)

Without glasses ..... R. $\frac{20}{\quad}$ L. $\frac{20}{\quad}$

With glasses, if used ..... R. $\frac{20}{\quad}$ L. $\frac{20}{\quad}$

Near—

What is the longest and the shortest distance from the eye at which this question can be read by the applicant?

Without glasses ..... R. .....in. to .....in.
L. .....in. to .....in.

With glasses, if used ..... R. .....in. to .....in.
L. .....in. to .....in.

De scribe any defect fully .....

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Is the applicant color blind? .....

4. Has the applicant hernia (rupture)? ..... **if so, is it retained by well-fitting truss?** .....

5. Hearing: (Consider denominators indicated here as normal. Record as numerators the actual distance heard.)

Ticking of loud watch ..... R. $\frac{\quad}{40 \text{ in.}}$ L. $\frac{\quad}{40 \text{ in.}}$

Ordinary conversation ..... R. $\frac{\quad}{20 \text{ ft.}}$ L. $\frac{\quad}{20 \text{ ft.}}$

Is hearing defective? R. ..... L. .....

If so, describe fully .....

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6. Indicate here and describe fully under question 9 any deviations from the normal, if present, with their effect on function with respect to—

Valvular heart disease, is it fully compensated? .....

Arrested tuberculosis, how long arrested? .....

(Applicants who have organic heart disease will be required to submit medical certificates from two physicians, except where the examining physician is a commissioned officer of Army, Navy, or Public Health Service, or is a designated examiner of the Commission and a Federal official or employee.

7. Does the applicant receive pension, compensation, or training for disability incurred in the military service? If so, describe disability and state present condition.

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8. Has the applicant fallen or misplaced arch of foot? .....

If so, state extent of disability caused thereby .....
(The applicant should be required to raise his weight several times on his toes and to jump as far as possible, alighting on his toes.)

9. Give here a supplemental and complete description of every abnormality, disease, or physical defect, past or present, reporting on sight; hearing; speech; insanity; epilepsy; locomotor ataxia; heart disease; tuberculosis; lung disease; Bright's disease; diabetes; venereal disease; cancer; rheumatism; paralysis; deformities or mutilation of hand, foot, arm, leg, or fingers, etc.

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(THIS QUESTION MUST BE ANSWERED IN ALL CASES)

This space to be filled in by the applicant in his own handwriting, in the presence of the physician. ☞ *(Signature of applicant)* .....

I CERTIFY that I have made a thorough examination of and personally weighed and measured the above-named applicant, that each and all of the above answers are in my own handwriting and are true, and that the applicant wrote his signature, just above, in my presence.

(Signature of physician) .....

Date, ..., 192 *(P. O. address of physician)* .....

NATURALIZATION RECORD

DO NOT FILL THESE BLANKS; THEY ARE FOR THE COMMISSION'S OFFICE RECORD

Final certification of naturalization of .....
(Name of person naturalized)

issued by the ..... *Court of* ....., ...
(City) (State)

on ....., *1* ....., *was filed with this application by the applicant, and was found by me to be in due form in all respects. The certificate was returned to the applicant on*

....., *192*

Initials .....

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 6—6535

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Commissioner of Lighthouses; Oct. 21,1925

SUBJECT: Appointment of Lindsey R. Elkins, Radio Operator.
REFERENCE: Dept. letter Oct.14,1925.

1. Department letter, in duplicate, dated October 14,1925, addressed to Lindsey R. Elkins, temporarily appointing him to the position of Radio Operator, at large, in this District, is returned herewith for cancellation, as Mr. Elkins declined to enter on duty when ordered to do so. The District Secretary has been notified of this action.

J. T. Yates

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1. Copy forwarded, for his information, to the Secretary of the 2nd Civil Service District, Custom House, New York.

J. T. YATES
Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

10-18-25 (75)

Called up following re position of Radio Operator

U.S. Radio Service (Mr Menther) Broad 1227 None on hand at present. Will send one if possible

Radio Corp - (Tilslyn 1140) Will send a man down today

U S Radio Service - Phone 10/28 out of order

Radio Corp — Will try & send man

Form 1204

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DAY LETTER	BLUE
NIGHT MESSAGE	NITE
NIGHT LETTER	N L

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Received at FERRY HOUSE, ST. GEORGE, S. I., N. Y.

Read 10:06 A.M.



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B BROOKLYN NY 220A OCT 16 1925

SUPT OF LIGHTHOUSES

STATENISLAND NY

REGRET INABILITY ACCEPT AT THIS TIME POSITION RADIO OPERATOR CALLED ARKANSAS ACCOUNT SERIOUS ILLNESS MOTHER

L A ELKINS

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FWO-JHG

Lindsey R. Elkins,
565 St.Marks Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Oct. 15,1925

SUBJECT: Temporary employment as Radio Operator.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Oct.9,1925.

1. Confirming telephone message of this date; you are advised you have been selected for temporary employment as Radio Operator in this District, and in accordance therewith are hereby directed to report for duty at this Depot, on Friday, October 16,1925. Transportation charges will be at your own expense.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

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FWO-JHG

Lindsey R. Elkins,
565 St.Marks Avenue,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Oct. 16,1925

SUBJECT: Employment as Radio Operator.
REFERENCE: Letter from this office Oct.15th and your telegram Oct.16th.

1. Receipt is acknowledged of your telegram of this date stating you cannot accept position of Radio Operator, and letter from this office dated October 15,1925, directing you to report for duty, is therefore to be considered as cancelled.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

per

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
OCT
15
1925
RECEIVED
TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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Washington D C OCT 14 1925

Lighthouse Superintendent Saint George New York

Temporary appointment Elkins approved

Conway

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CONFIRMATION to 3d

Bureau of Lighthouses

Acting

Commissioner of Lighthouses

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Received at FERRY HOUSE, ST. GEORGE, S. I., N. Y.

Rec'd 4:27 PM

SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES OCT 14 1925 RECEIVED TOMPKINSVILLE, N.Y.

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LIGHTHOUSE SUPERINTENDENT

STGEORGE NY

TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT ELKINS APPROVED

CONWAY

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Form 78

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

PHC-JHC

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS DESIRED

Phone Prospect 9229

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 2nd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) Oct. 9 1925 (Date.) 19 25

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, (Dir. Sec'y 2nd C. S. Dist.) Temporary appointment pending establishment of register of eligibles.

Name, Lindsey R. Elkins — Legal residence, New York

Position, Radio Operator — Salary, $1320 p.a.

Location, At Large, 3d L.H.Dist. — Appropriation, Salaries, Light-house Vessels

Effective October 16, 1925 (the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.)

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, Rating, Percentage, , Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent, Emanuel Lemelson — Services terminated, Sept. 24, 1925

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, Nov. 25, 1883

Remarks: In accordance with Rule VIII, Sec. 2, C. S. Rules. Temporary employment authorized by letter from District Secretary, dated Oct. 1, 1925.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission 19

This copy is forwarded in order that approval of the appointment recommended may be expedited.

J. T. Yates

J. T. Yates — Superintendent

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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FWC-JMG

Lindsey R. Elkins,
565 St. Marks Ave,
Brooklyn, N. Y.

Oct. 9,1925

SUBJECT: Temporary position of Radio Operator.

1. Referring to your call at this office to-day relative to employment as Radio Operator; you are advised you have been nominated for temporary appointment to the position of Radio Operator in this District, and in accordance therewith are directed to hold yourself in readiness to report for duty as soon as definite orders are sent you. Should you be appointed to this position your services will probably be required about October 16,1925. Acknowledge receipt of this letter. The salary of this position is $1320 per annum.

J. T. YATES

Superintendent

By: W. J. Lawton,
Chief Clerk

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

Lindsey R. Eckins
(Name)

Fla.
(Legal Residence)

STATUS

11—8940

DESIGNATION	ACTION	SALARY	BUREAU—SERVICE—STATION	DATE OF EFFECT
~~Keeper~~	~~Reinst.~~	~~1320~~	~~L.H. at L.H. Dist~~ Cancelled.	
Keeper	Prob.	1140	L.H. Dry Tortugas Fla.	June 8, 1926
	LAST DAY OF SERVICE		Close June 30, 1928.	

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Washington, June 4, 1938.

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the annexed copies of the following-named papers are true copies of the documents on file in the Division of Personnel, Department of Commerce:

(1) Nomination dated at Staten Island, New York, October 9, 1925, to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., recommending appointment of Lindsey R. Elkins as Radio Operator in the Lighthouse Service;

(2) Letter to Lindsey R. Elkins dated December 17, 1927, notifying him of appointment as Keeper in the Lighthouse Service;

(3) Oath of office of Lindsey R. Elkins dated January 5, 1928;

(4) Personal history sheet of Lindsey R. Elkins, stamped as received in the Department of Commerce on January 5, 1928;

(5) Copy of letter, in two pages, dated May 11, 1928, from Lindsey R. Elkins at Dry Tortugas Lighthouse Station, Florida, to the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida;

(6) Letter dated May 31, 1928, from Keeper Andrew Albury at Key West, Florida, to the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida;

(7) Letter dated June 1, 1928, from H. B. Haskins, Assistant Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida, to the Commissioner of Lighthouses;

(8) Letter, in three pages, dated May 30, 1928, at Key West, Florida, from Harry Baldwin, First Assistant Keeper, to the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida;

(9) Letter dated June 1, 1928, from H. B. Haskins, Assistant Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida, to the Commissioner of Lighthouses;

(10) Copy of letter, in two pages, dated May 23, 1928, from Andrew Albury, Keeper at Dry Tortugas Lighthouse, to the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida;

(11) Copy of letter, in two pages, dated May 4, 1928, from Lindsey R. Elkins at Dry Tortugas Lightstation, Florida, to the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida;

(12) Copy of letter dated April 30, 1928, from Andrew Albury at Dry Tortugas to the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida;

(13) Report on probationary appointee, Lindsey R. Elkins, dated June 1, 1928, signed by H. B. Haskins;

(14) Copy of letter dated June 30, 1928, from Appointment Division, Department of Commerce, signed by Edw. J. Gardner, addressed to Lindsey R. Elkins;

(15) Letter dated July 12, 1928, from the Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida, to the Commissioner of Lighthouses at Washington, D. C.

(16) Page two of a letter containing recommendation, dated June 6, 1928, signed by H. B. Bowerman, Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, for approval of discontinuance of services of Lindsey R. Elkins.

Chief, Division of Personnel.

OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY

I HEREBY CERTIFY that Edw. J. Gardner, who signed the foregoing certificate, is now, and was at the time of signing, Chief, Division of Personnel, and that full faith and credit should be given his certificate as such.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name, and caused the seal of the Department of Commerce to be affixed this fourth day of June, one thousand nine hundred and thirty-eight.

For the Secretary of Commerce;

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JUN 3 1938
DIVISION OF PERSONNEL

Federal Bureau of Investigation
United States Department of Justice
Washington Field Division, Room 2266,
Washington, D. C.

June 2, 1938.

Mr. Edward J. Gardner,
Chief,
Division of Personnel,
U. S. Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

In connection with the defense of a suit brought against the United States by one LINDSEY R. ELKINS on a $10,000 Government insurance policy, it is necessary to verify the employment record of that individual over a period of years. During the course of the investigation to date it has been determined that he was employed from January 3, 1928 to June 30, 1928 by the Department of Commerce in the capacity of Keeper at the Lighthouse located at Dry Tortugas, Florida.

In accordance with an oral request made of you on this date by Special Agent J. F. Durkin, Jr. of this office, certified photostatic copies of the following described documents from your records are desired for use at the trial of this case:

1) Letter dated Staten Island, New York, October 9, 1925, to the Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
2) Letter to Lindsey Elkins dated December 17, 1927, appointing him as Keeper of Lighthouses.
3) Oath of office of Lindsey Elkins dated January 3, 1928.
4) Personal history sheet of Lindsey Elkins dated January 5, 1928.
5) Letter dated May 11, 1928 from Lindsey Elkins at Dry Tortugas Lighthouse Station, Florida, to Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida.
6) Letter dated Key West, Florida May 31, 1928 from Keeper Andrew Albury to Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida.
7) Letter dated June 1, 1928 from H. B. Haskins, Assistant Superintendent of Lighthouse Service at Key West, Florida, to A. M. Albury, Keeper at Dry Tortugas Lighthouse.
8) Letter dated May 30, 1928 at Key West, Florida from Harry Baldwin, First Assistant Keeper, to Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida.

