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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

Employee Name: Niehaus, Otto (Niehaus)? **DOB:** 1877

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028 Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Commerce 6029 Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive negative

Agency: Old Commerce Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive negative

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Agency: Treasury 2189 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

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Agency: Coast Guard SRCs Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive negative

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

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TELEGRAM

15 WU. GS. 35 Paid G. R.

DX: San Francisco, California, February 16, 1915.

Lighthouse Commissioner,
Washington, D. C.

on leave until close June 23, 1915. Requested that be allowed to return Feby 5, 1915

Parker unable return duty Farallon account illness. Recommend Otto Niehaus, Jr., additional third assistant five sixteen annum for one month from nineteenth. No relatives. District Secretary approves. Urgent and necessary.

Anderson.

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
February 17, 1915.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, and with recommendation that the Department authorize the assignment of Niehaus to duty as additional third assistant keeper, Farallon Light Station, California, at $516 per annum, vice Harold J. Wright, whose promotion to regular third assistant keeper of the above referred to light station was authorized by the Department on January 28, 1915.

The position of additional third assistant keeper for this station was authorized by the Department on Dec. 5, 1914, for a period not to exceed six months from the date the appointee entered on duty, which was December 25, 1914.

Appropriation: Salaries, ~~Lighthouse Service~~ Keepers of Lighthouses.

The usual nomination will be submitted to the Department, when received, at which time formal appointment may be issued.

It is recommended that Niehaus's assignment to duty be authorized from February 19, 1915, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

Acting Commissioner

McC

Washington D C February 18 1915

Lighthouse Inspector San Francisco California

Niehaus assignment ~~duty~~ additional third assistant five sixteen annum Farallon authorized effective nineteenth or entrance thereafter

Putnam

Commissioner

Before asst Sec for sig.

Sent telegram Feb 18/15 3:05 p.m.

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT FEB 23 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., February 16, 1915, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Through the District Secretary)

Action recommended, Temporary appointment during absence Second Assistant Keeper on furlough.

Name, **Otto Niehaus Jr.** Legal residence, **California**

Position, **Additional Third Assistant Keeper** Salary, **$516 per annum**

Location, **Farallon Lightstation, California.** Appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **February 19, 1915** {~~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, 1 Rating, **Asst. Keeper** Percentage, **81.8**, Other eligibles considered:

Jos. J. Kane (C) and Lawrence A. Richards (C)

Previous incumbent, Harold J. Wright Services terminated **February 18, 1915.**

Reason, **Appointed Third Assistant Keeper - Farallon**

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks: Submitted in accordance with telegram of this date. Temporary appointment requested for one month during absence of Second Assistant Keeper on furlough.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. FEB 18 1915, 191

Job employment. 30 dy.
From register.

John A. Burby
Acting Secretary, Twelfth Civil Service District

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

A. C. Anderson
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 23 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.
See Department letter of February 18, 1915, authorizing the assignment of Niehaus to duty.

Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Comsnr.

February 18, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In compliance with the Bureau's request of the 17th instant, the Department hereby authorizes the assignment of Otto Niehaus, jr., to duty in the temporary position of additional third assistant keeper of Farallon Light Station, California, at $516 per annum. A formal temporary appointment will be issued to Mr. Niehaus upon receipt of proper nomination, approved by the district secretary.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.

FEB 23 1915

San Francisco, Cal.,

To Lighthouse Inspector, ...
for his information, guidance, and files of office. See Bureau telegram of February 18, 1915. Your nomination of Feb. 16, 1915, in the case Niehaus has been received by the Bureau and submitted to the Department.

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Acting Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Otto Niehaus Jr.
Date of oath.

March 4, 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

1. In connection with the oath of office and personal question sheet of Otto Niehaus Jr., as additional third assistant keeper at Farallon Lightstation, California, inclosed herewith, the Bureau telegram of February 18th authorized his assignment to duty the nineteenth or entrance thereafter.

2. In view of the fact that he was going to an isolated station early on the morning of the 19th, probably to remain several months, it was necessary to have him subscribe to the oath on the 18th ultimo.

RHODES

Inspector

McC

Washington D C March 18 1915

Lighthouse Inspector San Francisco California

Appointment Niehaus Farallon extended one month from March nineteenth

Conway

Acting Commissioner

Will go on tomorrow's journal
Appt Dir says straight case

Don't tel. J. mar. 18/15
4:30

HRW-McC.

Otto Niehaus, Jr.,
extension.

March 18, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector, San Francisco, Cal.

Referring to your form 73 of March 11, 1915, in the case of Otto Niehaus, Jr., additional Third Assistant Keeper, Farallon Light Station, Cal.

Attention is invited to your letter of January 20, 1915, stating that John F. Parker, second assistant keeper, Farallon Light Station, Cal., requested to return to duty about February 5, 1915, the exact date to be reported later. It is stated that the Bureau has received no notification of change in the plans of Parker. Should Parker decide not to return to duty on or before April 19, 1915, recommend extension in the case of Niehaus for not to exceed three months, in the event Parker does not intend to return to duty before the termination of that period, in order to avoid the issuance of further one month extensions in this case. See Civil Service Act, Rules, and Executive Orders, rule VIII, section 4, page 50.

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Acting Commissioner

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
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Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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May 12, 1915

Otto Niehaus Jr:
transfer of.

5/19/15 - Ltr D 2nd Pt

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

1. The resignation of John F. Parker, second assistant keeper Farallon Lightstation, California, with recommendations to fill the vacancy, are submitted herewith.

2. In regard to the transfer of Otto Niehaus Jr from the Farallon to Point Arena, the Bureau is informed that Mr Niehaus was selected from the eligible register in the usual manner and assigned to duty as additional third assistant keeper at the Farallon Lightstation on February 25, 1915, pending the return to duty of Mr Parker, and is still serving in that capacity. As he accepted the temporary appointment in view of the possibility of a vacancy occurring at the Farallon, and as it is desirable to retain him in the service as his services after three months trial have proven satisfactory, it is recommended that he be transferred and appointed third assistant at Point Arena. Otherwise it will be necessary to dispense with his services as his name no longer appears on the eligible register, his eligibility having expired March 25, 1915, and owing to his absence from home he failed to renew it.

Rhodes.

Inspector

HRW-McC.

Set inclosures.

May 19, 1915.

Subject: 18th Inspector's forms 73, May 12, 1915, Otto Niehaus, Jr., and George Cottingham.

Returned to Lighthouse Inspector, San Francisco, Cal., attention being invited to the fact that inasmuch as his recommendation in the case of Otto Niehaus, Jr., involves the question of the eligibility of Niehaus for the transfer recommended, the nomination of Niehaus should have been submitted through the local district civil service secretary. See paragraph 2 of Bureau circular No. 242 of February 24, 1913, relative civil service regulations for the Lighthouse Service. Attention in this connection is invited to rule 8, section 5, page 51, of the Civil Service Act, Rules, and Executive Orders, amended to September 15, 1914, wherein it is stated that a temporary appointment may be made permanent when the temporary appointee is within reach for certification for permanent appointment at the time of his temporary appointment, or in case he is so within reach during such temporary service. The following action is suggested in this case:

Submit the form 73 for the probationary appointment of Niehaus through the district secretary recommending appointment of Niehaus as second assistant keeper of Farallon Light Station, at $516 per annum, instead of $552 per annum, vice John F. Parker, resigned effective at the close of May 4, 1915, with the understanding that Niehaus, after such appointment, will be transferred to the position of third assistant keeper of Point Arena Light Station, at $516 per annum, vice George Cottingham, to be recommended for transfer and promotion to second assistant keeper of Farallon Light Station, Cal., at $552 per annum (not $516 per annum), vice Otto Niehaus, Jr. On form 73 in the case of Niehaus, you should recommend his appointment at $516, instead of $552 per annum, for appropriate reasons, which you should state. In the event such recommendation is approved by the district secretary and appointment is finally issued by the Department, you should then submit form 73 for the transfer of Niehaus to the position of third assistant keeper of Point Arena Light Station, Cal., as above referred to, and form 73 for the transfer of George Cottingham, as proposed. The Bureau suggests this arrangement, after conference with the office of the 4th Civil Service District Secretary, Washington, D. C., which office also states that the eligibility of Niehaus terminated March 25, 1915, would not affect the case, in view of the fact that the person in question when originally temporarily appointed was within reach for permanent appointment.

The resignation of John F. Parker has been submitted to the Department, recommended for acceptance, effective at the close of May 4, 1915, as you recommend.

Give due consideration to the above suggested arrangement, confer with the local district secretary, if necessary, and submit proper report and recommendation to the Bureau. In this connection attention is invited to the fact that the Department on May 13, 1915, extended the temporary appointment of Niehaus as additional third assistant keeper of Farallon Light Station until not longer than the close of June 24, 1915, which will give you sufficient time to make the necessary arrangement. You may recommend the probationary appointment of Niehaus effective on a date subsequently in advance to enable prior Department authority being obtained, in the event the local district secretary approves.

Take immediate action in this case, in order that Department approval may be obtained before the close of June 24, 1915.

Acting Commissioner

Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR-CHT

Rec 3-18-15 Letter to 18 Feb 18

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., March 11th, 1915 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Through the District Secretary)

Action recommended, Extension of temporary appointment

Name, **Otto Niehaus Jr.** Legal residence, **California**

Position, **Additional Third Assistant Keeper** Salary, **$516 per annum**

Location, **Farallon Lightstation, California** Appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.**

Effective **March 19, 1915** {~~the actual date of entrance on duty, or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, **Same** Former salary, **Same**

Location, **Same**

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

Previous incumbent, **Himself** Services terminated, **March 18, 1915**

Reason, **Expiration temporary appointment**

Relatives in Government Service, **None**

Remarks: Extension of temporary appointment for one month requested during absence of Second Assistant Keeper on furlough.
Request notification by wire when appointment is made.

