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Mr. Philip J. Kramer
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Dear Phil:

I am just in receipt of yours of the 21st instant, relative to the Merchant Seamen's Bill of Rights, H. R. 2346.

This bill is one of the pending measures that is giving us a great deal of concern and the problems connected with it are difficult of solution.

I appreciate your writing me about it and suggestions you have to offer. I think most of the veterans' organizations are opposed to giving the Merchant Marine boys the same consideration that they do the boys in the armed services. There are arguments both ways and, frankly, I have an open mind on the subject to the extent that I don't know just what should be done. I am not a member of the committee to whom this bill has been assigned and I am anxious to get the committee's report and study it before determining what should be done.

Thanking you for calling this to my attention and assuring you that I appreciate the suggestions you have made, I am

Your friend,

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May 21, 1945.

Honorable George B. Schwabe,
Member of Congress,
New House Office Bldg.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Schwabe:

I believe the boys in the Merchant Marine should have the
benefits of the passage of the Merchant Seamen's Bill of Rights
HR 2346.

In this connection, however, I do not see any reason for
the arbitrary requirement that they must serve at least 90 days
to be entitled to benefits.

It has always been my view that the veteran's legislation
should not have the requirement of 90 days service either, and that
veteran's legislation acts should be amended to omit the 90 days service
requirement.

Sincerely,


P. J. Kramer.

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