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9) Letter dated June 1, 1928 from H. B. Haskins, Assistant Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida to Harry Baldwin, First Assistant Keeper at Dry Tortugas Lighthouse, Florida.

10) Letter dated May 23, 1928 from Andrew Albury, Keeper at Dry Tortugas Lighthouse, to Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida.

11) Letter dated May 4, 1928 at Dry Tortugas from Lindsey Elkins to Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida.

12) Letter dated April 30, 1928 from Andrew Albury at Dry Tortugas to Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida.

13) Report on probationary appointee Elkins dated June 1, 1928.

14) Letter dated June 30, 1928 from Appointment Division, Department of Commerce, to Lindsey Elkins.

15) Letter dated July 12, 1928 to Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., from Superintendent of Lighthouses at Key West, Florida.

Your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

Guy Hottel

GUY HOTTEL,
Special Agent in Charge.

O.K.
Scott Trimble Jr.
Solicitor.

Cert. furnished to Mr Durkin of F B I on June 4, 1928
[illegible]

February 5, 1930.

Mr. A. Hinderliter, Senior Attorney,
Office of the General Counsel,
United States Veterans' Bureau,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Receipt is acknowledged of your letter of January 13, 1930 (File LT-11 - C-614,624), requesting to be advised whether Lindsay R. Elkins ever applied to this Department for a radio operator's license or had any correspondence relative to radio matters and, if so, that photostat copies of such documents be furnished.

The matter was taken up with the Radio Division of the Department which has furnished the accompanying copies of each of the applications for license submitted by Mr. Elkins.

Yours very truly,

(SIGNED) E. W. LIBBEY

E. W. LIBBEY,
Chief Clerk.

Enclosures
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IN REPLY REFER TO
File No. 18377

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
RADIO DIVISION
WASHINGTON

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
FEB 4 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

February 3, 1930.

MEMORANDUM for Chief Clerk's Office:

Replying to your memo of January 18th, there are forwarded herewith photostat copies of each of the applications for license submitted by Mr. Lindsey Robert Elkins.

The inquiry submitted by the Senior Attorney of the U. S. Veterans' Bureau is returned herewith as requested.

W. D. Terrell

Chief, Radio Division.

Incls.

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January 18, 1930.

Chief, Radio Division:

Transmitted herewith is a communication from A. Hinderliter, Senior Attorney of the United States Veterans Bureau, requesting to be advised whether Lindsey R. Elkins ever applied to the Department for a radio operator's license or had any correspondence with the Department relative to radio matters.

With the return of Mr. Hinderliter's letter the Department requests to be furnished the desired information, together with photostat copies of such documents if there are any.

Yours very truly,

G. F. McINTURFF, JR.
Acting Chief Clerk.

Enclosure
A-N

UNITED STATES VETERANS BUREAU

WASHINGTON

JAN 13 1930

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
JAN 15 1930
APPOINTMENT DIVISION

OFFICE OF
THE GENERAL COUNSEL

THIS LETTER REFERS TO YOUR FILE NUMBER:

CHIEF CLERK

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IN REPLY REFER TO: LT-11

Department of Commerce,

Washington, D. C.

ELKINS, Lindsey R.
C-614,624

(Attention - Chief Clerk)

Gentlemen:

Lindsey R. Elkins served in the military service of the United States as a captain, signal corps, during the World War. Subsequently, during the years 1921 and 1922, he was employed on commercial vessels as a radioman. If he has been employed in such capacity since 1922 the Bureau has no record thereof.

In order to corroborate certain evidence in the file it is necessary that this Bureau secure the names of the vessels, together with the names of the owners, upon which he served as radio operator.

It will therefore be appreciated if you will inform the undersigned as to whether or not Lindsey R. Elkins ever applied to the Department of Commerce for a radio operator's license or had any correspondence with the Department relative to radio matters. If so, photostatic copies of such documents would be appreciated.

By direction,

A. Hinderliter

A. HINDERLITER,
Senior Attorney.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

July 12, 1928.

CHIEF CLERK
1928 AUG 2 PM

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. This office is in receipt of letter dated July 5, 1928, from the Appointment Division of the Department to Mr. Lindsey R. Elkins, notifying him that his services as (Third Assistant) Keeper of Dry Tortugas L. H., Fla. had been discontinued.

2. For the Bureau's information it is stated that in accordance with Bureau telegram of June 25, 1928, this employee's services were discontinued during probation, or the last day thereof, June 30, 1928.

3. Attention is invited to the fact that Department Notice of Discontinuance is not dated until July 5, 1928, and is "effective at the close of business at a date later to be determined and reported to the Department."

4. Department letter of July 5, 1928, is herewith returned for correction if deemed necessary by the Bureau.

W. W. Bennett

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY
ACTION TAKEN
Aug 7 1928
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

RLC - 1 inclo. Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., August 1, 1928/

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the date of the attached Department notice addressed to Mr. Elkins be amended as necessary.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

H. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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CHIEF CLERK

(a) This probationary employee is unable to get along with the other Keepers and their families at this isolated lightstation. Although Mr. Elkins has been at this station only a little over five months he has already made charges against three Keepers, one of whom was demoted and transferred from the station, and another has been transferred from the station on request rather than remain at the station with Mr. Elkins. There has also been considerable friction between the Keeper in charge and Mr. Elkins about hours of watch as Mr. Elkins apparently does not care much about standing watches in the lighttower; preferring to work on the radiobeacon and radio apparatus. (See copies of letters and radiograms attached).

(b) In connection with this report also see 7th Dist. letter of May 22, 1928, re Dry Tortugas L. H., Fla.

(c) It is therefore recommended that the services of Lindsey R. Elkins 1140 pa. be discontinued at the close of June 25, 1928, or as soon thereafter as practicable, but not later than June 30, 1928.

Appts Prob. Jan. 1/28.

Bureau* during probation

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
June 6, 1928.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending approval of paragraph (c) above, attention being invited to attached correspondence.

A. B. Bowerman

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

6-8-28

Action O. K.

Chief Clerk

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June 30, 1928.

Mr. Lindsey R. Elkins,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Dear Sir:

In view of a report to the effect that your services during the probationary period have been unsatisfactory in that you are unable to get along with the other employees of the station, and that you apparently do not care to stand watches in the light tower, the Department upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Lighthouses, and in accordance with Paragraph (c) of section 1 of civil-service rule VII, has discontinued your services as Third Assistant Keeper at Dry Tortugas Light Station, Florida, at $1140 per annum, effective at the close of business on a date later to be determined and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

JUL - 6 1928

EDW. J. GARDNER

Chief of Appointment Division.

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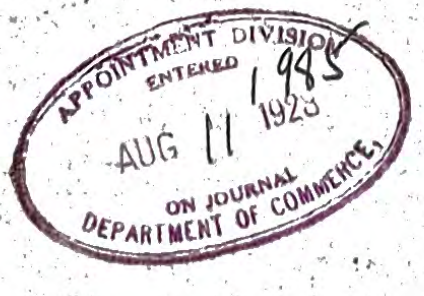

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Standard Form No. 17
Approved by the President, March 26, 1926

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service. In cases where the probationary period comprises one year, this report is to be made at the expiration of the tenth month of service.

If service has been unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of Civil Service Rule VII should be forwarded immediately to the Department. A full statement of reasons should be set forth under "Remarks."

Commerce
(Department)

Lighthouses
(Bureau or office)

Key West, Florida. June 1, 1928.
(Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses.
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on June 30, 1928.

The conduct and capacity of this employee have not been satisfactory during the probationary period, and (he) ~~(she)~~ is not considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name Lindsey R. Elkins

Position 3rd Assistant Keeper.

Salary $1140. A.

Appropriation Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Station Dry Tortugas L. H., Fla.

Date of entrance on duty January 1, 1928.

Remarks:
(See attached sheet).

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

H B Haskins
(Signature of immediate supervisor)

Assistant Superintendent.

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Submitted:

(Head of bureau or office)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10—1732

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

LIGHTHOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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Chief Engr.
Hydro.
Radio
Engr. Const.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Finance
Law & Prop.
Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr.
Commissioner.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

HRH-RJA.
Four sets enclosures.

June 1, 1928.

Harry Baldwin, 1st Asst. Kpr.
Dry Tortugas L. H., Fla.
charges against.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. There are enclosed charges made against Harry Baldwin, the 1st Asst. Keeper of Dry Tortugas L. H., Fla., by probationary appointee L. R. Elkins, 3d Asst. Keeper, dated May 11, 1928.

2. These charges are briefly as follows:

(a) Drinking of liquors on the station by Mr. Baldwin.

(b) Permitting liquors to be brought on the station when he (Baldwin) was in charge of the station.

(c) Not sending information to Coast Guard as to the whereabouts of Cuban Schooner "SANTA MARIA."

3. Mr. Baldwin's replies to these charges are enclosed. They are satisfactory to this office and it is therefore recommended that no action be taken.

4. In regards to this Keeper not reporting the whereabouts of the schooner "SANTA MARIA", this office did not receive any request for such information and therefore no instructions to this effect were issued to the Keepers of Dry Tortugas L. H.

5. As to countercharges made by Asst. Keeper Baldwin against Mr. Elkins, the latter's services as a probationary appointee has been unsatisfactory and recommendation has been made to dispense with his services between June 25 and June 30, 1928, it is recommended that no further action be taken in this matter.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

H B Hackins

Assistant Superintendent.

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KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

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Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr.
Commissioner.

June 1, 1928.

A. M. Albury, Keeper,
Dry Tortugas L. H., Fla.
charges against.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. There are enclosed charges made against Andrew Albury, the Keeper of Dry Tortugas L. H., Fla. by probationary appointee L. R. Elkins, 3d Asst. Keeper, dated May 11, 1928.

2. These charges are made against Harry Baldwin, 1st Asst. Keeper, Acting Keeper in charge of the station on the date of the report, but as Mr. Elkins has made therein certain charges against the Keeper, and the Station , Andrew Albury, the Keeper, has been required to answer the charges which are ostensibly made against him.

3. The charges against Mr. Albury are briefly as follows:

(a) Drinking of liquors on the station of which Mr. Albury is the Keeper, and therefore responsible.

(b) Liquors brought on the station by the Keeper..

4. Keeper Albury's replies to these charges are enclosed. They are satisfactory to this office, and it is therefore recommended that no action be taken. This Keeper was apparently under the impression that liquors for medicinal purposes could be brought to the station. His attention has been called to Article 489 of the Regulations L. H. Service, 1927, and Article 120 of Instructions to Employees, L. H. Service, 1927, and he has been directed to call this to the attention of all Keepers at his stations and to see that same is enforced.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

H B Haskins

Assistant Superintendent.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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SUPT. OF LT. HS.
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SEVENTH DISTRICT

Key West, Florida
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 30, 1928., 192

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Florida.

1. Referring to your letter of May 26, 1928, with its inclosure of copy of charges made against me by the 3rd Assistant Keeper of Dry Tortugas Lightstation, forwarded to me for return with report and explanation:

2. In reply to the charge of drinking liquors on the station, I wish to state that the situation has been greatly added to by Mr. Elkins in his charges and I offer the following explanation to the specific instance of the visit of the schooner SANTA MARIA. On the morning that the schooner arrived I was on duty in the oil house when Mr. Elkins called to me and told me that I was wanted at home that there were visiters there. Just as I came up to my house one of the crew of the SANTA MARIA was leaving and I saw that he got in the small boat. However, I did not know what he leaving for or where he was going. He returned to the house shortly and brought with him a bottle of liquor and I told him that I did not want it and to take it back to the schooner. As proof that this statement is correct I inclose a note from the man himself in which he states that he received a quart of liquor from me that he had tried to give me and which I had refused to accept. On this occasion the men from the schooner stayed at my house until 9:30 A. M. during which time we talked and drank root beer which was made on the station. Mr Elkins came up to my quarters two or three times while the men were there to talk to the Captain of the schooner about a radio cabinet that he had promised to make for the captain and Mr. Elkins knew that there was no drinking going on there except the drinking of root beer as stated above.