Extension
~~Selection~~ regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. MAR 12 1915 , 191

C. A. Sargent
Secretary, Twelfth Civil Service District

Rhodes
Inspector

HRW-McC.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 18 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. **The Inspector, under date of Jan. 20, 1915, advised the Bureau that John F. Parker had requested to return to duty about Feb. 5, 1915, the exact date to be reported later. It is therefore possible that the Inspector recommended an extension of 1 months only of the appointment of Niehaus for the reason that Parker may desire to return on or before April 19, 1915. As the Bureau has not been definitely advised of change of plans of Parker, the Inspector has been directed to recommend extension of the appointment of Niehaus for not to exceed 3 months from April 19, 1915, in the event Parker will not return to duty before the termination of that period, and in order to avoid the further issuance of one month extensions in this case.**

Acting Commissioner

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

Form 1201

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

E COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES: San Francisco, Cal., April 12, 1915 (City.) (Date.) 191

(Through the District Secretary)

Name, Otto Niehaus

Position, Additional Third Assistant Keeper Salary, $516 per annum

Location, Farallon Lightstation, California Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 19, 1915 ~~the actual date of entrance on duty, or~~ as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former salary, Same

ormer position, Same

Location, Same

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

Previous incumbent, Himself Services terminated, April 18, 1915

Reason, Expiration temporary appointment

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks: Extension of temporary appointment for three months requested in ~~compliance~~ with Bureau instructions of March 18, 1915, but Dist. Secretary will approve for only one month. See letter attached. Request notification by wire when appointment is made.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. APR 16 1915 191

Extended for one month to complete period of 3 months contemplated by the Rule

Rhodes.
Inspector

Secretary Twelfth Civil Service District

HRW-McC.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 26, 1915.

One inclosure.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention is invited to Bureau indorsement of March 18,1915, on Inspector's form 73 in this case of March 11,1915. The Bureau has to date received no definite information as to the date on which John F. Parker intends to return to duty and it would appear that the indefiniteness as to that date caused the Inspector to delay submitting recommendation for extension of appointment in the case of Niehaus from April 19,1915. In view of the above, the fact that Farallon is an isolated station, and the further fact that the district secretary delayed submission of nomination for extension in question, as set forth in Inspector's letter of April 14, 1915, herewith, it is recommended that an extension of appointment for one month be issued in this case, effective April 19,1915 (prior date), as it was necessary for Inspector to retain Niehaus on duty, owing to necessity for his continuous service.

HRW

11—2314

1. Referring to the accompanying nomination of Otto Niehaus, Jr., for the position of 3rd Assistant Keeper at the Farallon Light Station, California, for a period of one month, commencing April 19th, 1915:

2. The Bureau directed, in its letter of March 18th, 1915, that an extension of the appointment of Mr. Niehaus, Jr., be requested for a period of three months. The nomination was first made out for a period of three months, but was returned to this office by the District Secretary, with the request that it be made out for a period of one month, in view of the fact that the District Secretary had already approved, under regulations covering "job employment", the appointment of Niehaus for a period of three months and that Niehaus had already served two months under such authority, leaving one month still covered by the District Secretary's approval of three months.

3. The Civil Service Rules require the District Secretary to approve "job employments" in periods of three months.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Additional Third Assistant Keeper of Farallon Light Station, California, in the Lighthouse Service at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum, effective April 19, 1915.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed one month.

(By extension of temporary appointment.)

$60 April 19, 1915. K

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY

Chief of Appointment Division.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: California.

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Otto Niehaus, Jr.
appointment.

May 28, 1915.

Secretary of Commerce:

Referring to Department letters of November 24 and December 5, 1914, granting John F. Parker, former 2d assistant keeper of Farallon Light Station, Cal., 6 months leave without pay, effective December 24, 1914, and authorizing the temporary additional position of 3d assistant keeper at the station mentioned, for not to exceed 6 months, pending the return to duty of Parker, respectively.

Harold J. Wright served in the additional position from December 25, 1914, to the close of February 18, 1915, and on February 19, 1915, Otto Niehaus, Jr., entered on duty therein vice Wright. Mr. Niehaus has served continuously in the position in question since the date last stated and by Department appointment of May 13, 1915, his temporary appointment was extended until not longer than the close of June 24, 1915. Mr. Parker, former 2d assistant keeper of this station, resigned effective at the close of May 4, 1915. It is now desired that Mr. Niehaus obtain, if practicable, a probationary appointment in accordance with Civil Service Rule VIII, Section V, and in this connection there is inclosed copy of the 18th Inspector's telegram of May 26, 1915.

As Mr. Niehaus was number one on the eligible list and was therefore within reach for permanent appointment at the time of his original temporary appointment, February 25, 1915, and as his services have been continuous since his original entrance on duty, February 19, 1915, the Bureau recommends that Niehaus be given a probationary appointment as 2d assistant keeper of

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Farallon Light Station, Cal., at $516.00 per annum (instead of $552.00 per annum, the regular authorized rate), effective beginning June 1, 1915, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, vice John F. Parker, resigned. As the 12th Civil Service District Secretary has refused to approve the probationary appointment of Niehaus effective subsequent to the expiration of his eligibility, it is requested that the Civil Service Commission be asked to decide whether or not Niehaus is entitled to the probationary appointment above recommended. Such probationary appointment, if authorized, might be made effective by the Department beginning May 5, 1915, if desired, in which case it would be necessary for the Department to cancel its extension of May 13, 1915, of the temporary appointment of Niehaus.

Should the Department ask for the decision of the Civil Service Commission as above recommended and should the decision not be favorable to the above recommendation, consideration might then be given to the matter of accepting the resignation of Parker, effective at the close of March 23, 1915, accordingly amending Department letter of acceptance of May 20, 1915, canceling Department extensions of temporary appointments dated April 27 and May 13, 1915, and probationally appointing Niehaus effective beginning March 24, 1915, as the local district secretary would approve probationary appointment effective from that date.

In the event Niehaus is probationally appointed as recommended in the third paragraph of this letter, it is proposed to later recommend his transfer to the position of 3d assistant keeper of Point Arena Light Station, Cal., without change in rate of pay, vice George Cottingham, and to recommend the transfer and promotion of Cottingham to 2d assistant keeper of Farallon Light Station, Cal., at $552.00 per annum, vice Niehaus. Inclosed is 18th Inspector's letter of May 22, 1915, [illegible]

Acting Commissioner

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Acting

Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSE MAY 12 1915

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT.

5/14/15 Letter to 18. San Francisco, Cal., May 4, 1915, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Through the District Secretary)

Action recommended, Extension of temporary appointment

Name, **Otto Niehaus Jr.** Legal residence, **California**

Position, **Additional Third Assistant Keeper** Salary, **$516 per annum**

Location, **Farallon Lightstation, California** Appropriation **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **May 19, 1915** {~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, **Same** Former salary, **Same**

Location, **Same**

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

Previous incumbent, **Himself** Services terminated, **May 18,1915**

Reason, **Expiration temporary appointment**

Relatives in Government Service, **None**

Remarks: **Extension of temporary appointment requested for 1 month & 6 days to the close of business June 24, the expiration of furlough of Second Assistant Keeper Parker.**

Extension
~~Selection~~ regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. MAY 6 - 1915, 191

John A. Burby
Acting Secretary, Twelfth Civil Service District

H.W. Rhodes.
Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 1 2 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

H.W.R.

Acting Commissioner

1 Strike out the clause which does not apply.

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Otto Niehaus, Jr.,
extension.

May 14, 1915.

SPECIAL

Lighthouse Inspector, San Francisco, Cal.

Referring to your nomination of May 4, 1915, I have to advise you that the Department has authorized extension of the temporary appointment of Otto Niehaus, Jr., as additional third assistant keeper of Farallon Light Station, Cal., at $516 per annum, effective beginning May 19, 1915, and continuing until the close of June 24, 1915, as recommended by you.

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Acting Commissioner

on journal

On yesterday's journal

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GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

LIGHT MAY 15 1915 HOUSES

May 13, 1915.

Mr. Otto Niehaus, jr.,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, ~~Additional Third Assistant Keeper of Farallon Light~~ Station, California, in the ~~Lighthouse Service~~ at a salary of ~~Five Hundred and Sixteen~~ dollars per ~~annum~~, effective May 19, 1915.

Your appointment will continue not longer than the close of June 24, 1915. (By extension of temporary appointment.)

EOD May 19, 1915.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) CLIFFORD HASTINGS

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Acting Chief of Appointment Division.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: California.

Last day service June 14, 1915.

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MAY 15 1915

(Copy)

Rec'd Dept. 6/23/15

San Francisco, Calif., June 21, 1915.

Lighthouse Commissioner
Washington D C

Request telegraphic promotion George Cottingham second assistant Farallon five fifty two effective June twenty five and demotion Otto Niehaus Junior third assistant Point Arena five sixteen same date accordance your instructions nineteenth Papers mailed today

(Signed) Rhodes

McC.

Bureau of Lighthouses,
June 22, 1915.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce recommending that George Cottingham, third assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service, at $516 per annum, assigned to duty at the Point Arena Light Station, Cal., be promoted to the position of second assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service, at $552 per annum, for assignment to duty at Farallon Light Station, Cal., ~~at $552 per annum,~~ effective June 25, 1915, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, vice Otto Niehaus, Jr., whose transfer and demotion are hereinafter recommended.

It is also recommended that Otto Niehaus, Jr., second assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service, at $516 per annum, assigned to duty at Farallon Light Station, be transferred and appointed to the position of third assistant keeper in the Lighthouse Service, at $516 per annum, for assignment to duty at the Point Arena Light Station, Cal., effective June 25, 1915, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, vice George Cottingham, recommended for transfer and promotion.

Attention is invited to Bureau letter to Department dated May 28, 1915, in this case. It is understood that the transfer recommended is agreeable to Mr. Niehaus.

Form 73

NOMINATION

HWR-CHT 1013

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., June 21, 1915, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer & demotion of

Name, **Otto Niehaus Jr.** Legal residence, **California**

Position, **Third Assistant Keeper** Salary, **$516 per annum**

Location, **Point Arena Lightstation, California.** Appropriation, **Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses**

Effective **June 25, 1915** {[1] ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Second Assistant Keeper Former salary, **$516 per annum**

Location, **Farallon Lightstation, California.**

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

Previous incumbent, Geroge Cottingham Services terminated, **June 24, 1915**

Reason, **Transfer & promotion**

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks: Submitted in accordance with Bureau's instructions of May 19, 1915.
Demotion acceptable to Mr. Niehaus

Selection regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 191

Rhodes.
Inspector

Secretary, Civil Service District.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

File See Bur recom of June 21, 1915.

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Department of Commerce
Lighthouse Service.

Eighteenth District
Point Arena

December 2, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector.

Sir:

I regret to report that the 3rd Asst. Keeper was asleep on his watch in tower under the following circumstances.

