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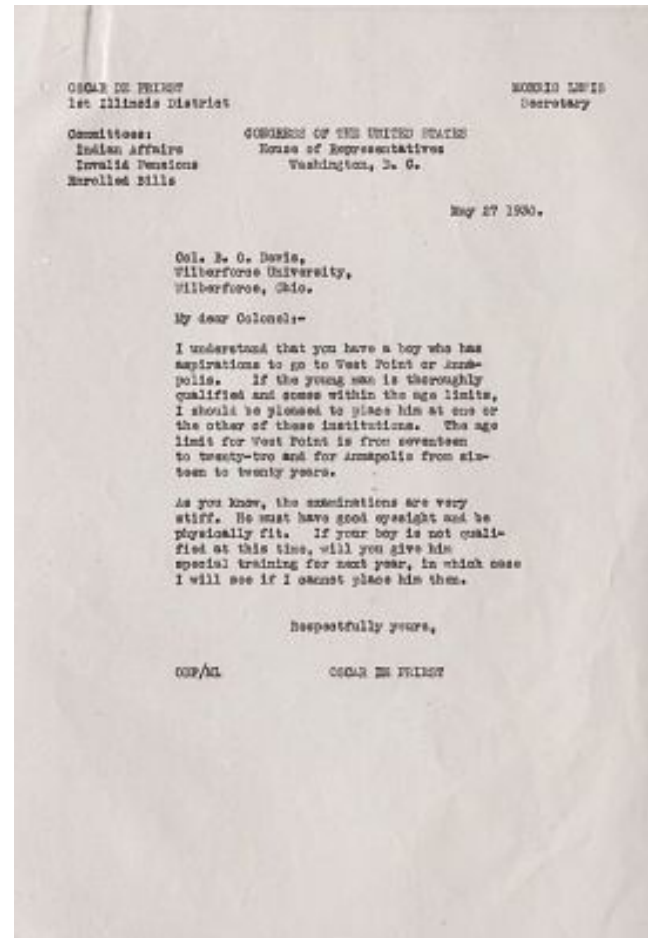
Col. B.C. Davis  
Wilberforce University,  
Wilberforce, Ohio

My dear Colonel: -  
I understand that you have a boy who has aspirations to go to West Point or Annapolis. If the young man is thoroughly qualified and comes within the age limits, I should be pleased to place him at one or the other of these institutions. The age limit for West Point is from seventeen to twenty-two and for Annapolis from sixteen to twenty years.

As you know, the examinations are very stiff. He must have good eyesight and be physically fit. If your boy is not qualified at this time, will you give him special training for next year, in which case I will see if I cannot place him then.

Respectfully yours,  
OSCAR DE PRIEST

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