After the crew of the schooner had left Mr. Elkins called me over to the light and asked me "Why the attempted secrecy" and if I thought him blind. I told him that I could not help it because the man brought the liquor on the station, that I did not know anything about it until he offered it to me and that I had refused to accept it. He asked me Why and I replied, "Because I do not drink on the station. Knowing Mr. Elkins and feeling that he would try to cause trouble I obtained the note mentioned above from the man who brought the liquor on the station. Mr. Elkins had been out to the schooner on her precious visits to the sta-

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tion and he had taken his drinks for "seciability's sake" and I think that he was under the impression that this was to be broken up and he became quite angry. He used very obscene language and became loud in his speech which aroused my wife and brought her on the scene. When my wife appeared I told Mr. Elkins to be careful of his language and to respect my wife to which he replied "If you don't like it, God damn you, you can kiss my ass." Mr. Elkins made this same statement twice, both times in my wife's presence and it naturally made her angry and she did say that she would "break his back". I leave it to the Superintendent to judge whether my wife was justified in view of the fact that she had been subjected to such vulgar and obscene language uttered by a man supposed to be a gentleman. After I saw that Mr. Elkins was going to carry on his obscenety even in the presence of my wife, I carried her home and when I returned Mr. Elkins told me that he was going to prefer charges against me. However, this was a favorite threat of his and as he had made it to everyone on the station from the Keeper down, I did not pay any attention to it.

I made the statement that I was going to quit and I asked Mr. Elkins if he would radio my resignation to the office and he replied that he would. After this I decided that I would write a letter of explanation rather than resign by radio. However, on my watch on the radiobeacon I experienced quite a bit of trouble with the engine and it appeared to me to be dangerous to run it and I turned the watch over to Mr. Elkins who is supposed to be an experienced radio man and who experienced no difficulty. Ofcourse Mr. Elkins is experienced and I am only a novice and that perhaps explains it but it does not explain why I was able to operate the engine for five months without any trouble at all and why the trouble was experienced only when I operated the engine.

With reference to Mr. Elkins statement that we could settle our differences if our families did not interfere, I wish to say that my wife does not interfere with anyone and she made the threat she did only after Mr. Elkins had forgotten himself so far as to use language unbecoming a gentleman in her presence. Mr. Elkins is forever on the watch for something to make trouble, he is disagreeable and can always findsomething that does not please him and thus start an argument.

(10) In closing I wish to say that after Mr. Elkins knew that I had requested that a relief be sent down for me, to

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tear up the charges that he had given me to send in to the office. I told him "No", that I would not tear them up. I knew that the least thing that happened, Mr. Elkins would hold it over me that he had given me charges to send in and that I had failed to send them in and I would have no proof that he had told me to tear them up. Mr. Elkins is a trouble maker, he is very hard to get along with and this statement is borne out by the number of employees against whom he has submitted reports.

Respectfully,

Harry Baldwin
First Assistant Keeper, L.H.S.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LT. HS. MAY 31 1928 KEY WEST, FLA.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Key West, Florida,
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 31, 1928., 192

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

1. Referring to your letter of May 26, 1928, and its inclosure of copy of charges preferred against me by the 3rd Asst. Keeper of Dry Tortugas Lightstation, forwarded to me for report and explanation:

2. I wish to report that the statement made by the 3rd Asst. Keeper with reference to drinking on the station, is absolutely false. I have no knowledge of any drinking whatever by any one on Dry Tortugas Lightstation during the time that I have been stationed there.. I admit that some of the keepers have been out to the schooners and smacks while they were anchored off of the station and taken a drink or two while on board but never, to my knowledge, on the station.

3. Mr. Elkins states that he has as evidence bottles of liquors brought on the station by the Keeper and Mr. Elkins statement in this respect is false also. About four months ago Mr. Elkins and myself went over to Fort Jefferson to carry mail and while there went aboard a fishing smack. Mr. Elkins took a drink with the men and then we were given a quart of brandy for the station. When we returned to the station this quart was divided in halves, one half was given to Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Elkins kept the other half for medical use. I did not get any of it as I have no use for liquors either as medical purposes or ~~xxx~~ otherwise. This brandy was to be kept for medical purposes only. Mr. Elkins says that he has "bottles of liqers" and this is the only bottle of liquor that I have ever seen brought on the station. The Assistant Superintendent has made a trip to Dry Tortugas and I made the trip with him and it is strange that Mr. Elkins did not produce his evidence and make his report to the Assistant Superintendent while I was there on the station with him.

4. Referring to the statement relative to Mr. Baldwin's loyalty to the Service in not sending in information as to the whereabouts of the Cuban Schooner SANTA MARIA, I wish to say that the station has never received any instructions to report the whereabouts of any vessel or to send out any information in connection therewith.

Respectfully,

Andrew Silvey.
Keeper, L. H. S.

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SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

RJA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF L.T. HS. MAY 31 1928 KEY WEST FLA.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

May 26, 1928.

Mr. A. M. Albury, Keeper, Dry Tortugas L. H., 826 Duval St. Key West, Fla.

1. There is forwarded herewith a copy of charges made by the 3rd Asst. Keeper of Dry Tortugas L. H., for your information and return with report and explanation.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

H C Haskins

Assistant Superintendent.

(COPY) RJA.

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KEY WEST, FLA.
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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

May 26, 1928.

Mr. H. Baldwin, 1st Asst. Keeper, Dry Tortugas L. H., 916 Simonton St.,
Key West, Fla.

1. There is forwarded herewith a copy of charges made by the 3rd Asst. Keeper of Dry Tortugas L. H. against you, for your information and return with report and explanation.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

(Signed) H. B. Haskins
Assistant Superintendent.

(COPY) RJA.

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KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTH DISTRICT
Dry Tortugas L. H.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
May 23, 192 8

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Key West, Fla.

Dear Sir:

In regards to letter received by the Supt. dated May 4th 1928 and signed by L. R. Elkins, 3rd Asst. Keeper, Dry Tortugas L. H. I would like the Supt. to know what I have to say about it. I told Mr. Elkins that I wanted to go on my leave of absence and he makes answer go ahead Mr. Baldwin can watch the light and I can run the Beacon. I told him that I could not leave the station with only one man to watch the light as I thought he was supposed to take a watch on the light when it was only two men on the station and he said he'd be damned if he would run the Beacon watches in the day and stand watch on the light at night, so I wrote the Supt. so he could tell me what to do.

In the second part he states he has been running all Beacon watches except the 2:30 A.M. watch until the 20th of the previous month. About 15 days before he said anything to me about taking the 8 to 8:30 P.M. watch I was out in the boat when he went to Mr. Baldwin in a rage and told him he was tired of waiting for us to say we would take over the 8 to 8:30 watch and that he would say something to me when I got back but he did not say anything to me about the watch until about 15 days later when he called both of us in the radio room and asked us if we would not take the watch saying he had some short wave stuff he was working on and I told him allright but there was nothing at all said about that it would equalize the work more and I did not admit as he says that even with this it is an even division of the watches up to now.

In another part he states he asked me for assistance to take down the cylinder and engine head. Nothing could be farther from the truth and I have Mr. Baldwin who was right there as proof what he did say was (I could take this head down with you boys assistance but it is a nasty job and if we take it down now they are going to watn us to take it down all of the time) and I hearing him say that thinking that he knew something about engines and did not want to tackle it said we had better let Mr. Shaw come down and fix it.

In another part he states that he has put in more than twelve hours every day for the government now I want the Supt. to figure out twelve hours out of the following hours he has put in since I have been keeper of this light from 7:55 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. from 10:00 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTH DISTRICT

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from 11:45 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. from 01:50 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. and from 04: P.M. to 04:15 P.M. add on that about 30 minutes to fill up tanks with oil and on a few other occasions another hour or so and thats what he calls twelve hours a day. I also wish to state that Mr. Baldwin and myself have been running both Beacon watches in the night also running the light and doing entirely all of the station work by ourselves.

In another part he states he has even stood the Keepers watch when he was marooned at Fort Jefferson. I had a good reason to go to Fort Jefferson but bad weather caught me over there and I would not risk going back to the light. All the watch he stood for me was from 01:50 A.M. to sunrise and he also did not put the light in condition for relighting but left it for me when I got back so you can see that just because he stood a four hour watch for me he is trying to make himself out to be a marytr to work and a hero to duty.

Yours truly,

/s/ Andrew Albury
Keeper Dry Tortugas L.H.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LT. HS. MAY 31 1928 KEY WEST, FLA

SEVENTH DISTRICT

DRY TORTUGAS LIGHTSTATION FLORIDA
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 11th, 1928.
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Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Flo.,

Thru- First Asst Keeper, Acting Keeper.

Dear Sir:

Kpr. Albury

There has existed, at intervals, at this Station, a condition that has come to the point, where it is necessary to call the attention of the Superintendent to it with hopes of relieving situation, viz- drinking of liquers on the Station.

The specific instance reported is as follows- The CUBAN SCHOONER, SANTA MARIA, dropped anchor about ½ mile to Westward of the Light while I was putting out the light at daybreak this morning, and shortly after 7 A.M. the Crew came ashore to the Station bringing materials with them, including some wood for me to make a Radio Cabinet for the Captain, which I offered to do a token of appreciation for Fruits,etc, that the Captain has brought on his previous trips when he has also brought liquers openly and above board and up to this time there has been no reason for complaint altho Mr Baldwin has been rather talkative at times as he usually is when in his cups. This morning after the Crew had been in Mr Baldwins Quarters some short while one of the Crew left the quarters went to the West dock and returned with some bulky object under his shirt, this party lasted until 9-30 A.M. and I went to work at 0900 as Station routine calls for, and when Mr B came over at 9-45, I spoke to him about the method of smuggling liquers on the Station and asked him why this attempted secrecy, if he though I was blind, to which he replied that he did not want them to bring any more, that he was through drinking here and on the Schooner too- while we were talking this over, his wife hearing us talking in the Lobby of the Tower came over and was in a rage, threatening to "BREAK MY BACK" and like threats, of course I smiled and Mr B took his wife back to her quarters, but before he left he said "I am going to quit, will you send in my resignation?" I replied that I would send in anything for him that he would write out, he took his wife home and when he returned I asked him if he had his message written out and he said no, I will write a letter about it- In order that the Supt may know under what existing conditions Mr B is resigning, if he does, I am making this report, and have as evidence bottles of Liquers brought on the Station by the Keeper, and I have labeled them, after they were given to me by them- I have no use for liquers except as medicine and these bottles are here awaiting the disposition of the Superintendent after he receives the facts in this matter.

Kpr Albury

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of any bodliy harm from anyone, yet a tempermental person under the influence of alcoholic beverages sometimes commit acts that they afterwards regret, and I feel that this should be brought to your attention at this time.

The Keeper just before going to KeyWest on leave stated that the Coast Guard was looking for the Cuban Schooner Santa Maria and Mr Baldwin knows this, yet his Loyalty does not extend to the point where he is sending any information to your Office for the Coast Guard as to her whereabouts and he knows that the Captain said to him that he was going to fish off of Tampa this trip.

Since the report was made to your office that I had refused to stand watch on the light-tower, which was not correct, and a matter that the Keeper, if he was not afraid of his Authority should have settled without bringing to the attention of the Superintendent, and that I suggested that he Radio you for authority to drop one of the two listening-in-periods, which he would not do, simply sending you a message that he was unable to handle the situation, solely because he would not assume a little authority and say what watches he even wanted me to take, that he would put it up to the Superintendent, I have been in the Service, several branches, long enuf to know that if one gets an order, and he does not think it is right or justice to carry out the order and then seek redress, and as I told Mr Albury to set the watches as he saw fit to, and if they did not suit me, all I could do was to resign, but he would not set them. I do not know what else he may have written in hence these remarks on the subject while writing you.

I feel that, if Mr Baldwin would stop his drinking on the Station, that there would be no need for his resigning, for while we, as men, may have slight differences at times, we can manage to settle them, until our Families interfere as his did, and I will not argue with any women, and the Regulations state that a Keeper is responsible for the acts of his family, hence this report.

Yours truly,

(Signed) L. R. Elkins
Lindsey R Elkins
3rd Asst Keeper.

Note: Original charges attached to letter re Harry Baldwin.

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KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LT. HS. MAY 24 1928 KEY WEST, FLA.

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SEVENTH DISTRICT

DRY TORTUGAS LIGHTSTATION FLORIDA
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 11th, 1928., 192

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Yours truly,

L. R. Elkins

Lindsey R Elkins,
3rd Asst Keeper.



SUPT. OF LT. HS.
MAY
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1928
KEY WEST, FLA.