The 3rd Asst. Keeper had the "light up" watch until 9 p.m. on the night of the 1st and should have called me at 8:40 p.m. to relieve him; but receiving no call at 8:50 p.m. I rang the tower phone several times and getting no answer started for the tower and arrived in the watch room just before 9 p.m. The 3rd Asst. Keeper was asleep in the chair and the clock weight run down so that in a little while the lens would have stopped. I called him twice before he awoke and asked him if he was sick and why he did not call me; he replied he forgot and for quite a while after he awoke did not seem to know what he was doing.

The light was burning good and bright and everything else was as it should be.

Respectfully,

Richard H. Williams.

Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

December 6th, 1915.

Keeper, Point Arena Light Station.

Your report of December 2nd, to the effect that you found the 3rd Assistant Keeper asleep while on duty on the night of the 1st inst., would indicate that he may have been under the influence of liquor at the time, and you are requested to submit a full report covering his actions and whereabouts for the 48 hours preceding the date on which he was found asleep while on duty.

RHODES.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

December 6, 1915.

Mr. Otto Niehaus, Jr.,

3rd Asst. Keeper, Point Arena Light Station.

(Through the Keeper).

You are hereby charged with gross neglect of duty on the night of December 1st, when you were found asleep while on duty in the tower at your station.

You are directed to submit immediately in writing such explanation as you desire to make of your conduct on the date referred to.

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Inspector.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

LIGHT
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Eighteenth District
Point Arena

December 11th, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector.

Sir:

In answer to your letter of December 6th, respectfully state that the 3rd Asst. Keeper had not been off the station, except to get milk from a ranch close by for the 48 hours preceding the date on which I found him asleep, and he was perfectly sober. What I mean was that he was so sound asleep that he did not know what he was doing for quite a while after I awoke him; but before he left the tower he was alright. but complained he had not had enough rest; the watches I know are long this time of year, but they are carried out in accordance with "Circular No. 5 of 1895", and give each keeper an equal share of the watch and work.

Richard H. Williams

Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service



Eighteenth District
Point Arena, Cal.

Dec. 11th, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector.

Sir:

Yours of Dec. 6th at hand and noted to charges against me. The reason are that on the night of Nov. 30th I stood a fog watch from six p.m. till nine p.m. and did not get to bed until ten p.m. then I had to get up at two forth a.m. the morning of Dec. 1 to go on watch in tower. I was on watch continuously until ten a.m. and worked about one hour more in signal. Then got my dinner and done my work around my quarters and had to go on watch again in tower at three forty p.m. Therefore I had but four and a half hours sleep within twenty four up to the time Keeper Williams relieved me.

I remain yours,

Otto Niehaus, Jr.

3rd Asst. Keeper.

Through the Keeper

Respectfully forwarded

Richard H. Williams,
Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service



Eighteenth District

Point Arena

December 12th, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector.

Sir:

Having read the 3rd Asst. Keeper's letter I feel it my duty to explain the way the watches are carried out here so as to do away with any misunderstanding because the way the 3rd Asst. Keeper writes it would seem he was unduly worked more than another keeper; such is not the case at all. The 3rd Asst. Keeper had all day off from fog on Nov. 30th until 6 p.m. That night being foggy he was on until 9 p.m. If it had not been foggy he could have turned in until 2:40 a.m. on Dec. 1st. I relieved him at 8:55 p.m. Nov. 30th it being my light up until 9 p.m. in tower and until 12 mid. in signal. Mr. Niehaus could have turned in soon after 9 p.m. until 2:40 a.m. Dec. 1st when he was called to relieve the tower watch by 3 a.m. then he was on until sunrise (which at this time of year is about 7:30 a.m. when he gets down) There being no fog that morning Mr. Niehaus was home until 10 a.m. when we all met at the signal; I gave out there was no work that morning on account of fog the previous night. But the 2nd Asst. Keeper and myself started the south engine and compressor to see everything was alright for the night if fog should come in I always running north and south engine alternately. Mr. Niehaus was not wanted but he stayed around and helped wipe up the engine and we were all in our quarters by 11 a.m. He could then have turned in until 3 p.m. if he had wanted to and that would have given him 30 minutes to eat before going on watch to light up, not having any fog that night he was then off from 9 p.m. when I relieved him until 10 a.m. the next morning and even if there had been fog he would still have been off at 12 mid. until 10 a.m. I have worked and lived on 1st order ststions ever since Circular No. 5 of 1895 has been in force, and which applies to stations where there are 4 keepers;and I know no other arrangement of watches that are more fair and just to every keeper; in this kind of service we expect long and short hours but taken altogether it is better than many other vocations.

Respectfully,

Richard H. Williams

Keeper.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

December 14, 1915.

Keeper, Point Arena Light Station.

Referring to your letter of the 11th inst., relative to the 3rd Asst. Keeper's duties at the station and to his letter of the same date, which is returned herewith to be forwarded in the proper manner.

In order that consideration may be given to this matter, you are requested to submit a report in tabular form showing the hours on November 30th and December 1st, during which each keeper was on duty. The form should be so arranged as to show whether his duty was in the tower or signal and whether it was watch duty or other work.

RHODES.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

December 14, 1915.

Third Asst. Keeper, Pt. Arena Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

Your communication of December 11th is returned herewith to be indorsed and forwarded through the keeper in accordance with the Regulations.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Eighteenth District

Point Arena

December 17th, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector.

Sir:

I enclose a tabular form of the keepers watches as taken from the station watch books; as regards work on Nov. 30th at 10 a.m. we straightened up things in the signal about one hours work , and on Dec. 1st I ran the south engine and compressor for about 15 minutes; this was only necessary work. I went down to the signal office in the afternoon and made my monthly reports out. I have to take advantage of clear weather to keep the station up in shape, but if I work after 12 noon (which is very seldon unless it is work that must be finished) I always allow for the light up man these long nights and let him quit before the others. I work longer than any of the assistants when it is steady fog, as I always attend to filling the sump tank twice a day, and clean the igniters &c., no matter how long I am up during the night. I prefer to do this as I feel responsible for everything being alright in the signal during the night.

Respectfully,

Richard H. Williams

Keeper.

COPY

Clear weather at night Fog Watch turns in
Tower Watch looks out for fog and calls
Fog Watch when there is indication of fog.

Point Arena

December 17, 1915

Arrangement of Watches carried out at Point Arena Light Station from 12 mid. on the 30th November to 12 mid. on the 1st of December.

Date	Name	Tower Watch	Fog Signal Watch if Foggy	Remarks
Nov. 30	3rd Assistant	12 mid to 3 a.m.	3 a.m. to sunrise	No fog watch
"	Keeper	3 a.m.to sunrise	Sunrise to 10 a.m.	" " "
"	1st Assistant		10 a.m.to 2 p.m.	" " "
"	2nd Assistant		2 p.m.to 6 p.m.	" " "
"	3rd Assistant		6 p.m.to 9 p.m.	Fog started 7:20 p.m.
"	Keeper	Sunset to 9 p.m.	9 p.m.to 12 mid.	Operation all watch
"	1st Assistant	9 p.m.ro 12 mid.	12 mid.to 3 a.m.	Cleared off 2:30 a.m.
Dec. 1	2md Assistant	12 mid.to 3 a.m.	3 a.m. to sunrise	No fog watch
"	3rd Assistant	3 a.m.to sunrise	Sunrise to 10 a.m.	" " "
"	Keeper		10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	" " "
"	1st Assistant		2 p.m.to 6 p.m.	" " "
""	2nd Assistant		6 p.m.to 9 p.m.	" " "
"	3rd Assistant	Sunset to 9 p.m.	9 p.m.to 12 mid.	No fog watch
"	Keeper	9 p.m.to 12 mid.	12 mid. to 3 a.m.	" " "
Dec. 2	1st Assistant	12 mid.to 3 a.m.	3 a.m. to sunrise	" " "

Richard H. Williams
Keeper

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

December 21, 1915.

Otto Niehaus, Jr.,
3rd Asst. Keeper, Point Arena Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

Referring to your letter of December 11th, in answer to charges of neglect of duty on December 6th, when you were found asleep while on duty in the tower.

You are informed that an examination of the records at your station show that you were on watch during the 45 hours from midnight November 30th to 9 p.m. on December 1st, when you were found asleep on duty, as follows:

	On Watch	Off Watch
Nov. 30th - Midnight to 3 a.m. (tower watch)	3 hrs.	
" - 3 a.m. to 6 p.m.		15 hrs.
" - 6 p.m. to 9 p.m. (fog watch)	3 "	
" - 9 p.m. to midnight		3 "
Dec. 1st - Midnight to 2:40 a.m.		2 " 40 min.
" - 2:40 a.m. to 7:30 a.m.(tower watch)	4 " 50 min.	
" - 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.		9 "
" - 4:30 p.m. to 9 p.m.(tower watch)	4 " 30 "	
	15 " 20 "	29 " 40 "

It appears from the keeper's statement that you were at the signal from 10 to 11 a.m. on December 1st, although you were not required to be there, but that from 7:30 a.m. until 10 a.m., you were at your quarters. Deducting

the hour from 10 to 11 a.m. of that date when you may be considered as on duty, it is noted that for the 45 hours preceding the time when you were found asleep, you had been on duty for 16 hrs. 20 min. and off duty for 28 hrs. 40 min. It would appear, therefore, that sufficient time was afforded you to get necessary sleep had you taken advantage of the opportunity offered you.

You are informed that the matter will be referred to the Bureau of Lighthouses with a recommendation that such action be taken as the circumstances appear to warrant.

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Lighthouse Inspector San Francisco California

Yours December twenty first why do you not recommend dismissal Nielsen See Instructions paragraph seven

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Neglect of Duty.

December 21, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Under date of December 2nd, the Keeper of the Point Arena Light Station notified this office that Otto Niehaus, Jr., the Third Assistant Keeper at that station, was found asleep on duty in the tower at 9 p.m. on December 1st.

2. There are inclosed for the Bureau's information copies of eleven letters pertaining to this matter from which it appears that Mr. Niehaus had not been required to keep unusually long watches preceding the time of his neglect of duty, and it is, therefore, recommended that a letter of reprimand be addressed to him by the Bureau.

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SET inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses
December 29, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the Bureau be authorized to address a severe reprimand to Niehaus, with copy for Department files, and to instruct the Inspector to submit further report and recommendation at the end of six months. Attention is particularly invited to the inclosed copy of Bureau telegram of December 28th to the Inspector asking why Niehaus' dismissal was not recommended, and to the inclosed telegraphic reply of same date from the Inspector's office in answer thereto.

