

233 Chapman St.  
Canton, Mass.  
Oct. 10, 1965

Mr. Stuart S. Corning, Jr.  
State Street Bank and Trust Co.  
Boston, Mass.

Dear Sir:

In reply to your letter of Oct. 6 requesting references for Mr. John L. Harris I am happy to give you the following information.

I have known John since September, 1958, when I moved to Canton. He became a very close friend of one of my sons at that time, and subsequently of Mrs. Smith, myself and my other three children. Our respect for him as a person of integrity has resulted in our acceptance and treatment of him as practically a member of the family, even to the extent that with our knowledge he will enter our home when no one is present with complete respect and trust on both our parts.

During his last year at Canton High School I had the opportunity to talk about John with several of his teachers concerning his application for a scholarship, and there was unanimous respect for him and for his overall ability. (He subsequently received a scholarship.) I also know that he was held in high esteem by his minister and by the advisors of the youth group of his church.

John has a calm, steady personality, and the ability to work long hours under pressure without complaining. He demonstrated this to me during this past summer when he worked for a spell with one of my sons at a restaurant in Foxboro. In my opinion there is an unusual depth of character in John, and I recommend him without qualification.

Very truly yours,

Alan W. Smith