Bartolomé [illegible] 1928
he recebido del Sr. Herrero
una botella aguardiente
que le había regalado
la cual me debolbió.

Justo Diaz

Justo Diaz
Paula 39
Habana

(COPY) RJA.

Tortugas, 10 Mayo, 1928.

He recebido del P. Torrero una botella aguardiente que le habia regalado - la cual me debolvio.

(Signed) Justo Diaz.

Justo Diaz,
Paula 39,
Habana

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Translation of above.

Tortugas, May 10, 1928.

I have received from P. Torrero one bottle of aguardiente which I had given to him and which he returned to me.

(Signed) Justo Diaz.

Justo Diaz
Paula 39,
Habana.

(COPY) RJA.

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KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTH DISTRICT
DRY TORTUGAS LIGHTSTATION FLORIDA
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
May 4th 1928.
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Superintendent of Lighthouses
Key West, Flo.

THROUGH ----KEEPER, DRY TORTUGAS LIGHTSTATION.

Dear Sir:

Reference attached radiogram, just received, this was first intimation that I had had that watches were not equally divided--and the Keeper upon receiving the Radiogram, stated that the watches up to now were very equally divided, but that when he went on leave, it would leave only one man to watch the light as I had said, that I would not stand watch on the light, this of itself is not correct, for I said that I would not stand watch on the light half the night and take the Radiobeacon watches all day as I am doing now- and I believe that the Superintendent will agree with me that a man can not stay up all day and half the night and keep it up very long and do justice to his work.

As information, I have been standing all the Radiobeacon watches, day and night with the exception of the 2- to 2-30A.M. schedule ever since the plant was installed until the 20th of last month when I asked the Keeper if he did not think it would make a more even distribution of the watches if the man running the light at that time would run the 8 to 8-30 P.M. schedule, and he agreed to take over this P.M. schedule as I have some short wave work I was wanting to do anyway, and he admits that even with this it is an even division of the watches up to now.

If we could dispense with either the 10 A.M. or the 4 P.M. Listening-in periods, we might be able to handle one of the lightwatches with only one more man here temporarily, but it would crowd things pretty hard to keep the Station work up and Station shipshape very long under those conditions. Neither of the Keepers have yet mastered the Code, Albury has made a good start at it and I believe will make an operator in time, but the other Keeper has shown no interest in learning the code whatever and do not believe he will even make an operator.

Reference No. 2 Engine, (There is a lot of work done here that I am afraid the Superintendent knows nothing of on the Beacon and Engines). This engine is gradually growing worse, and this morning I asked the Keeper for assistance in taking down the Cylinder and Engine head and explained what we were going to have to do and he replied that that was a job for Mr Shaw- I am unable to do this alone, and if Mr Shaw could get to this engine before she goes dead entirely, it would be appreciated for we will soon be with only

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one engine and no telling how soon she will follow in the footsteps of Nr 2 engine.

I am quite willing to take my share of the watches and believe I have done more than my share since coming here, but am not complaining, in an emergency would do even more, but can not keep up the present pace and stand half of the night on the light too.

Some of Mr. Schonicks work laid out while here is not completed, and still I have put in more than twelve hours daily for the Government since arrival here not even excluding Sundays, Mondays-quarters-day, or any other days.

Have even stood the Keepers light-watch for him when he was marooned at Fort Jefferson, or at least did not get back, and did not complain of it then or now, and judging from the Superintendents Radiogram of yesterday afternoon (Key West has it filed at 4-20 P.M. we listen in from 4 to 4-15 hence did not get it until this A.M.) the Superintendent should have both sides of this matter so that he may decide accordingly, after seeing what the situation is.

I have asked the Keeper several times to designate what hours he wants me to take, and he seems timid about his authority as Keeper, and will not designate any set period of time, saying he would leave it for Mr. Demeritt to say.

Yours truly,

/s/ L. R. Elkins.

Lindsey R. Elkins
3rd Asst. Keeper.

Forwarded

(Signed) Andrew Albury
Keeper.

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PENSACOLA-NAS
3-24-27-20000

(COPY) RJA.

NAVY DEPARTMENT DISPATCH

HEADQUARTERS
SEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLORIDA

MAY 4 1928

ROUTINE

RECD 4 MAY 1928

COMMERCE

SUPT LIGHTHOUSES KEYWEST

KEEPER DRY TORTUGAS LIGHTHOUSE

REFERRING TO LETTER FAIRL THIRTY STRICT COMPLIANCE FIRST PARAGRAPH ARTICLE ONE FOUR TWO INSTRUCTIONS TO EMPLOYEES LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE APPLIES ALL LIGHTSTATIONS DRY TORTUGAS NO EXCEPTION SEE THAT IT IS PROPERLY OBSERVED

DEMERITT

/s/ Wm. W. Demeritt
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

COPIES TO

ACTION

	Commandant
	Captain of Yard
	D. C. O.
	File

(COPY) RJA.

PENSACOLA-NA3
3-24-27-20000

NAVY DEPARTMENT DISPATCH

HEADQUARTERS
SEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLORIDA

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RECD 4 MAY 1928
1640

SUPT LIGHTHOUSES KEYWEST

I CANNOT REGULATE SITUATION AT THIS STATION REQUEST YOUR PRESENCE HERE IF POSSIBLE

ALBURY

DRY TORTUGAS

COPIES TO

ACTION

	Commandant
	Captain of Yard
	D. C. O.
	File
	SUPT LIGHTHOUSES (FONED 1710)

PENSACOLA-NAS
3-24-27-20000

(COPY) RJA.

NAVY DEPARTMENT DISPATCH

HEADQUARTERS
SEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLORIDA

MAY 5 1928

ROUTINE

COMMERCE

KEEPER DRY TORTUGAS RADIOBEACON

REFERENCE YOUR RADIO FOURTH ALL KEEPERS SHALL STAND REGULAR WATCH LIGHTTOWER AND RADIO SIMILAR TO WATCHES ALL OTHER STATIONS AND THOSE DRY TORTUGAS PRIOR RADIO INSTALLATION IF NECESSARY DISCONTINUE LISTENING IN AND COMMUNICATION WORK

DEMERITT

/s/ Wm. W. Demeritt
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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	Commandant
	Captain of Yard
	D. C. O.
	File

ACTION.

(COPY) RJA.

PENSACOLA-NA3
3-24-27-20000

NAVY DEPARTMENT DISPATCH

HEADQUARTERS
SEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLORIDA

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RECD 5 MAY 1928
1606

SUPT LIGHTHOUSES KEYWEST

WATCHES SATISFA CTORILY ARRANGED WILL CALL KEYWEST AT INTERVALS ON OLD SCHEDULE SUGGEST IF AGREEABLE NAVAL RADIO SEND ANY TORTUGAS TRAFFIC AFTER MERIDIAN WEATHER AND QST CALLS WE WILL GUARD THAT PERIOD FOR WEATHER AND TRAFFIC ADVISE IF AGREEABLE

ALBURY

DRY TORTUGAS

FONED SUPT LIGHTHOUSES 1620

COPIES TO

	Commandant
	Captain of Yard
	D. C. O.
	File

ACTION

(COPY) RJA.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTH DISTRICT
Dry Tortugas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
April 30, 192 8

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Fla.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you this letter about conditions existing at this station. I was intending to go on my leave of absence as I have been here this trip twelve weeks so far but I find that there is only Mr. Baldwin to watch and take care of the light as Mr. Elkins refuses to take a watch on the light and I do not think you would approve of only one man watching the light all night if he did he would not be able to do any work on the Station in the day. I would like you to advise me about the matter as soon as possible.

Yours truly

(Signed) Andrew Albury.
Keeper. Dry Tortugas L.H.

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Copy

CHIEF CLERK
1928 FEB 6 AM 11 23

January 26, 1928.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

1. The Department informally advises the Bureau that the records show three different legal voting residences in the case of Lindsey R. Elkins, Keeper, Dry Tortugas Light Station, these residences being as follows:

> In 1925 the State of New York; in 1927 the State of Florida, and the personal history sheet, which is undated, shows his residence as Arkansas.

2. It is therefore requested that you submit report to the Bureau regarding this matter and advise which is his present legal voting residence.

(Sgd.) J. S. Conway,
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 7th District,
Key West, Fla. January 31, 1928.

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses with report that Mr. Elkins states that his correct legal voting residence is shown on personal history sheet.- Arkansas.

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(Sgd.) Wm. W. Dermeritt,
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
Feb 4, 1928

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK 1928 JAN 5 PM 2
1928 JAN 5 PM 12
LIGHTHOUSE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE JAN 5 1928 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

I, Lindsey R. Elkins

do solemnly[1] swear (See below) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties of the office on which I am about to enter: So HELP ME GOD.

☞ L. R. Elkins
(Appointee signs here)

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[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 3rd day of January, A. D. 192 8

(Affix official seal here)

[4](*Name*) L. H. Hammer

(*Official title*) Chief Clerk.

My commission expires .....

OFFICIAL TITLE	RATE OF PAY	NAME OF STATION, VESSEL, OR PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT
Present Keeper	$1140. P.A.	Dry Tortugas L. H.
Former[5] None		

(The above should be filled in by the district officer before sending to appointee)

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 7th DISTRICT

Key West, Florida. (Address), January 3, 1928. (Date)

CARDED

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on January 1, 1928. (Date)

Wm. W. Demarest
Superintendent of Lighthouses.
(Signature, followed by title)

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[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.
[3] The oath may be taken any time on or after the effective date of appointment and prior to the payment of compensation, but no compensation shall be paid until the oath is executed in proper form.
[4] This oath should be taken before a justice of the peace, notary public, judge, clerk of a court, a chief clerk in the office of a superintendent of lighthouses or other employee in the Lighthouse Service designated by a chief clerk, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs or postmaster, as neither officer has power to administer oaths in such cases. In case the officer administering the oath has no seal, his official character should be duly certified to by the clerk of the proper court or the proper county clerk, except in the case of chief clerks in the offices of superintendent of lighthouses and other employees in the Lighthouse Service designated by them, who are not required to have a seal.
[5] Give this information in all cases where new oath is required.
Failure to fill out this oath properly will result in its return for correction.

ENTERED GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

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Form A-30

NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

December 17, 1927.

Mr. Lindsey R. Elkins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Keeper

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Eleven Hundred and Forty dollars per annum

effective January 1, 1928, or entrance on duty.

Nature of appointment: Probationary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Fifth Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

By direction of the Secretary:

CARDED

Respectfully,

DEC 22 1927

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EDW. I. GARDNER

Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

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GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Appropriation (unit): Field.

Vice: Stanley F. Saunders.

Legal Residence: Florida.

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Standard Form No. 13
Approved by the President
Feb. 26, 1926

ABSTRACT OF OFFICIAL RECORD OF U. S. GOVERNMENT EMPLOYEE

(For the use of the department to which the employee has been transferred)

INSTRUCTIONS

1. The act, approved February 14, 1922, prescribes that "each executive department, and each independent establishment of the Government not within the jurisdiction of any executive department, shall establish and maintain such record as will enable it to determine the amount deducted within each fiscal year from the basic salary, pay, or compensation of each employee within its jurisdiction to whom this act applies. When such employee is transferred from one office to another a certified abstract of his official record shall be transmitted to the office to which the transfer is made."

2. A complete official record in the Federal service of the employee named should be set forth on this abstract. If an employee is transferred to another department, an abstract will be prepared in duplicate, showing his appointment in the department from which transferred and all changes of grade or compensation while therein. The original, properly executed, will be transmitted to the department to which transferred, the duplicate to be retained in his personal file. Should such employee be again transferred, the second department will prepare an abstract setting forth the data contained in that received by it, with the addition of his record while in the second department, such abstract to be transmitted to the department to which he is transferred, a duplicate being retained.
In the case of a nominal reinstatement for the purpose of transfer, the department to which the employee is transferred should apply to the establishment in which the former service was rendered for an abstract of record in the case. Statements of employees must not be accepted unless verified from official records.

3. In Table II show the amount deducted for the retirement fund during each fiscal year, or part of fiscal year, the employee was in your service.

4. This certificate must be signed and countersigned (if necessary) by an official recognized by the Bureau of Pensions as authorized to sign certificate of administrative officer on application for refunds.