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SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

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Otto Niehaus, Jr.
Neglect of duty.

Dept for info

December 31, 1915.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Replying to Commissioner's telegram of December 28, 1915 referring to charge of "Neglect of Duty" made against Otto Niehaus, Jr., 3rd Assistant Keeper of Point Arena Light Station.

The Bureau is informed that his dismissal was not recommended for the reason that his neglect of duty was not due to improper conduct on his part, as shown by the Keeper's letter of December 11th, copy of which was furnished the Bureau.

It appears that Mr. Niehaus' chief fault lay in not securing sufficient sleep during the short period of time when he was off duty previous to the time he was found asleep in the Tower.

Mr. Niehaus has had a satisfactory record in the service up to the present time, and it is thought that if reprimanded by the Bureau at this time he will not again be found asleep on duty.

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One inclosure.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN 11 1916

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for ~~guidance~~ information.

Attention is invited to Dept. letter of January 3, 1916. Copy of Bureau reprimand of January 11, 1916, to Niehaus is inclosed for the information of the Department.

Commissioner.

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January 3, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department acknowledges receipt of the Eighteenth Inspector's letter of the 21st ultimo, and enclosures, forwarded by the Bureau on the 29th ultimo, in the case of Otto Niehaus, jr., third assistant keeper of Point Arena Light Station, California, who was found asleep on duty in the tower at 9 p. m. on December 1, 1915.

In view of the fact that it appears that Mr. Niehaus' dereliction of duty was attended with extenuating circumstances, the Department approves the Bureau's recommendation to the effect that no more drastic action be taken than to address a severe letter of reprimand to Mr. Niehaus, with the understanding that further report and recommendation will be made at the end of six months. It is noted that a copy of the letter of reprimand will be furnished the Department for its files.

By direction of the Secretary:

(SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVENNER,

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
JAN 11 - 1916

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To Lighthouse Inspector, San Francisco Cal
for his information, guidance, and files of office. Attached is letter of reprimand addressed to Niehaus in duplicate. Make further report & recommendation at end of 6 months from today.

Acting Commissioner

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Reprimand.

January 11, 1916.

Mr. Otto Niehaus, Jr.,
Third Assistant Keeper, Point Arena Light Station, Cal.
(Through Lighthouse Inspector, San Francisco, Cal.)

Referring to the charge preferred against you by the Inspector of the Eighteenth District of being found asleep while on duty in the tower of your station on the night of December 1, 1915.

Your attention is invited to the Instructions to Employees, 1915, par. 7, "Unfaithful performance of duty," in which it is provided that no keeper shall sleep during his watch, or at his post. After careful consideration of the matter, it has been decided, in view of extenuating circumstances in your case and of your previous good record, that no more drastic action will be taken at this time than to severely reprimand you for your offense, and to warn you that more severe disciplinary measures will be taken in case the offense is repeated. A further report and recommendation by the Eighteenth Inspector will be made in your case at a later date.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

Commissioner.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
Jan 8, 1916.
Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, attention being
invited to D Dept letter of Jan 3, 1916.

Commissioner.

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
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Otto Niehaus, jr.
neglect of duty.

July 3, 1916

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

1. Referring to Department letter of January 3, 1916, relative to a letter of reprimand to Otto Niehaus, jr., third assistant keeper of Point Arena Lightstation, California, who was found asleep on duty in the tower on December 1, 1915.

2. The Commissioner's letter of reprimand was forwarded to Niehaus on January 19, 1916. Mr Niehaus has not been derelict in his duty since that time and his service and conduct have been entirely satisfactory. It is therefore recommended that no further action be taken in his case.

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Inspector

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Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
July 13, 1916.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation for approval.

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July 17, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

The Department is in receipt of the Eighteenth Inspector's report of the 3d instant, forwarded by the Bureau on the 13th instant, relative to the conduct of Otto Niehaus, jr., third assistant keeper of Point Arena Light Station, California, since the receipt of letter of reprimand dated January 11, 1916, and in view of the fact that there has been no occasion for further complaint, approves the recommendation to the effect that no further action be taken in his case.

A. L. Thurman

Acting Secretary.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington,
JUL 20 1916

To Lighthouse Inspector, San Francisco, Cal.
for his information, guidance, and files of office.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., August 15, 1916, 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Action recommended, Transfer & promotion of

Name, Otto Niehaus jr. Legal residence, California

Position, Second Assistant Keeper Salary, $540 per annum

Location, Ano Nuevo Island Lightstation, Cal. Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective August 21, 1916 {the actual ~~date of entrance on duty~~, or / as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

Former position, Third Assistant Keeper Former salary, $516 per annum

Location, Point Arena Lightstation, Cal.

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

Previous incumbent, Frank W. Ritchie Services terminated, about August 15, 1916

Reason, Promotion

Members of family in Government Service, None

Remarks: Request notification by wire when appointment is made.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. , 191

H. W. Rhodes.

Secretary, Civil Service District. Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. AUG 21 1916

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Acting Commissioner

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LIGHT
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September 6, 1917.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated August 23, 1917, as second assistant keeper of Ano Nuevo Island Light Station, California, at $540 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of a date to be fixed by the Bureau and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.
Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Otto Niehaus, jr.,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

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Last day of service was ~~Aug~~ Sept. 20, 1917

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LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE/LIFESAVING SERVICE—RECORDS CHECKED

(Niehaus)?

Employee Name: Niehaus, Otto **DOB:** 1877

Records checked:

Agency: Commerce 6028 Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive
negative

Agency: Commerce 6029 Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive
negative

Agency: Old Commerce Area: Bay 10, Lower Catwalk positive
negative

AND

Agency: Treasury 2189 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive
negative

Agency: Treasury 2188 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive
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Agency: Old Treasury Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive
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If Negative:

Agency: Treasury SRCs series 1 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive
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Agency: Treasury SRCs series 2 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive
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Agency: Treasury SRCs series 3 Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive
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Agency: Coast Guard SRCs Area: Bay 13, Lower Catwalk positive
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If Negative:

Notes: _____

Otto Niehaus, Jr.

OTTO NIEHAUS, JR.

LEGAL RESIDENCE.
Cal.

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STATUS

DESIGNATION	SALARY	BUREAU OR OFFICE	DATE OF EFFECT OF ACTION AUTHORIZED
Addl. 3rd Asst. Kpr. - Farallon L.S. Cal. (TEMPORARY not exc 1 mo.)	$516	L.H.	Feb. 19, 1915.
" " " " Extended not exc 1 mo	$516.	"	Mar. 19, 1915
" " " " " " " 1 "	$516.	"	April 19. 1915
" " " " " not longer clerk of June 24. 1915 -	516.	"	May 19. 1915.
	Last day served June 14. 1915.		
(Prob. apptr.) 2nd Asst Kpr Farallon L.S. Cal	$516.	"	June 15, 1915
3rd Asst. Kpr Point Arena L.S. Cal.	516	"	July 1, 1915.
2d " " Anacapa Isl. Lt Sta Cal	540	"	Aug. 20, 1916
Resigned (date to be supplied) — Close Sept 20/20			

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

Telegram

CHIEF CLERK FEB 18 1915 5

San Francisco, California, February 16, 1915.

APPOINTMENTS FEB 18 1915 11.24

Lighthouse Commissioner,
Washington, D. C.

John F Parker, 2nd asst 532. unable return duty Farallon account illness. Recommend

* Otto Niehaus, Jr., additional third assistant five sixteen annum for one month from nineteenth. No relatives. District Secretary approves.

Urgent and necessary.

(Signed) Anderson

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Bureau of Lighthouses,
February 17, 1915.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information, and with recommendation that the Department authorize the assignment of Niehaus to duty as additional third assistant keeper, Farallon Light Station, California, at $516 per annum, (vice Harold J. Wright) whose ~~promotion~~ to regular third assistant keeper of the above referred to light station Provisional appt. was authorized by the Department on January 28, 1915.

The position of additional third assistant keeper for this station was authorized by the Department on Dec. 5, 1914, for a period not to exceed six months from the date the appointee entered on duty, which was December 25, 1914.

Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

The usual nomination will be submitted to the Department, when received, at which time formal appointment may be issued.

It is recommended that Niehaus' assignment to duty be authorized from February 19, 1915, or as soon thereafter as practicable.

* No Papers

Acting Commissioner

February 18, 1916.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

In compliance with the Bureau's request of the 17th instant, the Department hereby authorizes the assignment of Otto Niehaus, jr., to duty in the temporary position of additional third assistant keeper of Farallon Light Station, California, at $516 per annum. A formal temporary appointment will be issued to Mr. Niehaus upon receipt of proper nomination, approved by the district secretary.

(SIGNED) E. F. SWEET

Assistant Secretary.

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Form 73

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., February 16, 1915
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:
(Through the District Secretary)

Action recommended, Temporary appointment during absence Second Assistant Keeper on furlough.

Name, Otto Niehaus Jr. Legal residence, California

Position, Additional Third Assistant Keeper Salary, $516 per annum

Location, Farallon Lightstation, California. Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective February 19, 1915 { ~~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, 1 Rating, Asst. Keeper Percentage, 81.8, Other eligibles considered:

Jos. J. Kane (C) and Lawrence A. Richards (C)

Previous incumbent, Harold J. Wright Services terminated, February 18, 1915.

Reason, Appointed Third Assistant Keeper - Farallon Eff e.o.d.
Position authorized 0.L. 12/5/14 - not exc 6 mos.

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks: Submitted in accordance with telegram of this date.
Temporary appointment requested for one month during absence of Second Assistant Keeper on furlough.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. FEB 18 1915, 191

Job employment 30ds.

From register.

John A. Burby
Acting Secretary, Twelfth Civil Service District

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

A. C. Johnson
Superintendent

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

FEB 23 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.
See Department letter of February 18, 1915, authorizing the assignment of Niehaus to duty.

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Acting Commissioner

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

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MAR 20 1915

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Otto Niehaus Jr.

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.

Otto Niehaus Jr.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn (See below) and subscribed before me, this [3] 18th day of February, A. D. 1915

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) Jos. Mogan

(Official title) DEPUTY COUNTY CLERK AND EX-OFFICIO DEPUTY CLERK OF THE SUPERIOR COURT.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Add.3rd Asst.Keeper (Temporary	$516 per annum appointment for	Farallon Lightstation, Cal. one month)
Former [5]		

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal., March 4, 1915
(Address) (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on February 19, 1915
(Date)

H. W. Rhodes Inspector
(Signature, followed by title)

[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 after the 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, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no 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.
[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.

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Ent'd

Form 73

NOMINATION

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT MAR 17 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., March 11th, 1915. 191
(City.) (Date.)

CHIEF CLERK MAR 18 1915

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Through the District Secretary)

Action recommended, Extension of temporary appointment

Name, Otto Niehaus Jr. Legal residence, California

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS APPOINTMENT WRITTEN MAR 18 1915 DEPT OF COMMERCE

Position, Additional Third Assistant Keeper Salary, $516 per annum

Location, Farallon Lightstation, California Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses.

Effective March 19, 1915 {~~the actual date of entrance on duty, or~~ / ~~as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~}

APPOINTMENT MAR 18 1915

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Former position, Same Former salary, Same

Location, Same

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

Previous incumbent, Himself Services terminated, March 18, 1915

Reason, Expiration temporary appointment

D J. 12/5/14 Auth. Junction not exc 6 mos.

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks: Extension of temporary appointment for one month requested during absence of Second Assistant Keeper on furlough.
Request notification by wire when appointment is made.

Extension
~~Selection~~ regular, subject to the action of the
U. S. Civil Service Commission. MAR 12 1915 , 191

C. A. Snyder
Secretary, Twelfth Civil Service District

Rhodes.
Inspector

3-16-15

HRW-McC.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAR 18 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. The Inspector, under date of Jan. 20, 1915, advised the Bureau that John F. Parker had requested to return to duty about Feb. 5, 1915, the exact date to be reported later. It is therefore possible that the Inspector recommended an extension of 1 month only of the appointment of Niehaus for the reason that Parker may desire to return on or before April 19, 1915. As the Bureau has not been definitely advised of change of plans of Parker, the Inspector has been directed to recommend extension of the appointment of Niehaus for not to exceed 3 months from April 19, 1915, in the event Parker will not return to duty before the termination of that period, and in order to avoid the further issuance of one month extensions in this case.

H. Conway
Acting Commissioner

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

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT JUN 3 1915 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK JUN 9 1915

I, Otto Niehaus Jr. 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.

APPOINTMENTS JUN 9 1915

Otto Niehaus Jr.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 28th day of May, A. D. 1915

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) J. A. Sellman

(Official title) Master Lighthouse Tender

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Add. 3rd Asst. Keeper (Extension temporary appointment for one month)	$516 per annum	Farallon Lightstation, Cal.
Former[5]		

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

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT

San Francisco, Cal., May 29, 1915
(Address) (Date)

CARDED

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on March 19, 1915
(Date)

H. W. Rhodes Inspector
(Signature, followed by title)

[1] Insert here "swear" or "affirm," as the case may be.
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Ent'd

LIGHT
MAR 10 1915
HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK
MAR 17 1915

PERSONAL QUESTION SHEET

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
OFFICE OF THE SECRETARY
WASHINGTON

March 5, 1913.

9.48
APPT'D
MAR 17

To the Chiefs of Bureaus of the Department of Commerce:

For the purpose of enabling the Department to maintain a complete record of its officers and employees, you are requested to have every person hereafter appointed or employed in your Bureau, immediately upon his entrance on duty, answer each of the questions in Part I of this form and sign the same. The information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved in accordance with instructions. The information in Part II should be supplied as indicated and the form forwarded to the Department.

William C. Redfield
Secretary.

CARDED.

PART I.

(Part I should be filled out by the appointee or employee; but, if he is unable to write legibly, another person may write the answers at his dictation. In either case the statement should be signed by the appointee or employee. If he is unable to write, he may sign by mark in the presence of one witness. If he is unable to answer any question, he should indicate that fact.)

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1. What is your full name? (Do not use initials, but spell out each name and state whether Mr., Miss, or Mrs. Example: Mr. John Richard Doe. If name itself is merely a letter, it should be so stated.)

Mr. Otto Niehaus Jr.

2. How do you intend to write your name on the pay roll? (***This should agree with signature to your oath of office.***) Otto Niehaus Jr.

3. What is your present legal (voting) residence? (Give city or town, State or Territory, county, and Congressional district.)

Berkeley	California	Alameda	Third Dist.
City or town.	State or Territory.	County.	Congressional district.

4. What is your race? (Answer "white," "colored," or "Mongolian.") White

5. Where were you born? Jersey City New Jersey

6. When were you born? March 4 1877
Month. Day. Year.

7. Give name and address of person whom you would like to have notified in case of accident.

Emma Nielsen (Name.) 1728-9th St (Number and street.)

Berkeley (City or town.) California (State or Territory.)

8. Are there any members of your family, besides yourself, in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below their names, relationships, the Departments and Bureaus or Services in which they are employed, and the positions they occupy.)

Name.	Relationship.	Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.
No				

9. If you were appointed through a civil service examination, state, as near as you recollect, the name and date of the examination. If not so appointed, state how you entered the service. (Examples: "By reinstatement," or "by transfer from ——," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Oct 15 1914 Light house Examination

10. Have you any physical disabilities? (If so, describe briefly. If you have defective eyesight, state whether corrected by glasses.)

No

11. Have you ever held any other position in the civil service of the United States? (If so, give below the Department and Bureau or Service in which you served, the position held, the salary you received, and the dates of your appointment and separation from the service.)

Department.	Bureau or Service.	Position.	Salary.	Appointed.	Separated.
		No			

12. Do you hold any State or municipal office? (If so, state name of such office and compensation attached.)

No

13. Were you in the military or naval service of the United States during the Civil or Spanish-American War? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
USS Solace, Monterey, Raleigh.	Nov 10, 1900	Nov 9, 1905	Full enlistment

14. If you served in the military or naval service of the United States at any time other than during the Civil or Spanish-American Wars, indicate such service in the spaces below.

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.
As above			

15. Are you the widow or orphan of an honorably discharged soldier or sailor? (If so, give the information called for by the blanks below.)

Name under which service was rendered No

Company and regiment, or vessel.	Date enlisted.	Date discharged.	Cause of discharge.

16. What was your occupation prior to entering the United States civil service? (It is intended that the answer to this question shall state briefly the lines of work followed by you before receiving your present appointment, with the exception of your service indicated in answer to questions 11, 12, 13, and 14.)

Pattern & cabinet maker

17. What education have you received? (Indicate the grades of schools you have attended, and, in case you have attended schools of higher grade than high schools, give the institution, degrees received, and date in each case. Example: Public school; high school; business college; Cornell University, A. B., 1900; Columbia University, LL. B., 1903.)

Public School I think about 7 or 8 years

18. What special qualifications have you—educational, professional, technical, mechanical, etc.? (Examples: Qualified as "Lawyer," or "Civil Engineer," or "Translator," or "Interpreter," or "Draftsman," or "Carpenter.")

Pattern making and millwright and general knowledge of machinery

19. What, if any, civil service examinations have you passed? (Give names and dates as near as you recollect.)

Lighthouse examination Oct 15, 1914

20. Were the answers to the foregoing questions written by you? (If not, state the name and address of the person who wrote them for you.)

Written by myself

21. State the date upon which the above blanks were filled. Feb. 18, 1915

Witness:

In case signature is by mark.

(Signature) Otto Nielsen Jr

P. O. Address: ~~1728-9th St~~ Berkeley
City or town.

1728-9th St
Number and street.

California
State or Territory.

(Where the appointee is to be employed outside of the District of Columbia the information given in Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer in immediate charge before forwarding to the Bureau. Where he is to be employed in the District of Columbia, Part I should be reviewed and approved by the officer who executes Part II.)

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded March 4, 1915, 19

(Signature) H. W. Rhodes.

(Official title) Inspector 18th Lighthouse Dist.

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PART II.

(Part II should be executed by the executive officers of the various Bureaus of the Department, or, at their direction, by some official who can give the information desired. If unable to answer any question, indicate that fact.)

1. State the Bureau or Service, place, and district in which the person who answered the foregoing questions is employed:

Bureau of Lighthouses (Bureau or Service.) — Farallon Lightstation, Cal. (Place (city, town, station, or vessel.)) — 18th (District.)

2. To what position has he been appointed? Additional Third Assistant Keeper

3. State the date of appointment. February 25, 1915

4. State the date the appointment was effective. (If appointment was made to take effect on date of oath, so state.)

Entrance on duty (Feby 19,1915)

5. State the date of the oath. February 18, 1915

6. State the date the employee entered on duty. February 19, 1915

7. What is his salary? $516 per annum

8. From what appropriation is he paid? Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

9. Is the position excepted, competitive, or unclassified under the civil service rules? Competitive

10. If classified, state the date of classification. May 6, 1896.

11. In what manner did the employee enter the service? (Examples: "From stenography and typewriting examination;" or "without examination;" or "by reinstatement;" or "by transfer from ———," stating Department, Bureau or Service, position, and salary, if known.)

Selected from eligible register

12. Is the employee required to give bond? No

13. When the legal residence given in answer to question 3, Part I, differs from that given in the certificate of appointment, the discrepancy should be explained.

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14. If foreign born, state when and where naturalization papers were taken out. ---

Reviewed, approved, and forwarded to the Department.

(Signature) H. W. Rhodes.

(Official title) Inspector 18th Lighthouse District

Date: March 4, 1915, 19

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR-CHT

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., April 12, 1915 , 191
(City.) (Date.)

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Through the District Secretary)

Action recommended, Extension of temporary appointment for a period of one month.

Name, Otto Niehaus Jr. Legal residence, California

Position, Additional Third Assistant Keeper Salary, $516 per annum

Location, Farallon Lightstation, California Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective April 19, 1915 {~~the actual date of entrance on duty, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.~~}

Former position, Same Former salary, Same

Location, Same

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

Previous incumbent, Himself Services terminated, April 18, 1915

Reason, Expiration temporary appointment

Pension Auth. D L Dec 5/14 not over 6 mos

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks: Extension of temporary appointment for three months requested in ~~compliance with~~ Bureau instructions of March 18, 1915, but Dist. Secretary will approve for only one month. See letter attached. Request notification by wire when appointment is made.

Selection regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. APR 16 1915 , 191

Eteyded for one month to complete period of three months contemplated by the Rule

C. R. Snyder
Secretary Twelfth Civil Service District

Rhodes.
Inspector

HRW-McC.

One inclosure.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

April 26, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved. Attention is invited to Bureau indorsement of March 18,1915, on Inspector's form 73 in this case of March 11,1915. The Bureau has to date received no definite information as to the date on which John F. Parker intends to return to duty and it would appear that the indefiniteness as to that date caused the Inspector to delay submitting recommendation for extension of appointment in the case of Niehaus from April 19,1915. In view of the above, the fact that Farallon is an isolated station, and the further fact that the district secretary delayed submission of nomination for extension in question, as set forth in Inspector's letter of April 14, 1915, herewith, it is recommended that an extension of appointment for one month be issued in this case, effective April 19,1915 (prior date), as it was necessary for Inspector to retain Niehaus on duty, owing to necessity for his continuous service.

Acting Commissioner

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

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT APR 21 1915 HOUSES

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OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.
April 14th, 1915.

CHIEF CLERK APR 27 1915 5

Otto Niehaus, Jr.,
extension.

Commissioner of Lighthouses:

1. Referring to the accompanying nomination of Otto Niehaus, Jr., for the position of 3rd Assistant Keeper at the Farallon Light Station, California, for a period of one month, commencing April 19th, 1915:

2. The Bureau directed, in its letter of March 18th, 1915, that an extension of the appointment of Mr. Niehaus, Jr., be requested for a period of three months. The nomination was first made out for a period of three months, but was returned to this office by the District Secretary, with the request that it be made out for a period of one month, in view of the fact that the District Secretary had already approved, under regulations covering "job employment", the appointment of Niehaus for a period of three months and that Niehaus had already served two months under such authority, leaving one month still covered by the District Secretary's approval of three months.

3. The Civil Service Rules require the District Secretary to approve "job employments" in periods of three months.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector.

Hudson

GENERAL APPOINTMENT—FIXED DATE

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
APPOINTMENT DIVISION
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1915.

Mr. Otto Niehaus, jr.,

Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

Sir:

You have been appointed, subject to taking the oath of office, and to actual entrance upon duty (unless on authorized leave) on the date indicated, Additional Third Assistant Keeper of Farallon Light Station, California, in the Lighthouse Service, at a salary of Five Hundred and Sixteen dollars per annum, effective April 19, 1915.

Your appointment will continue for a period not to exceed one month.

(By extension of temporary appointment.)

CHANGE REPORTED APR 1915 U. S. COMMISSION.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. W. LEADLEY.

Chief of Appointment Division.

CARDED.

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Appropriation: Salaries, Keepers of Lighthouses.

Vice:

Legal Residence: California.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED APR 28 1915 ON JOURNAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT JUN 3 1915 HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

CHIEF CLERK JUN 5 1915

I, Otto Niehaus Jr.

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.

☞ Otto Niehaus Jr.
(Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENTS JUN 9 1915

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 28th day of May, A. D. 1915

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) J. A. Dellman

(Official title) Master, Lighthouse Service.

	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present	Additional Third Assistant Keeper (Extension temporary appointment)	$516 per annum	Farallon Lightstation, Cal.
Former[5]			

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

CARDED.

San Francisco, Cal., (Address), May 29, 1915 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on April 19, 1915 (Date)

H. W. Rhodes Inspector
(Signature, followed by title)

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[3] The oath may be taken any time after the 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, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no 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.

[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.

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Form 73

NOMINATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES MAY 12 1915

HWR-CHT

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., May 4, 1915 (City.) (Date.) 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

(Through the District Secretary)

Action recommended, Extension of temporary appointment

CHIEF CLERK MAY 13 5

Name, Otto Niehaus Jr. Legal residence, California

Position, Additional Third Assistant Keeper Salary, $516 per annum

Location, Farallon Lightstation, California Appropriation, Salaries of Keepers of Lighthouses

Effective May 19, 1915 { ~~the actual date of entrance on duty~~, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty.

APPOINTMENTS MAY 1915

Former position, Same Former salary, Same

Location, Same

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

Previous incumbent, Himself Services terminated, May 18, 1915

Reason, Expiration temporary appointment

Relatives in Government Service, None

Remarks: Extension of temporary appointment requested for 1 month & 6 days to the close of business June 24, the expiration of furlough of Second Assistant Keeper Parker. (John F. Parker)

Extension ~~Selection~~ regular, subject to the action of the U. S. Civil Service Commission. MAY 6 - 1915 , 191

John A. Burby
Acting Secretary, Twelfth Civil Service District

H. W. Rhodes.
Inspector

D. F. Dec 5. 1914
Auth. furlough not exc 6 mos. from Dec. 25, 1914.

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

MAY 1 2 1915

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

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H. B. Bowerman
Acting Commissioner

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

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Form 111

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OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT HOUSES JUN 17 1915

CHIEF CLERK JUN 19 191 5

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

APPOINT... JUN 19 15

I, Otto Niehaus Jr.

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.

☞ Otto Niehaus Jr.
(Appointee signs here)

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[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 17th day of June, A. D. 1915

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) J. A. Pellman

(Official title) Master

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present Add, 3rd Asst. Keeper	$516 per annum (Extension temporary appointment)	Farallon Lightstation, Cal.
Former[5]		

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal., (Address), June 12, 1915 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on May 19, 1915 (Date)

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector,

A. C. Anderson

Superintendent 18th Lighthouse District (Signature and official title)

CARDED.

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[2] Insert here "sworn to" or "affirmed," as the case may be.

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[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.

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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES
WASHINGTON

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Otto Niehaus, Jr.
appointment.

May 28, 1915.

CHIEF CLERK
JUN 1 1915

APPOINTMENTS
JUN 1 1915

NOTE C. S. COMMISSION
JUN 1 - 1915

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
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1915

Secretary of Commerce:

Referring to Department letters of November 24 and December 5, 1914, granting John F. Parker, former 2d assistant keeper of Farallon Light Station, Cal., 6 months leave without pay, effective December 24, 1914, and authorizing the temporary additional position of 3d assistant keeper at the station mentioned, for not to exceed 6 months, pending the return to duty of Parker, respectively.

Harold J. Wright served in the additional position from December 25, 1914, to the close of February 18, 1915, and on February 19, 1915, Otto Niehaus, Jr., entered on duty therein vice Wright. Mr. Niehaus has served continuously in the position in question since the date last stated and by Department appointment of May 15, 1915, his temporary appointment was extended until not longer than the close of June 24, 1915. Mr. Parker, former 2d assistant keeper of this station, resigned effective at the close of May 4, 1915. It is now desired that Mr. Niehaus obtain, if practicable, a probationary appointment in accordance with Civil Service Rule VIII, Section V, and in this connection there is inclosed copy of the 18th Inspector's telegram of May 26, 1915.

As Mr. Niehaus was number one on the eligible list and was therefore within reach for permanent appointment at the time of his original temporary appointment, February 25, 1915, and as his services have been continuous since his original entrance on duty, February 19, 1915, the Bureau recommends that Niehaus be given a probationary appointment as 2d assistant keeper of

Farallon Light Station, Cal., at $516.00 per annum (instead of $552.00 per annum, the regular authorized rate), effective beginning June 1, 1915, or as soon thereafter as he enters on duty, vice John F. Parker, resigned. As the 12th Civil Service District Secretary has refused to approve the probationary appointment of Niehaus effective subsequent to the expiration of his eligibility, it is requested that the Civil Service Commission be asked to decide whether or not Niehaus is entitled to the probationary appointment above recommended. Such probationary appointment, if authorized, might be made effective by the Department beginning May 5, 1915, if desired, in which case it would be necessary for the Department to cancel its extension of May 13, 1915, of the temporary appointment of Niehaus.

Should the Department ask for the decision of the Civil Service Commission as above recommended and should the decision not be favorable to the above recommendation, consideration might then be given to the matter of accepting the resignation of Parker, effective at the close of March 23, 1915, accordingly amending Department letter of acceptance of May 20, 1915, canceling Department extensions of temporary appointments dated April 27 and May 13, 1915, and probationally appointing Niehaus effective beginning March 24, 1915, as the local district secretary would approve probationary appointment effective from that date.

In the event Niehaus is probationally appointed as recommended in the third paragraph of this letter, it is proposed to later recommend his transfer to the position of 3d assistant keeper of Point Arena Light Station, Cal., without change in rate of pay, vice George Cottingham, and to recommend the transfer and promotion of Cottingham to 2d assistant keeper of Farallon Light Station, Cal., at $552.00 per annum, vice Niehaus. Inclosed is 18th Inspector's letter of May 12, 1915, in this case.

Acting Commissioner

(C O P Y)

TELEGRAM.

San Francisco Calif May 26 1915.

Lighthouse Commissioner

Washington DC

Reference case Niehaus twelfth secretary holds eligibility for any probationary appointment expired March twenty fourth suggest obtain commissions decision can Parkers resignation be made effective March twenty third and Niehaus given probationary appointment March twenty fourth second assistant at five sixteen district secretary will approve.

(Signed) RHODES.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
MAY 17 1915
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

HWR-CHT

Otto Niehaus Jr:
transfer of.

May 12, 1915

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

*File of Parker

1. * The resignation of John F. Parker, second assistant keeper Farallon Lightstation, California, with recommendations to fill the vacancy, are submitted herewith.

2. In regard to the transfer of Otto Niehaus Jr from the Farallon to Point Arena, the Bureau is informed that Mr Niehaus was selected from the eligible register in the usual manner and assigned to duty as additional third assistant keeper at the Farallon Lightstation on February 25, 1915, pending the return to duty of Mr Parker, and is still serving in that capacity. As he accepted the temporary appointment in view of the possibility of a vacancy occurring at the Farallon, and as it is desirable to retain him in the service as his services after three months trial have proven satisfactory, it is recommended that he be transferred and appointed third assistant at Point Arena. Otherwise it will be necessary to dispense with his services as his name no longer appears on the eligible register, his eligibility having expired March 25, 1915, and owing to his absence from home he failed to renew it.

Rhodes.
Inspector

June 1, 1915.

Gentlemen:

The Department is in receipt of a recommendation from the Commissioner of Lighthouses for the probationary appointment of Otto Niehaus, jr., as second assistant keeper of Farallon Light Station, California, at $516 per annum, vice John T. Parker, who resigned at the close of May 4, 1915. Mr. Niehaus was temporarily appointed on February 19, 1915, as additional third assistant keeper of Farallon Light Station, California, at $516 per annum, for a period not to exceed one month, pending the return to duty of Mr. Parker, who had been granted leave without pay. The appointment of Mr. Niehaus was extended, with the approval of the district secretary, for periods not to exceed one month, his last appointment having been made on May 19, 1915, for a period not longer than the close of June 24, 1915.

Upon the occurrence of the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr. Parker, the lighthouse inspector nominated Mr. Niehaus for permanent appointment in view of the fact that he was originally selected for temporary appointment from the assistant keeper register, ranking No. 1, with a percentage of 81.8. It appears, however, that the civil service district secretary refused to approve the recommendation for Mr. Niehaus' probationary appointment on the ground that his period of eligibility had expired on March 24, 1915.

The Department will be pleased to be advised whether, under the circumstances set forth above, Mr. Niehaus may be permanently appointed, as recommended, under Rule VIII, section 5, of the Civil Service Rules.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(SIGNED) GEO. C. HAVENNER

Chief Clerk.

The Civil Service Commission.

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COMMISSIONERS
JOHN A. McILHENNY
PRESIDENT
CHARLES M. GALLOWAY
HERMON W. CRAVEN

ADDRESS ONLY
"CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION"
IN YOUR REPLY REFER TO
FILE
AND DATE OF THIS LETTER

UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D. C.

PMS-BR

June 5, 1915.

CHIEF CLERK
JUN 7 1915
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APPOINTMENTS
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DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS
JUN 7

The Honorable

The Secretary of Commerce.

Sir:

The Commission is in receipt of your letter of June 1, 1915, requesting to be advised whether the temporary appointment of Mr. Otto Niehaus, Jr., as assistant keeper of the Farallon Light Station, California, at $516 per annum, may be made permanent under section 5 of Civil Service Rule VIII. The records of this office show that Mr. Niehaus was appointed temporarily for job work on February 19, 1915, and that his temporary appointment has been authorized for a period not to extend beyond June 24, 1915. The records also show that his name has been within reach for permanent appointment since his temporary appointment, and his appointment may be made permanent under section 5 of Rule VIII, notwithstanding the fact that his eligibility expired March 24, 1915. The District Secretary has been notified of this action and it is requested that Mr. Niehaus' permanent appointment be reported in the monthly report of changes.

By direction of the Commission:

Very respectfully,

President.

(Copy to Secretary,
Twelfth District)

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

LIGHT HOUSES JUL 1915

CHIEF CLERK JUL 7 1915

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

I, Otto Niehaus Jr.

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.

Otto Niehaus Jr.
(Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENTS JUL 7 1915

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 26th day of June, A. D. 1915.

(Affix official seal here)

[4](Name) C. H. Thompson.

(Official title) Clerk, 18th Lighthouse Dist.

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 2nd Asst.Keeper	$516 per annum	Farallon Lightstation,Cal.
Former [5]Add.3rd Asst.Keeper	$516 per annum	Farallon Lightstation,Cal.

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

CARDED.

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal., (Address), June 26, 1915 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on June 15, 1915 (Date)

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector,

A. C. Anderson

Superintendent 18th Lighthouse District (Signature, not sworn to by this)

[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 after the 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, or any other officer having authority to administer oaths, but never before a collector of customs, as he has no 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.

[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.

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Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT HOUSES JUL 13 1915
CHIEF CLERK JUL 15 1915

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Otto Niehaus Jr.
(Appointee signs here)

APPOINTMENTS JUL 15 15

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	Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
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Former[5]	2nd Asst. Keeper	$516 per annum	Farallon Lightstation, Cal.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal. (Address), July 7, 1915 (Date)

CARDED

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on July 1, 1915 (Date)

H. W. Rhodes Inspector
(Signature, followed by title)

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Form 218 B 4051 REPORT OF EXPIRATION OF TEMPORARY APPOINTMENT

LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR MAR 3 - 1915 SAN FRANCISCO CAL.

LIGHT. JUN 28 1915 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK JUN 29 1915

APPOINTMENTS JUN 29 1915

Department of Commerce and Labor

BUREAU OF LIGHT-HOUSES

Washington

MEMORANDUM

This temporary appointment expires by limitation. No payment of compensation should be made if the temporary appointee is permitted to serve beyond the period herein specified, unless authority for an extension of such period is granted by the Department.

The following blank spaces should be filled in at once after the services of the employee under this appointment have been discontinued, and this form promptly mailed to the Bureau. ~~This should be done whether or not further employment has been authorized by the Department~~. See Bureau circular of October 1, 1910.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED JUN 29 1915 ON JOURNAL DEPT OF COMMERCE

Name of employee Otto Niehaus, Jr. Legal residence Cal.

Designation Additional Third Asst.Keeper Compensation $ 516 pa.

Place of employment Farallon L.S., Cal.

Date of appointment Feb. 25, 1915.-date entrance on duty.- 1 mo. Entered on duty Feb.19,1915. Mar.19-19,1915.-1 mo. April 27-19,1915.-1 mo. May 13-19,1915.-Not longer than close of June 24,1915.

Last day of service under this appointment June 14, 1915

State if services will be required beyond the period authorized Yes
Has been given permanent appointment.

If services are required, nomination should be made on the proper form. Yes

CARDED CHANGE REPORTED JUN 1915 L. H. COMMISSION.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JUN 28 1915

H. W. Rhodes
(Signature.)

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

Inspector 18th Lighthouse District
(Title.)

Acting Commissioner.

June 22, 1915, 191
(Date.)

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Department of Commerce and Labor
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT DEC 28 1915 HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

CHIEF CLERK DEC 30 1915

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December 21, 1915.

Neglect of Duty.

DIVISION OF APPOINTMENTS ANSWERED JAN 3 - 1916

APPOINTMENTS DEC 30 1915

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Commissioner of Lighthouses.

1. Under date of December 2nd, the Keeper of the Point Arena Light Station notified this office that Otto Niehaus, Jr., the Third Assistant Keeper at that station, was found asleep on duty in the tower at 9 p.m. on December 1st.

CHIEF CLERK DEC 31 1915

2. There are inclosed for the Bureau's information copies of eleven letters pertaining to this matter from which it appears that Mr. Niehaus had not been required to keep unusually long watches preceding the time of his neglect of duty, and it is, therefore, recommended that a letter of reprimand be addressed to him by the Bureau.

APPOINTMENTS JAN 3 1916

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Rhodes.

H B
SET inclosures.

Bureau of Lighthouses
December 29, 1915.

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce with recommendation that the Bureau be authorized to address a severe reprimand to Niehaus, with copy for Department files, and to instruct the Inspector to submit further report and recommendation at the end of six months. Attention is particularly invited to the inclosed copy of Bureau telegram of December 28th to the Inspector asking why Niehaus' dismissal was not recommended, and to the inclosed telegraphic reply of same date from the Inspector's office in answer thereto.

December 31, 1915.

APPROVED:

Assistant Secretary.

Form 168

WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM

GEORGE W. E. ATKINS, VICE-PRESIDENT — NEWCOMB CARLTON, PRESIDENT — BELVIDERE BROOKS, VICE-PRESIDENT

RECEIVED AT

Asst. Sec'y
Mgr. Cons
Mgr. Engr.
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Asst. Supt.

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Dec 29 to Dept

SAN FRANCISCO CAL 28

LIGHTHOUSE COMMISSIONER

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WASHINGTON DC.

INSPECTOR ABSENT INSPECTION TRIP INSPECTOR CONSIDERED DISMISSAL NIEHAUS TOO DRASTIC ACCOUNT EXTENUATING CIRCUMSTANCES EFFICIENCY AND FIRST AND ONLY OFFENSE

WILSON.

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DEC 28 1915 CHIEF CLERK

LIGHT DEC 29 1915 HOUSE

All pp to Dept inc this exch. of telegr.
Bu rec severe reprimand with further
report any rec @ end 6 mos.

JPE Dec 29

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
DEC 28 1915
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

December 6, 1915.

Mr. Otto Niehaus, Jr.,

3rd Asst. Keeper, Point Arena Light Station.

(Through the Keeper).

You are hereby charged with gross neglect of duty on the night of December 1st, when you were found asleep while on duty in the tower at your station.

You are directed to submit immediately in writing such explanation as you desire to make of your conduct on the date referred to.

RHODES.

Inspector.

LIGHT
DEC 28 1915
HOUSES

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

Eighteenth District
Point Arena, Cal.

Dec. 11th, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector.

Sir:

Yours of Dec. 6th at hand and noted to charges against me. The reason are that on the night of Nov. 30th I stood a fog watch from six p.m. till nine p.m. and did not get to bed until ten p.m. then I had to get up at two forth a.m. the morning of Dec. 1 to go on watch in tower. I was on watch continuously until ten a.m. and worked about one hour more in signal. Then got my dinner and done my work around my quarters and had to go on watch again in tower at three forty p.m. Therefore I had but four and a half hours sleep within twenty four up to the time Keeper Williams relieved me.

I remain yours,

Otto Niehaus, Jr.

3rd Asst. Keeper.

Through the Keeper

Respectfully forwarded

Richard H. Williams,
Keeper.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
Lighthouse Service

LIGHT
DEC 28 1915
HOUSES

Eighteenth District

Point Arena

December 12th, 1915.

Lighthouse Inspector.

Sir:

Having read the 3rd Asst. Keeper's letter I feel it my duty to explain the way the watches are carried out here so as to do away with any misunderstanding because the way the 3rd Asst. Keeper writes it would seem he was unduly worked more than another keeper; such is not the case at all. The 3rd Asst. Keeper had all day off from fog on Nov. 30th until 6 p.m. That night being foggy he was on until 9 p.m. If it had not been foggy he could have turned in until 2:40 a.m. on Dec. 1st. I relieved him at 8:55 p.m. Nov. 30th it being my light up until 9 p.m. in tower and until 12 mid. in signal. Mr. Niehaus could have turned in soon after 9 p.m. until 2:40 a.m. Dec. 1st when he was called to relieve the tower watch by 3 a.m. then he was on until sunrise (which at this time of year is about 7:30 a.m. when he gets down) There being no fog that morning Mr. Niehaus was home until 10 a.m. when we all met at the signal; I gave out there was no work that morning on account of fog the previous night. But the 2nd Asst. Keeper and myself started the south engine and compressor to see everything was alright for the night if fog should come in I always running north and south engine alternately. Mr. Niehuas was not wanted but he stayed around and helped wipe up the engine and we were all in our quarters by 11 a.m. He could then have turned in until 3 p.m. if he had wanted to and that would have given him 30 minutes to eat before going on watch to light up, not having any fog that night he was then off from 9 p.m. when I relieved him until 10 a.m. the next morning and even if there had been fog he would still have been off at 12 mid. until 10 a.m. I have worked and lived on 1st order stations ever since Circular No. 5 of 1895 has been in force, and which applies to stations where there are 4 keepers; and I know no other arrangement of watches that are more fair and just to every keeper; in this kind of service we expect long and short hours but taken altogether it is better than many other vocations.

Respectfully,

Richard H. Williams

Keeper.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
DEC 26 1915
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

December 14, 1915.

Keeper, Point Arena Light Station.

Referring to your letter of the 11th inst., relative to the 3rd Asst. Keeper's duties at the station and to his letter of the same date, which is returned herewith to be forwarded in the proper manner.

In order that consideration may be given to this matter, you are requested to submit a report in tabular form showing the hours on November 30th and December 1st, during which each keeper was on duty. The form should be so arranged as to show whether his duty was in the tower or signal and whether it was watch duty or other work.

RHODES.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
DEC 28 1915
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

December 14, 1915.

Third Asst. Keeper, Pt. Arena Light Station.

(Through the Keeper)

Your communication of December 11th is returned herewith to be indorsed and forwarded through the keeper in accordance with the Regulations.

RHODES.

LIGHT
JAN 7 1916
HOUSES

Department of Commerce and Labor

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

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CHIEF CLERK
JAN 11 1916
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Otto Niehaus, Jr.
Neglect of duty.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

December 31, 1915.

APPOINTMENTS
JAN 11 1916
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Commissioner of Lighthouses:

Replying to Commissioner's telegram of December 28, 1915 referring to charge of "Neglect of Duty" made against Otto Niehaus, Jr., 3rd Assistant Keeper of Point Arena Light Station.

The Bureau is informed that his dismissal was not recommended for the reason that his neglect of duty was not due to improper conduct on his part, as shown by the Keeper's letter of December 11th, copy of which was furnished the Bureau.

It appears that Mr. Niehaus' chief fault lay in not securing sufficient sleep during the short period of time when he was off duty previous to the time he was found asleep in the Tower.

Mr. Niehaus has had a satisfactory record in the service up to the present time, and it is thought that if reprimanded by the Bureau at this time he will not again be found asleep on duty.

Rhodes.

One inclosure.

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington
JAN 11 - 1916

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information. Attention is invited to Dept. letter of January 3, 1916. Copy of Bureau reprimand of January 11, 1916, to Niehaus is inclosed for the information of the Department.

G. R. Putnam
Commissioner.

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Reprimand. January 11, 1916.

Mr. Otto Niehaus, Jr.,
Third Assistant Keeper, Point Arena Light Station, Cal.
(Through Lighthouse Inspector, San Francisco, Cal.)

Referring to the charge preferred against you by the Inspector of the Eighteenth District of being found asleep while on duty in the tower of your station on the night of December 1, 1915.

Your attention is invited to the Instructions to Employees, 1915, par. 7, "Unfaithful performance of duty," in which it is provided that no keeper shall sleep during his watch, or at his post. After careful consideration of the matter, it has been decided, in view of extenuating circumstances in your case and of your previous good record, that no more drastic action will be taken at this time than to severely reprimand you for your offense, and to warn you that more severe disciplinary measures will be taken in case the offense is repeated. A further report and recommendation by the Eighteenth Inspector will be made in your case at a later date.

The fact that you have been reprimanded will be noted on the records as part of your official history.

(Signed) G T Putnam

Commissioner.

ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT
JUL 8 1916
HOUSES

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

CHIEF CLERK
JUL 15 1916
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APPOINTMENTS
JUL 15 1916
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Otto Niehaus, jr.
neglect of duty.

July 3, 1916

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

1. Referring to Department letter of January 3, 1916, relative to a letter of reprimand to Otto Niehaus, jr., third assistant keeper of Point Arena Lightstation, California, who was found asleep on duty in the tower on December 1, 1915.

2. The Commissioner's letter of reprimand was forwarded to Niehaus on January 19, 1916. Mr Niehaus has not been derelict in his duty since that time and his service and conduct have been entirely satisfactory. It is therefore recommended that no further action be taken in his case.

Rhodes.
Inspector

HB-NDW

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington.
July 13, 1916.

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce with recommendation for approval.

G. H. Putnam

Form 111

OATH OF OFFICE

(Prescribed by Section 1757, Revised Statutes)

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT SEP 12 1916 HOUSES
APPOINTMENTS SEP 21 1916
CHIEF CLERK SEP 21 1916
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I, Otto Niehaus jr.

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.

☞ Otto Niehaus Jr.
(Appointee signs here)

[2] Sworn to (See below) and subscribed before me, this[3] 28th day of August, A. D. 1916.

(Affix official seal here)

[4] (Name) C. H. Thompson.

(Official title) Clerk 18th Lighthouse District

Official Title	Rate of Pay	Name of Station, Vessel, or Place of Employment
Present 2nd Asst. Keeper	$540 per annum	Ano Nuevo Island Lightstation, Cal.
Former 3rd Asst. Keeper	$516 per annum	Point Arena Lightstation, Cal.

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

Office of Lighthouse Inspector, 18th District

San Francisco, Cal., (Address), September 7, 1916 (Date)

The above-named appointee entered upon duty on August 25, 1916 (Date)

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector,

A. C. Anderson Inspector
(Signature, followed by title)
Superintendent 18th Lighthouse District

CARDED.

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SEP 20 1916

Form 93

LETTER TRANSMITTING RESIGNATION

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

HWR-CHT

LIGHT SEP 4 1917 HOUSES

CHIEF CLERK SEP 5 1917

OFFICE OF LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR, 18th DISTRICT,

San Francisco, Cal., August 30th 1917, 191

THE COMMISSIONER OF LIGHTHOUSES:

Herewith is transmitted the resignation of the following-named employee:

Name, Otto Niehaus jr. Position, Second Assistant Keeper

Legal residence, California Station, Anc Nuevo Island Lightstation, Cal.

Salary, $540 per annum

APPOINTMENT SEP 6 1917

APPOINTMENT DIVISION NECESSARY ACTION TAKEN SEP 6 1917 DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE

The acceptance of this resignation is recommended effective at the close of a date to be reported later.

This employee has not taken leave in excess of the accrued rate.

Remarks:

Hydrog.
Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
Personnel
Accounts
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr.
Commr.

H. W. Rhodes.
Inspector

BUREAU OF LIGHTHOUSES

WASHINGTON

SEP 5 - 1917

9/6/17

Submitted to the Secretary of Commerce, approved.

11—4623

J. Conway
Acting Commissioner

EIGHTEENTH DISTRICT

Ano Nuevo Island
(Station, Depot, or Vessel)

August 22nd, 1917

Through the Keeper

Inspector

Sir

I here with tender you my resignation as 2nd Assistant Keeper in Lighthouse Service, to take effect Sept. 20th 1917 or sooner if my successor can be appointed.

Thanking you for many favors extended me while in the service I remain

Your Respectfully

Otto Niehaus Jr.

2nd Asst. Keeper

J. O. Beckler.

Keeper.

September 6, 1917.

Sir:

The Department is in receipt of your resignation, dated August 23, 1917, as second assistant keeper of Ano Nuevo Island Light Station, California, at $540 per annum, in the Lighthouse Service, and has accepted the same, upon recommendation of the Acting Commissioner of Lighthouses, to take effect at the close of a date to be fixed by the Bureau and reported to the Department.

By direction of the Secretary:

Respectfully,

(Signed) Clifford Hastings.

Chief of Appointment Division.

Mr. Otto Niehaus, jr.,
Through the Commissioner of Lighthouses.

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED SEP 6 1917 OFFICIAL DEPT. OF COMMERCE

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ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO
LIGHTHOUSE INSPECTOR
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
LIGHTHOUSE SERVICE

LIGHT SEP 27 1917 HOUSES

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Engr. Cons.
Mar. Engr.
~~Personnel~~
Accounts.
Contracts
Chf. Clk.
Dep. Commr,
Commr.

OFFICE OF INSPECTOR, 18TH DISTRICT
CUSTOMHOUSE
SAN FRANCISCO, CAL.

CHIEF CLERK OCT 4 1917

HWR-CHT

Otto Niehaus jr:
date resignation.

September 21, 1917

APPOINTMENTS OCT 4 1917

Commissioner of Lighthouses,

1. Referring to Department letter of September 6, 1917, accepting the resignation of Otto Niehaus jr, as second assistant keeper at Ano Nuevo Island Lightstation, California, at $540 per annum, effective upon a date to be later reported.

2. The Bureau is informed that Mr Niehaus terminated his service at the close of business on September 20, 1917.

In the absence and by direction of the Inspector,

H. J. Otter
Superintendent

CARDED

APPOINTMENT DIVISION ENTERED OCT - 4 1917 DEPT. OF COMMERCE

10-4-17

Bureau of Lighthouses, Washington

OCT 3 1917

Submitted to Secretary of Commerce for his information.

E. C. Gillette
Acting Commissioner

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USE TYPEWRITER—SEE INSTRUCTIONS ON BACK.

MAKE NO ENTRIES IN THIS COLUMN.

UNITED STATES
BUREAU OF EFFICIENCY.
FORM 8.

DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
BUREAU OF THE CENSUS.
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RECORD OF CIVIL EMPLOYEE.

JULY 1, 1916.

1. Name: (Surname first. Given name in full. For women write Miss or Mrs. before given name.)

Niehaus, Otto, Jr.

2. Department:

Commerce

3. Bureau, office, or service:

18th Lighthouse District

4. Designation of position:

Third Assistant Keeper

5. Occupation (if not clearly shown by answer to question 4):

See No. 4

6. Annual earnings:

$516.

7. Kind of appropriation:

LS

8. Present rate of pay:

$ AS

9. Initial rate of pay:

$ $516.PA

10. Total length of service (give the total of **ALL U. S. GOVT. SERVICE** with the exceptions stated on the back of this card)—

Years: 1 Months: 4

11. State, Territory, or foreign country of birth (do not give town):

New Jersey

12. Race:

W

13. Sex:

Male

14. Date of birth—

Month: March Year: 1877

15. Kinds of schools attended, years attended, and degrees taken:

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16. Marital condition:

M

17. War veteran?

Phil. Other (China)

18. Appointed from—

Congressional district and State: 6 California

County: Alameda

19. Civil service status:

C

20. Method by which classified status was obtained:

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21. Place of employment—

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