NAME: Mr. Lindsey R. Elkins (Surname first, Mr., Miss, or Mrs.) — No record (Date of birth)

Public Works Dept. Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Cuba
(Department and office in which last service was had. See Paragraph 2 of Instructions)

Guantanamo Bay, Cuba (Place) — January 30 1928 (Date)

I. SERVICE RECORD

ESTABLISHMENT (a)	ACTION (b)	POSITION (Pay-roll title)	RATE OF PAY (c)	DATE EFFECTIVE
Public Works Dept. U.S.Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay Cuba	Resignation	Mech. Elec.	$4.00 p.d.	Oct.23 1916

REMARKS:

Basing on the records on file in the Public Works Department, U. S. Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Lindsey R. Elkins was employed on April 10, 1916, and resigned "on account of a better offer elsewhere" on October 23, 1916.

Mr. Elkins was not granted any leave of absence in excess of six months in the aggregate in any calendar year during his employment at this Station.

Lighthouse 2/9/28 F.

(a) Place the name of department, bureau, or office in which the service was performed.

(b) Indicate the nature of the action according to the following key abbreviations: PA, probational appointment; Exc., excepted from examination; E. O., Executive order; Rein., reinstatement; Trans., transfer; Pro., promotion; Red., reduction; Res., resignation; Rem. C., removed for cause; Rem. R., removed, reduction of force; L. W. O. P., leave without pay for periods of six months or more.

(c) Under rate of pay, do not include bonuses, allowances, overtime pay, or compensation given in addition to basic pay of positions as fixed by law or regulation.

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II. STATEMENT OF DEDUCTIONS FOR RETIREMENT FUND

(See Instructions No. 3)

YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT	YEAR	AMOUNT
NO RECORD									

Do the records show that the employee has made application for refund of any portion of the amount shown above? No (Yes or No)

If so, state the amount and period covered -- (Amount and period covered)

Do the records show that any portion of the amount shown above has been refunded to the employee? No (Yes or No)

If so, state the amount and period covered -- (Amount and period covered)

In case service record shows reentry into service, does the employee claim that he has made redeposit of any amount refunded him at time of separation? No (Yes or No)

The foregoing is a correct abstract of the official record of Mr. Lindsey R. Elkins (Name of employee)

based on the official records of the Public Works Department, Nav. Sta. Gtmo. (Establishment)

or official certification from the other executive departments or independent establishments in which he was employed.

R. E. Bassler (Signature)

R. E. Bassler, Lt. (CEC), USN., Public Works Officer. (Official title)

Countersigned 31 January, 1928.

C. C. Soule, Captain, USN., (Signature)

Commandant. (Official title)

GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE 10-1719

Furnished to:

Chief, Appointment Division,
Department of Commerce,
Washington, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

January 20, 1928.

Chief, Appointment Division,
Navy Department,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

It is requested that an Abstract of Official Record, in duplicate, be furnished as promptly as convenient in the case of **Lindsey R. Elkins, Naval Station, Guantanamo Bay, Cuba, Mar. 1, 1915, to Sept. 12, 1916.**

Respectfully,

Clifford Hastings

Chief of Appointment Division.

F

Previous incumbent, Brantley F. Saunders. Services terminated, December 31, 1927.

Reason, Transferred and promoted. (Pending)

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, Nov. 25, 1883.

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN
DEC 21 1927
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, **December 14**, 1927.

L. A. Moyer
Secretary, 5th Civil Service District.

Wm. W. Wemett
Superintendent of Lighthouses

12-17-27

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

December 16, 1927.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

Action O. K.
Chief Clerk

S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form 73

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LIGHTHOUSES

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NOMINATION

CHIEF CLERK

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 7th DISTRICT.

Key West, Fla. (City) December 12 (Date) 19 27

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DEC 17 1927 APPOINTMENT DIVISION

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Probationary appointment.

Legal residence, Florida.

Name, Lindsey R. Elkins miss file

Proposed salary, $1140. p.a.

Position, (3d Asst) Keeper.

Proposed range, $1140-1500.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE DEC 20 1927 APPOINTMENT

Location, Dry Tortugas L. H., Fla.

Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses. Such

Effective, January 1, 1928.

[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, None

Former salary,

Location,

Former range,

Rank on eligible list, 3 Rating, Keeper Percentage, 80, Other eligibles considered: Joseph Leeds C.

Previous incumbent, Stanley F. Saunders. 1140 Services terminated, December 31, 1927.

Reason, Transferred and promoted. (Pending)

Members of family in Government service, None.

Date of birth, Nov. 25, 1883.

Remarks:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN DEC 21 1927 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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Chief Clerk

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STANDARD FORM NO. 6
(Approved by the President March 28, 1924)

1928 JAN 5 PM 12 01 OUSES

PERSONAL HISTORY

(Statement to be prepared by appointee in his own handwriting)

JAN 5 1928

Bureau, division, or office Office of Supt of Lighthouses Seventh Dist.

1. Name in full Lindsey Robert Elkins

2. Legal (voting) residence Arkansas 2nd Dist Pulaski Little Rock
(State and Congressional District) (County) (City or town)

3. Where born? Arkansas Little Rock When born? Nov 25th 1883
(State or foreign country) (City or town) (Date)

4. If foreign, state whether naturalized or alien —

5. Indicate sex, marital condition, and race by check, thus: √

SEX		MARITAL CONDITION				RACE. (If other, state which)	
Male	Female	Single	Married	Divorced	Widowed	White	Colored
√			√			√	

6. A complete record of your past civil service for the United States Government:- Approximate

BRANCH OF SERVICE AND PLACE OF EMPLOYMENT	POSITION	SALARY	DATE APPOINTED			DATE SEPARATED		
			Month	Day	Year	Month	Day	Year
Public Works Naval Station Guantanamo Bay Cuba Guantanamo Bay,	Quarter Clerk	about 650 per diem and quarters	March	10th	1915	Sept	1st	1916

CARDED

7. Military and naval record. If any, check (√) to indicate branch and other information and give dates of enlistment and discharge:

None	Army	Navy	Marine Corps	Coast Guard	War Veteran	Pensioner	Veterans' Bureau beneficiary
	√	√			√		

Enlisted 8-31 1900 Discharged 8-30-1903 — 9-2-1903 Reenlisted 9-1-1907
Organization H Battery 1st artn and U S Signal Corps

Enlisted 9-1-1909 Discharged 8-30-1913
Organization U.S.N. ashore and afloat (Radio)

8. EDUCATION (Circle number of years)

Common school	High school	College	Degrees, if any
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 (8)	1 (2) 3 4	1 2 3 4	None

9. State special qualifications Radio and Electrical. (Railway Machinist) —
Land line telegrapher Internal Combustion Engineman

10. Name, relationship, and address of person to be notified in case of emergency:

Mrs L R Elkins (Name) Wife (Relationship)

% Supt of Lighthouses Key West Fla (Post office address)

I certify that the foregoing answers are correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

L R Elkins
(Name as usually written and which will be used as official signature)

(Date) 10—1659 GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

Present address % Supt Lighthouses Key West Fla

(4)

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

Staten Island, N.Y. (City.) Oct. 9, 1925 (Date.) 19

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Thr. Sec'y 2nd C.S.Dist.)

Action recommended, Temporary appointment pending establishment of register of eligibles.

Name, Lindsey R. Elkins — Legal residence, New York

Position, Radio Operator — Salary, $1320 p.a.

Location, At Large, 3d L.H.Dist. — Appropriation, Salaries, Light-house Vessels

Effective October 16, 1925 — ~~the date he reports for duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

Rank on eligible list, Rating, Percentage, , Other eligibles considered:

Previous incumbent, Emanuel Lemelson — Services terminated, Sept. 24, 1925

Reason, Resigned

Members of family in Government Service, None

Date of birth, Nov. 25, 1883

Remarks: In accordance with Rule VIII, Sec. 2, C.S. Rules. Temporary employment authorized by letter from District Secretary, dated Oct. 1, 1925.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, OCT 13 1925, 19

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

EK

OCT 14 1925

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention is invited to carbon copy of this form Submitted to Department on October 10, 1925.

10-15-25

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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LIGHTHOUSES

1925 OCT 10 AM 8 47

TELEGRAPHIC REPLY IS REQUIRED

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK

1925 OCT 13 AM 10 36

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES, 3rd DISTRICT,

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DIVISION OF LIGHTHOUSES ACTION TAKEN OCT 14 1925 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Former position, — Former salary,

Location,

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Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission, , 19

This copy is forwarded in order that approval of the appointment recommended may be expedited.

Superintendent
~~Secretary, Civil Service District.~~

J. A. Yates

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

October 10, 1925.

No papers

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Original nomination will be submitted to the Department as soon as received from the District Civil Service Secretary.

10-14-25

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

[1] Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Form A-30

NOT TO BE ACCEPTED AS AUTHORITY FOR INVESTIGATION OPERATIONS UNLESS ACCOMPANIED BY OFFICIAL CREDENTIALS

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

October 14, 1925.

Mr. Lindsey R. Elkins,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office,

Radio Operator

in the Lighthouse Service

at a salary of Thirteen Hundred and Twenty dollars per annum

effective October 16, 1925, or as soon thereafter as you enter on duty, and to continue for a period not to exceed thirty days after the receipt of a certification of eligibles for probationary appointment.

Nature of appointment: Temporary.

Civil Service authority: Secretary, Second Civil Service District.

Classification allocation:

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED OCT 20 1925 ON JOURNAL DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

CANCELLED

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS
OCT 19 1925
Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Such appropriation to which under the provisions of Section 3678, R. S., the duties performed may be properly chargeable.

Vice: Emanuel Lemelson.

Legal Residence: New York.

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK
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LIGHTHOUSES

GENERAL DEPOT
OFFICE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
3D DISTRICT, STATEN ISLAND, N.Y.

1925 OCT 22 AM 8 49

Commissioner of Lighthouses; Oct. 21,1925

SUBJECT: Appointment of Lindsey R. Elkins, Radio Operator.
REFERENCE: Dept. letter Oct. 14, 1925.

Cancel

1. Department letter, in duplicate, dated October 14,1925, addressed to Lindsey R. Elkins, temporarily appointing him to the position of Radio Operator, at large, in this District, is returned herewith for cancellation, as Mr. Elkins declined to enter on duty when ordered to do so. The District Secretary has been notified of this action.

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J. Spates
Cm

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION
ENTERED
OCT 26 1925
ON JOURNAL
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Inclosure

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
OCT 22 1925

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommended for approval.

H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

Rept cancellation on Journal

LINDSEY R. ELKINS.



LINDSEY R. ELKINS.

Washington D C OCT 14 1925

Lighthouse Superintendent Saint George New York

Lindley R.

Temporary appointment Elkins approved

Comm'r

Bureau of Lighthouses

Radio Op. at Large

Acting

Commissioner of Lighthouses

to Dept Opr.
3:30 p.m. 10/14/25
EBT

OCT 14 1925
Approved

LIGHTHOUSES

1928 FEB 2 PM

SUPT. OF LT. HS. 56AN 30 1928 KEY WEST, FLA.

RLC:ELF

January 26, 1928.

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

1. The Department informally advises the Bureau that the records show three different legal voting residences in the case of Lindsey R. Elkins, Keeper, Dry Tortugas Light Station, these residences being as follows:

In 1925 the State of New York; in 1927 the State of Florida, and the personal history sheet, which is undated, shows his residence as Arkansas.

2. It is therefore requested that you submit report to the Bureau regarding this matter and advise which is his present legal voting residence.

Airways
Surveys
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Chief Engr.
Hydro.
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Engr. Const.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Finance
Law & Prop.
Adm. Assist.
Dep. Commr.
Commissioner.

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

LHP-RJA. Office of Superintendent of Lighthouses, 7th District, Key West, Fla. January 31, 1928.

1. Returned to Commissioner of Lighthouses with report that Mr. Elkins states that his correct legal voting residence is shown on personal history sheet.- Arkansas.

W. W. Demarest

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Bureau of Lighthouses

Feb 4, 1928.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information

J. S. CONWAY

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses

HSH-RJA.

Standard Form No. 17
Approved by the President, March 26, 1926

REPORT ON PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE

This report to be made at expiration of fifth month of service. In cases where the probationary period comprises one year, this report is to be made at the expiration of the tenth month of service.

If service has been unsatisfactory, recommendation for discontinuance under the provisions of paragraph (c) of section 1 of Civil Service Rule VII should be forwarded immediately to the Department. A full statement of reasons should be set forth under "Remarks."

Commerce
(Department)

Lighthouses
(Bureau or office)

Key West, Florida. June 1, 1928.
(Place and date)

To Commissioner of Lighthouses.
(Head of department or establishment)

The probationary period of the person named below expires at the close of business on June 30, 1928.

The conduct and capacity of this employee have not been satisfactory during the probationary period, and (he) ~~(she)~~ is not considered qualified for absolute appointment.

Name Lindsey R. Elkins

Position 3rd Assistant Keeper.

Salary $1140. A.

Appropriation Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Station Dry Tortugas L. H., Fla.

Date of entrance on duty January 1, 1928.

Remarks:

(See attached sheet).

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Opr. Commit.
Commissioner

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

H B Hasking
(Signature of immediate superior)

Assistant Superintendent.

Submitted:

(Head of bureau or office)

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

probationary employee is unable to get along with the other their families at this isolated lightstation. Although Mr. been at this station only a little over five months he has made charges against three Keepers, one of whom was demoted and transferred from the station, and another has been transferred from the station on request rather than remain at the station with Mr. Elkins. There has also been considerable friction between the Keeper in charge and Mr. Elkins about hours of watch as Mr. Elkins apparently does not care much about standing watches in the lighttower; preferring to work on the radiobeacon and radio apparatus. (See copies of letters and radiograms attached).

(b) In connection with this report also see 7th Dist. letter of May 22, 1928, re Dry Tortugas L. H., Fla.

(c) It is therefore recommended that the services of Lindsey R. Elkins be discontinued at the close of June 25, 1928, or as soon thereafter as practicable, but not later than June 30, 1928.

during probation
Dept
attention
Keepers two attached
June 1st re
letter of
charges by 2nd asst Elkins
against 1st asst Baldwin

RG-EK
Incls.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.
June 6, 1928.

Principal keeper allowing

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending approval of paragraph (c) above, attention being invited to attached correspondence.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

(COPY) RJA.

...TO
...GHTHOUSES
..., FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Dry Tortugas
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

April 30, 192 8

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Fla.

Dear Sir:

I am writing you this letter about conditions existing at this station. I was intending to go on my leave of absence as I have been here this trip twelve weeks so far but I find that there is only Mr. Baldwin to watch and take care of the light as Mr. Elkins refuses to take a watch on the light and I do not think you would approve of only one man watching the light all night if he did he would not be able to do any work on the Station in the day. I would like you to advise me about the matter as soon as possible.

Yours truly

(Signed) Andrew Albury.
Keeper. Dry Tortugas L.H.

(COPY) RJA.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTH DISTRICT
DRY TORTUGAS LIGHTSTATION FLORIDA
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
May 4th 1928.
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Superintendent of Lighthouses
Key West, Flo.

THROUGH ----KEEPER, DRY TORTUGAS LIGHTSTATION.

Dear Sir:

Reference attached radiogram, just received, this was first intimation that I had had that watches were not equally divided--and the Keeper upon receiving the Radiogram, stated that the watches up to now were very equally divided, but that when he went on leave, it would leave only one man to watch the light as I had said, that I would not stand watch on the li ht, this of itself is not correct, for I said that I would not stand watch on the light half the night and take the Radiobeacon watches all day as I am doing now- and I believe that the Superintendent will agree with me that a man can not stay up all day and half the night and keep it up very long and do justice to his work.

As information, I have been standing all the Radiobeacon watches, day and night with the exception of the 2- to 2-30A.M. schedule ever since the plant was installed until the 20th of last month when I asked the Keeper if he did not think it would make a more even distribution of the watches if the man running the light at that time would run the 8 to 8-30 P.M. schedule, and he agreed to take over this P.M. schedule as I have some short wave work I was wanting to do anyway, and he admits that even with this it is an even division of the watches up to now.

If we could dispense with either the 10 A.M. or the 4 P.M. Listening-in periods, we might be able to handle one of the lightwatches with only one more man here temporarily, but it would crowd things pretty hard to keep the Station work up and Station shipshape very long under those conditions. Neither of the Keepers have yet mastered the Code, Albury has made a good start at it and I believe will make an operator in time, but the other Keeper has shown no interest in learning the code whatever and do not believe he will even make an operator.

Reference No. 2 Engine, (There is a lot of work done here that I am afraid the Superintendent knows nothing of on the Beacon and Engines). This engine is gradually growing worse, and this morning I asked the Keeper for assistance in taking down the Cylinder and Engine head and explained what we were going to have to do and he replied that that was a job for Mr Shaw- I am unable to do this alone, and if Mr Shaw could get to this engine before she goes dead entirely, it would be appreciated for we will soon be with only

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTH DISTRICT

(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

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one engine and no telling how soon she will follow in the footsteps of Nr 2 engine.

I am quite willing to take my share of the watches and believe I have done more than my share since coming here, but am not complaining, in an emergency would do even more, but can not keep up the present pace and stand half of the night on the light too.

Some of Mr. Schonicks work laid out while here is not completed, and still I have put in more than twelve hours daily for the Government since arrival here not even excluding Sundays, Mondays-quarters-day, or any other days.

Have even stood the Keepers light-watch for him when he was marooned at Fort Jefferson, or at least did not get back, and did not complain of it then or now, and judging from the Superintendents Radiogram of yesterday afternoon (Key West has it filed at 4-20 P.M. we listen in from 4 to 4-15 hence did not get it until this A.M.) the Superintendent should have both sides of this matter so that he may decide accordingly, after seeing what the situation is.

I have asked the Keeper several times to designate what hours he wants me to take, and he seems timid about his authority as Keeper, and will not designate any set period of time, saying he would leave it for Mr. Demeritt to say.

Yours truly,

/s/ L. R. Elkins.

Lindsey R. Elkins
3rd Asst. Keeper.

Forwarded

(Signed) Andrew Albury
Keeper.

PENSACOLA-NAS
3-24-27-20000

(COPY) RJA.

NAVY DEPARTMENT DISPATCH

HEADQUARTERS
SEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLORIDA

ROUTINE

MAY 4 1928

RECD 6 MAY 1928
10:0

COMMERCE

KEEPER DRY TORTUGAS LIGHTHOUSE

REFERRING TO LETTER PAIRL THIRTY STRICT COMPLIANCE FIRST PARAGRAPH ARTICLE ONE FOUR TWO INSTRUCTIONS TO EMPLOYEES LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE APPLIES ALL LIGHTSTATIONS DRY TORTUGAS NO EXCEPTION SEE THAT IT IS PROPERLY OBSERVED

DEMERITT

/s/ Wm. W. Demeritt
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

COPIES TO

ACTION

	Commandant
	Captain of Yard
	D. C. O.
	File

(COPY) RJA.

PENSACOLA-NAS
3-24-27-20000

NAVY DEPARTMENT DISPATCH

HEADQUARTERS
SEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLORIDA

MAY 5 1928

ROUTINE

COMMERCE

KEEPER DRY TORTUGAS RADIOBEACON

REFERENCE YOUR RADIO FOURTH ALL KEEPERS SHALL STAND REGULAR WATCH LIGHTTOWER AND RADIO SIMILAR TO WATCHES ALL OTHER STATIONS AND THOSE DRY TORTUGAS PRIOR RADIO INSTALLATION IF NECESSARY DISCONTINUE LISTENING IN AND COMMUNICATION WORK

DEMERITT

/s/ Wm. W. Demeritt
Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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-/ RJA.

PENSACOLA-NAS
3-24 27-20000

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

NAVY DEPARTMENT DISPATCH

HEADQUARTERS
SEVENTH NAVAL DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLORIDA

SEVENTH DISTRICT
Dry Tortugas L. H.
(Station, Depot or Vessel)
May 23

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RECD 5 MAY 1928
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Supt. of Lighthouses.
Key West, Fla.

Dear Sir:

SUPT LIGHTHOUSES KEYWEST

WATCHES SATISFA CTORILY ARRANGED WILL CALLKEYWEST AT INTERVALS ON OLD SCHEDULE SUGGEST IF AGREEABLE NAVAL RADIO SEND ANY TORTUGAS TRAFFIC AFTER MERIDIAN WEATHER AND QST CALLS WE WILL GUARD THAT PERIOD FOR WEATHER AND TRAFFIC ADVISE IF AGREEABLE

ALBURY

DRY TORTUGAS

FONED SUPT LIGHTHOUSES 1620

COPIES TO

	Commandant
	Captain of Yard
	D. C. O.
	File

ACTION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTH DISTRICT
Dry Tortugas L. H.
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)
May 23, 192 8

Supt. of Lighthouses,
Key West, Fla.

Dear Sir:

In regards to letter received by the Supt. dated May 4th 1928 and signed by L. R. Elkins, 3rd Asst. Keeper, Dry Tortugas L. H. I would like the Supt. to know what I have to say about it. I told Mr. Elkins that I wanted to go on my leave of absence and he makes answer go ahead Mr. Baldwin can watch the light and I can run the Beacon. I told him that I could not leave the station with only one man to watch the light as I thought he was supposed to take a watch on the light when it was only two men on the station and he said he'd be damned if he would run the Beacon watches in the day and stand watch on the light at night, so I wrote the Supt. so he could tell me what to do.

In the second part he states he has been running all Beacon watches except the 2:30 A.M. watch until the 20th of the previous month. About 15 days before he said anything to me about taking the 8 to 8:30 P.M. watch I was out in the boat when he went to Mr. Baldwin in a rage and told him he was tired of waiting for us to say we would take over the 8 to 8:30 watch and that he would say something to me when I got back but he did not say anything to me about the watch until about 15 days later when he called both of us in the radio room and asked us if we would not take the watch saying he had some short wave stuff he was working on and I told him allright but there was nothing at all said about that it would equalize the work more and I did not admit as he says that even with this it is an even division of the watches up to now.

In another part he states he asked me for assistance to take down the cylinder and engine head. Nothing could be farther from the truth and I have Mr. Baldwin who was right there as proof what he did say was (I could take this head down with you boys assistance but it is a nasty job and if we take it down now they are going to watn us to take it down all of the time) and I hearing him say that thinking that he knew something about engines and did not want to tackle it said we had better let Mr. Shaw come down and fix it.

In another part he states that he has put in more than twelve hours every day for the government now I want the Supt. to figure out twelve hours out of the following hours he has put in since I have been keeper of this light from 7:55 A.M. to 8:30 A.M. from 10:00 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTH DISTRICT

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from 11:45 A.M. to 12:15 P.M. from 01:50 P.M. to 2:30 P.M. and from 04: P.M. to 04:15 P.M. add on that about 30 minutes to fill up tanks with oil and on a few other occasions another hour or so and thats what he calls twelve hours a day. I also wish to state that Mr. Baldwin and myself have been running both Beacon watches in the night also running the light and doing entirely all of the station work by ourselves.

In another part he states he has even stood the Keepers watch when he was marooned at Fort Jefferson. I had a good reason to go to Fort Jefferson but bad weather caught me over there and I would not risk going back to the light. All the watch he stood for me was from 01:50 A.M. to sunrise and he also did not put the light in condition for relighting but left it for me when I got back so you can see that just because he stood a four hour watch for me he is trying to make himself out to be a marytr to work and a hero to duty.

Yours truly,

/s/ Andrew Albury

Keeper Dry Tortugas L.H.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HBH-RJA.
Four sets enclosures.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

June 1, 1928.

Harry Baldwin, 1st Asst. Kpr.
Dry Tortugas L. H., Fla.
charges against.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. There are enclosed charges made against Harry Baldwin, the 1st Asst. Keeper of Dry Tortugas L. H., Fla., by probationary appointee L. R. Elkins, 3d Asst. Keeper, dated May 11, 1928.

2. These charges are briefly as follows:

(a) Drinking of liquors on the station by Mr. Baldwin.

(b) Permitting liquors to be brought on the station when he (Baldwin) was in charge of the station.

(c) Not sending information to Coast Guard as to the whereabouts of Cuban Schooner "SANTA MARIA."

3. Mr. Baldwin's replies to these charges are enclosed. They are satisfactory to this office and it is therefore recommended that no action be taken.

4. In regards to this Keeper not reporting the whereabouts of the schooner "SANTA MARIA", this office did not receive any request for such information and therefore no instructions to this effect were issued to the Keepers of Dry Tortugas L. H.

5. As to countercharges made by Asst. Keeper Baldwin against Mr. Elkins, the latter's services as a probationary appointee has been unsatisfactory and recommendation has been made to dispense with his services between June 25 and June 30, 1928, it is recommended that no further action be taken in this matter.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent.

H B Haskins

Assistant Superintendent.

(COPY) RJA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

May 26, 1928.

Mr. H. Baldwin, 1st Asst. Keeper, Dry Tortugas L. H., 916 Simonton St., Key West, Fla.

1. There is forwarded herewith a copy of charges made by the 3rd Asst. Keeper of Dry Tortugas L. H. against you, for your information and return with report and explanation.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

(Signed) H. B. Haskins
Assistant Superintendent.

(COPY) RJA.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SEVENTH DISTRICT

DRY TORTUGAS LIGHTSTATION FLORIDA
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 11th, 1928., 192

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Fla.

Thru- First Asst Keeper, Acting Keeper,

Dear Sir:-

There has existed, at intervals, at this Station, a condition that has come to the point, where it is necessary to call the attention of the Superintendent to it with hopes of relieving situation, viz- drinking of liquers on the Station.

The specific instance reported is as follows- The CUBAN SCHOONER SANTA MARIA, dropped anchor about ½ mile to Westward of the Light while I was putting out the light at daybreak this morning, and shortly after 7 A.M. the Crew came ashore to the Station bringing materials with them, including some wood for me to make a Radio Cabinet for the Captain, which I offered to do a token of appreciation for Fruits, etc, that the Captain has brought on his previous trips when he has also brought liquers openly and above board and up to this time there has been no reason for complaint altho Mr Baldwin has been rather talkative at times as he usually is when in his cups. This morning after the Crew had been in Mr Baldwins Quarters some short while one of the Crew left the quarters went to the West dock and returned with some bulky object under his shirt, this party lasted until 9-30A.M. and I went to work at 0900 as Station routine calls for, and when Mr B came over at 9-45, I spoke to him about the method of smuggling liquers on the Station and asked him why this attempted secrecy, if he thought I was blind, to which he replied that he did not want them to bring any more, that he was through drinking here and on the Schooners too- while we were talking this over, his wife hearing us talking in the Lobby of the Tower came over and was in a rage, threatening to "BREAK MY BACK" and like threats, of course I smiled and Mr B took his wife back to her quarters, but before he left he said "I am going to quit" will you send in my resignation?" I replied that I would send in anything for him that he would write out, he took his wife home and when he returned, I asked him if he had his message written out and he said no, I will write a letter about it- In order that the Supt may know under what existing conditions Mr B is resigning if he does, I am making this report, and have as evidence bottles of liquers brought on the Station by the Keeper, and I have labeled them, after they were given to me by them- I have no use for liquers except as medicine and these bottles are here awaiting the disposition of the Superintendent after he receives the facts in this matter.

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SEVENTH DISTRICT

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It is regrettable that these antics should have to be called to the Attention of the Superintendent, but you realize that while I am in no fear of bodily harm from anyone, yet a tempermental person under the influence of alcoholic beverages sometimes commit acts that they afterwards regret, and I feel that this should be brought to your attention at this time.

The Keeper just before going to Key West on leave stated that the Coast Guard was looking for the Cuban Schooner Santa Maria and Mr Baldwin knows this, yet his Loyalty does not extend to the point where he is sending any information to your Office for the Coast Guard as to her whereabouts and he knows that the Captain said to him that he was going to fish off of Tampa this trip.

Since the report was made to your office that I had refused to stand watch on the light-tower, which was not correct, and a matter that the Keeper, if he was not afraid of his Authority should have settled without bringing to the attention of the Superintendent, and that I suggested that he Radio you for authority to drop one of the two listening-in-periods, which he would not do, simply sending you a message that he was unable to handle the situation, solely because he would not assume a little authority and say what watches he even wanted me to take, that he would put it up to the Superintendent, I have been in Service, several branches, long enuf to know that if one gets an order, and he does not think it is right or justice to carry out the order and then seek redress, and as I told Mr. Albury to set the watches as he saw fit to, and if they did not suit me, all I could do was to resign, but he would not set them. I do not know what else he may have written in hence these remarks on the subject while writing you.

I feel that, if Mr Baldwin would stop his drinking on the Station, that there would be no need for his resigning, for while, we, as men, may have slight differences at times, we can manage to settle them, until our Families interfere as his did, and I will not argue with any women, and the Regulations state that a Keeper is responsible for the acts of his family, hence this report.

Yours truly,

(Signed) L. R. Elkins,

Lindsey R Elkins
3rd Asst. Keeper.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

SUPT. OF LT. HS. MAY 31 1928 KEY WEST, FLA.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Key West, Florida
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 30, 1928., 192

Superintendent of Lighthouses,
Key West, Florida.

1. Referring to your letter of May 26, 1928, with its inclosure of copy of charges made against me by the 3rd Assistant Keeper of Dry Tortugas Lightstation, forwarded to me for return with report and explanation:

2. In reply to the charge of drinking liquors on the station, I wish to state that the situation has been greatly added to by Mr. Elkins in his charges and I offer the following explanation to the specific instance of the visit of the schooner SANTA MARIA. On the morning that the schooner arrived I was on duty in the oil house when Mr. Elkins called to me and told me that I was wanted at home that there were visitors there. Just as I came up to my house one of the crew of the SANTA MARIA was leaving and I saw that he got in the small boat. However, I did not know what he leaving for or where he was going. He returned to the house shortly and brought with him a bottle of liquor and I told him that I did not want it and to take it back to the schooner. As proof that this statement is correct I inclose a note from the man himself in which he states that he received a quart of liquor from me that he had tried to give me and which I had refused to accept. On this occasion the men from the schooner stayed at my house until 9:30 A. M. during which time we talked and drank root beer which was made on the station. Mr Elkins came up to my quarters two or three times while the men were there to talk to the Captain of the schooner about a radio cabinet that he had promised to make for the captain and Mr. Elkins knew that there was no drinking going on there except the drinking of root beer as stated above.

After the crew of the schooner had left Mr. Elkins called me over to the light and asked me "Why the attempted secrecy" and if I thought him blind. I told him that I could not help it because the man brought the liquor on the station, that I did not know anything about it until he offered it to me and that I had refused to accept it. He asked me Why and I replied, "Because I do not drink on the station. Knowing Mr. Elkins and feeling that he would try to cause trouble I obtained the note mentioned above from the man who brought the liquor on the station. Mr. Elkins had been out to the schooner on her precious visits to the sta-

tion and he had taken his drinks for "sociability's sake" and I think that he was under the impression that this was to be broken up and he became quite angry. He used very obscene language and became loud in his speech which aroused my wife and brought her on the scene. When my wife appeared I told Mr. Elkins to be careful of his language and to respect my wife to which he replied "If you don't like it. God damn you. you can kiss my ass." Mr. Elkins made this same statement twice. both times in my wife's presence and it naturally made her angry and she did say that she would "break his back". I leave it to the Superintendent to judge whether my wife was justified in view of the fact that she had been subjected to such vulgar and obscene language uttered by a man supposed to be a gentleman. After I saw that Mr. Elkins was going to carry on his obscenety even in the presence of my wife, I carried her home and when I returned Mr. Elkins told me that he was going to prefer charges against me. However. this was a favorite threat of his and as he had made it to everyone on the station from the Keeper down, I did not pay any attention to it.

I made the statement that I was going to quit and I asked Mr. Elkins if he would radio my resignation to the office and he replied that he would. After this I decided that I would write a letter of explanation rather than resign by radio. However, on my watch on the radiobeacon I experienced quite a bit of trouble with the engine and it appeared to me to be dangerous to run it and I turned the watch over to Mr. Elkins who is supposed to be an experienced radio man and who experienced no difficulty. Ofcourse Mr. Elkins is experienced and I am only a novice and that perhaps explains it but it does not explain why I was able to operate the engine for five months without any trouble at all and why the trouble was experienced only when I operated the engine.

With reference to Mr. Elkins statement that we could settle our differences if our families did not interfere. I wish to say that my wife does not interfere with anyone and she made the threat she did only after Mr. Elkins had forgotten himself so far as to use language unbecoming a gentleman in her presence. Mr. Elkins is forever on the watch for something to make trouble, he is disagreeable and can always findsomething that does not please him and thus start an argument.

In closing I wish to say that after Mr. Elkins knew that I had requested that a relief be sent down for me, he told me to

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tear up the charges that he had given me to send in to the office. I told him "No", that I would not tear them up. I knew that the least thing that happened, Mr. Elkins would hold it over me that he had given me charges to send in and that I had failed to send them in and I would have no proof that he had told me to tear them up. Mr. Elkins is a trouble maker, he is very hard to get along with and this statement is borne out by the number of employees against whom he has submitted reports.

Respectfully,

Harry Baldwin
First Assistant Keeper, L.H.S.

(COPY) RJA.

Tortugas, 10 Mayo, 1928.

He recebido del P. Torrero una botella aguardiente que le habia regalado - la cual me debolvio.

(Signed) Justo Diaz.

Justo Diaz,
Paula 39,
Habana

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Translation of above.

Tortugas, May 10, 1928.

I have received from P. Torrero one bottle of aguardiente which I had given to him and which he returned to me.

(Signed) Justo Diaz.

Justo Diaz
Paula 39,
Habana.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HHH-RJA,
Three sets enclosures.

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

June 1, 1928.

A. M. Albury, Keeper,
Dry Tortugas L. H., Fla.
charges against.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. There are enclosed charges made against Andrew Albury, the Keeper of Dry Tortugas L. H., Fla. by probationary appointee L. R. Elkins, 3d Asst. Keeper, dated May 11, 1928.

2. These charges are made against Harry Baldwin, 1st Asst. Keeper, Acting Keeper in charge of the station on the date of the report, but as Mr. Elkins has made therein certain charges against the Keeper, and the Station , Andrew Albury, the Keeper, has been required to answer the charges which are ostensibly made against him.

3. The charges against Mr. Albury are briefly as follows:

(a) Drinking of liquors on the station of which Mr. Albury is the Keeper, and therefore responsible.

(b) Liquors brought on the station by the Keeper..

4. Keeper Albury's replies to these charges are enclosed. They are satisfactory to this office, and it is therefore recommended that no action be taken. This Keeper was apparently under the impression that liquors for medicinal purposes could be brought to the station. His attention has been called to Article 489 of the Regulations L. H. Service, 1927, and Article 120 of Instructions to Employees, L. H. Service, 1927, and he has been directed to call this to the attention of all Keepers at his stations and to see that same is enforced.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

H R Haskins

Assistant Superintendent.

(COPY) RJA.

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RJA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

May 26, 1928.

Mr. A. M. Albury, Keeper, Dry Tortugas L. H., 826 Duval St. Key West, Fla.

1. There is forwarded herewith a copy of charges made by the 3rd Asst. Keeper of Dry Tortugas L. H., for your information and return with report and explanation.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

(Signed) H. B. Haskins
Assistant Superintendent.

(COPY) RJA.

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SEVENTH DISTRICT

DRY TORTUGAS LIGHTSTATION FLORIDA
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 11th, 1928., 192

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Thru- First Asst Keeper, Acting Keeper.

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Yours truly,

(Signed) L. R. Elkins

Lindsey R Elkins
3rd Asst. Keeper.

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SUPT. OF LT. HS. MAY 31 1928 KEY WEST, FLA.

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Key West, Florida
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

May 31, 1928., 192

Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Fla.

1. Referring to your letter of May 26, 1928, and its inclosure of copy of charges preferred against me by the 3rd Asst. Keeper of Dry Tortugas Lightstation, forwarded to me for report and explanation:

2. I wish to report that the statement made by the 3rd Asst. Keeper with reference to drinking on the station, is absolutely false. I have no knowledge of any drinking whatever by any one on Dry Tortugas Lightstation during the time that I have been stationed there.. I admit that some of the keepers have been out to the schooners and smacks while they were anchored off of the station and taken a drink or two while on board but never, to my knowledge, on the station.

3. Mr. Elkins states that he has as evidence bottles of liquors brought on the station by the Keeper and Mr. Elkins statement in this respect is false also. About four months ago Mr. Elkins and myself went over to Fort Jefferson to carry mail and while there went aboard a fishing smack. Mr. Elkins took a drink with the men and then we were given a quart of brandy for the station. When we returned to the station this quart was divided in halves, one half was given to Mr. Baldwin and Mr. Elkins kept the other half for medical use. I did not get any of it as I have no use for liquors either as medical purposes or ~~xxx~~ otherwise. This brandy was to be kept for medical purposes only. Mr. Elkins says that he has "bottles of liqers" and this is the only bottle of liquor that I have ever seen brought on the station. The Assistant Superintendent has made a trip to Dry Tortugas and I made the trip with him and it is strange that Mr. Elkins did not produce his evidence and make his report to the Assistant Superintendent while I was there on the station with him.

4. Referring to the statement relative to Mr. Baldwin's loyalty to the Service in not sending in information as to the whereabouts of the Cuban Schooner SANTA MARIA, I wish to say that the station has never received any instructions to report the whereabouts of any vessel or to send out any information in connection therewith.

Respectfully,

Andrew Albury
Keeper, L. H. S.

Form 1201

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REFERRING REPORT JUNE ONE RECOMMENDING DISCONTINUANCE SERVICES PROBATIONARY APPOINTEE LINDSEY R ELKINS THIS SHOULD BE EFFECTED NOT LATER THAN JUNE THIRTY WILL REQUIRE ABOUT FOUR DAYS TO GET ELKINS AND BELONGINGS TO KEYWEST TELEGRAPHIC ADVISE REQUESTED=

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

RG:EMF

Washington, D. C., June 25, 1928.

Lighthouse Superintendent, Key West, Florida.

Discontinuance elkins during probationapproved as recommended

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CONFIRMATION;

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Form 84

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHTHOUSES

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES Seventh DISTRICT

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Key West, Florida. June 20, 1928.

COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES,
Washington, D. C.

No reply has been received from the Bureau to communication (Standard Form No. 17) from this office dated June 1, 1928. on the subject of discontinuance of services of Mr. Lindsey R. Elkins, probationary appointee, as 3rd Assistant Keeper of Dry Tortugas L. H.

For and in the absence of the Superintendent,

H B Haskins

Assistant Superintendent.

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RLC Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., July 3, 1928.

Returned to 7th Superintendent. The Bureau is informally advised by the Department that this matter has been approved and that notice thereof will be issued in due course.

W. P. HARMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

To be forwarded in duplicate. Indicate in blank space inclosed in parentheses character of the communication, that is, whether letter, indorsement, Form 80, Form 97, etc.

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OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

Official records.

July 13, 1928.

Mr. L. R. Elkins,
Key West, Fla.

Sir:

1. The request contained in your letter of July 12, 1928, should be addressed to the Secretary of Commerce through the Commissioner of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.

Respectfully,

Wm. W. Demeritt

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Copy for Commissioner of Lighthouses.

The clerks in this office are exceptionally busy at this time and the copies requested will not be prepared unless so directed by Bureau. The papers in question were submitted with Standard Form No. 17 dated June 1, 1928. Subparagraph (b) of which he inquires is on sheet 2 of Form 17, which in turn refers to letter from this office dated May 22, 1928, (File No. L-12) setting forth the reasons for hiring a temporary employee, at Dry Tortugas, who was qualified as a radio operator and who has since taken the examination for keeper. Harmonious conditions again prevail at this station and there has not been any difficulty with the radio equipment since Elkins was removed, and his services discontinued.

Wm. W. Demeritt

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

(COPY HJA.)

OVER SEA HOTEL,

KEY WEST, FLA.

July 12th, 1928.

LIGHTHOUSES
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Mr. W W Demeritt,
Supt Lighthouses,
Key West Flo. (7th Dist)

Dear Sir:

Reference your office letter signed by Asst Supt "For and in the absence of the Superintendent, H. B. Haskins, dated June 26th 1928," to me reference discontinuance my services not later than June 30th, 1928, and reference paragraph three said letter, I asked Mr Haskins on the eve of June 26th, when this letter was finally run down and handed to me for a copy of the letters and radiograms attached, as referred to therein-

Mr Haskins declined to furnish same saying that I would have to see the Superintendent upon his return the following Friday--- I have asked you verbally for these papers also and am now making written request for same.

I would also like to know in what way subparagraph (b) of the third paragraph refers to my services.

Thanking you in advance for this, I am,

Yours truly,

(Signed) L. R. Elkins
Lindsey R Elkins

Address:-

L. R. Elkins,
Key West, Flo

cc- HHM-
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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

July 12, 1928.

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Commissioner.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. This office is in receipt of letter dated July 5, 1928, from the Appointment Division of the Department to Mr. Lindsey R. Elkins, notifying him that his services as Third Assistant Keeper of Dry Tortugas L. H., Fla. had been discontinued.

2. For the Bureau's information it is stated that in accordance with Bureau telegram of June 25, 1928, this employee's services were discontinued during probation, or the last day thereof, June 30, 1928.

3. Attention is invited to the fact that Department Notice of Discontinuance is not dated until July 5, 1928, and is "effective at the close of business at a date later to be determined and reported to the Department."

4. Department letter of July 5, 1928, is herewith returned for correction if deemed necessary by the Bureau.

W. W. Demeritt

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

RLC - 1 inclo. Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C., August 1, 1928/

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the date of the attached Department notice addressed to Mr. Elkins be amended as necessary.

H. B. BOWERMAN

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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July 19, 1928.

Personnel:

Relative attached. Is it OK with you to employ Elkins as radio operator Airways Division?

8-14-28
Copy of Civil Ser. announcement of examination sent Elkins

Sibley.

Sibley
Suggest Elkins apply to C.S. com which would be regular procedure
WPH 7/30

Doubt if ok as he was recently dismissed or dropped from a position of keeper in 7th district

TRF 7/26

The 7th Supt 7th mentioned this man's cos to me during his visit to Bu recently my impression was unfavorable

Pers
Record shows services not continued at close probationary period. Reason that he didn't get along with other keepers might not this ~~not~~ occur as Airway operator? Sibley seems to think he is well qualified man.

think proper course would be for the man to apply to civil Service
WPH 7/30
TRF 7/30

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Lindsey R Elkins, Age 44 last Nov 25th, Married
Served apprenticeship at Machinists trade Contract shop finished in ~~Railway shops at~~ Little Rock Ark.
Public School graduate same place second year High-correspondence School course in Electricity and graduate of Trade Schools in both Army (Fortress Monroe) and Washington D C Signal Corps and in Navy at Newport Rhode Island and at New York, Night course two semesters at Columbia University- Associate member I R E
Served thru various grades in Navy from Machinist 2nd class to Chief Electrician Radio, covering period of over twelve years installed and operated Stations from Cape Cod, (North Thuro)Mass to Guantanamo Bay Cuba for Navy, installed Stations in Central Americ for Fruit Co, at El Gello, Nicaragua, also mouth of Rio Grande and at Bluefields Nicaragua- Commercial operator, both land wire and Radio, hold first class commercial radio papers.
Came home from late emergency with rank of Major Signal Corps U S Army- last work was with Union Switch and Signal Co installing Automatic (Absolute permissive) Block System of signals on the Seaboard Air Line Ry from Coleman to Stark Fla.,
Installed St Augustine Flo, (Naval Radio Station) in fall 1904 and spring of 1905, was in Govt tests of Ducretet, Slaby Arco and other equipment in 1902 04 3 or thereabouts, along Long Island Sound and around Washington and in first tests in U S Navy.

Presetnt capacity- Third Asst Dry Tortugas Light House-

Address:-

L. R. Elkins,
% Supt of Lighthouses,
Key West, Flo.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SUPERINTENDENT OF LIGHTHOUSES
KEY WEST, FLA.
WD-RJA.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
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LIGHTHOUSES
1929 MAR 15 PM 12 12

OFFICE OF SUPERINTENDENT, 7TH DISTRICT
KEY WEST, FLA.

March 13, 1929.

Mr. L. R. Elkins,
2575 Wisconsin Ave. N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:-

1. Referring to inquiries contained in your letter of March 11, 1929:

(a) The use of the Lighthouse Service truck for transporting your household effects from the Lighthouse Depot Storehouse to the Florida East Coast Railway Depot would be a violation of law and therefore cannot be permitted.

(b) The following are addresses of transfer companies in this city.

Key West Transfer Co.,
837 Olivia St.,
Key West, Fla.

Union Transfer Co.,
James Street,
Key West, Fla.

(c) In so far as this office knows there is no storage house in this city.

2. In view of the large unpaid bill for groceries etc. obtained by you while at Dry Tortugas Lightstation there is a possibility of the household goods in question being seized and held pending settlement of the account.

3. This private property has been occupying valuable and much needed space in the Lighthouse Storehouse since temporarily placed there by the tender IVY on June 30, 1929, nearly nine months ago. Now that this office has been able to locate you, you are hereby notified to remove your property within the next fifteen days. The space is needed for official purposes and a failure to comply with this notice will necessitate its removal to space in the open where it will be exposed to the elements and the possibility of loss. Further delay in this matter will not be tolerated.

Respectfully,

Wm. W. Emerick

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

Noted RLB 3/15

Copy to Commissioner of Lighthouses for information contained. The Bureau will remember that considerable difficulty was experienced with the personnel and equipment at Dry Tortugas Lightstation from the date of this party's arri-

val until his departure from the station. Since his removal absolutely no difficulty has been experienced with the light, radio equipment or personnel.

Wm. W. Kinsella

Superintendent of Lighthouses.

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COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES

L.H.Service, Dept. of [redacted]mmerce

Gen'l.ExpensesL.H.Service

Washington D C April 25 1929

Lighthouse Superintendent Key West Florida

Bureau desires you permit effects L R Elkins remain at depot not exceeding month longer If impracticable submit statement

2/20/ 4 wrote Elkins - copy to 7th

Putnam

CONFIRMATION to 7th Supt.

Mr. Elkins called at Bureau today havingreceived your letter of April 17, and requested that his effects be allowed to remain in storage a short time longer. He is expecting very soon a decision by the Veterans Bureau in his case and was told that the Bureau would request you to continue storage not exceeding a month longer. It is probable that he may be able to remove them sooner than that.

F. P. DILLON

Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.

L R Elkins "Aut"
2575 Wis. Ave
Wash

Naval Hospital
West 1993.

WPH:AB

May 20, 1929.

Mr. L. R.Elkins,
2575 Wisconsin Avenue,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

Referring to your call at this Bureau on April 25, 1929, at which time the Bureau consented to permit your effects, which were stored at the Key West Lighthouse depot,to remain there not exceeding one month longer.

The Bureau has not since received any word from you about this matter or been informed as to whether your effects have been removed from the depot. As the space at the depot is much needed for official purposes, it will be necessary to have them removed not later than the 25th of this month; and in case this is not done by you or your representative, it is assumed you will accept whatever consequences may result to your effects.

Respectfully,
G. R. PUTNAM
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Copy to 7th Superintendent, Key West, Florida. Submit report to the Bureau as to disposition of Mr. Elkins' effects, or any action taken in the matter.

G. R. PUTNAM
Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Copy to Mr. L.R. Elkins,
U.S.Naval Hospital,
Washington,D.C.

5/25/29
No reply from Mr Elkins, but neither letter has been returned to Bur.
WPH

IN REPLYING ADDRESS COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES AND REFER TO DATE OF THIS LETTER AND FILE NO.

WPH:AB

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

May 20, 1929.

Mr. L. R.Elkins,
~~2575 Wisconsin Avenue,~~
~~Washington, D.C.~~ Walter Reed Hosp
City.

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Respectfully,

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

WALTER REED GENERAL HOSPITAL, Washington D. C.
May 30th, 1929.

Commissioner of Lighthouses,
City.

Dear Sir:-

I have mailed authority and check to cover the removal and storage of these goods and I would appreciate it if you would ask for and obtain a checkage on the goods as they were turned over to the Union Transfer Co at Key West.

I wish to thank the Commissioner for his courtesies in this matter and the tolerance shown me, and will appreciate you getting a copy of the check made by the establishment employee at Key West either when the goods were docked last July or when they were delivered to the Carrier this month.

Thanking you in advance, I am,

Letter to L. R. Elkins, Walter Reed Hospital, Washington, D. C., with endorsement back to Bureau by Mr. Elkins.

WM Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington, D. C.,
June 1, 1929.

Copy referred to the Superintendent of Lighthouses, Key West, Florida, for report of action taken.

L. S. CONWAY
Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses.