

February Second  
1940

Mr. T. H. Birmingham  
138 W. Dewey Avenue  
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear friend Tom--

Immediately upon returning to Washington, after our recent conversation, I contacted the Reconstruction Finance Corporation with regard to your loan.

I was advised that a report of your application had not yet reached the Washington office but the matter would be checked through Cleveland.

Within the past few days I have been advised that you would be requested to lay the entire case before the Cleveland office and that every courtesy and consideration would be extended to you.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

T. H. BIRMINGHAM  
SIGN AND DECORATIVE PAINTING  
138 W. DEWEY AVENUE  
YOUNGSTOWN, OHIO

Jan.17th., 1940.

Honorable Michael J. Kirwan

Dear Friend,

You will find inclosed information in referance to Reconstruction Finance Corp. for a loan on Theatre. located on Robinson Road in Campbell Ohio.

This building is strictly Fireproof, walls brich, and steel, roof and all floors are of steel and reinforced concrete. Auditorium to seat 750 persons with toilets and rest rooms for Ladies and Gents, With 2 storeRooms facing Robinson Road. This building is all inclosed with balcony and wiring all roughed in.

I had a deal with (2 Jewish Boys) whom has taken over the Ohio Hotel, But my deal folded up They put \$9000. and walked out because I would not let them put me thru for more than I could ever pay for and which was not in the contract, They refused to go through with it, and on my Attorneys advise I gave them this mortgage, that is now due, They are now forcing me for this money, if it was not for this condition could complete it without a Loan although it would take several years to complete it, All Labor & Material in this building is paid for, There are no Leins of any kind against it so you con see that I was just taken over.

I have applied to all the banks here and several out of the city but they claim they only make loans on homes, not on comercial buildings.

It is unfortunatethat I have to bore you with my trouble after all you have done for this community.

It is my only way out and believe it or not they are after the Building and unless I pay off the mortgage it will be sold at Sherriff Sale and I assume they will buy it in at their own price.

There are in Campbell and its Suburbs about 30 000 of a Population which insures sufficient income to pay off the obligation, and allow a very nice profit for its operation.

I certainley appreciate your interest in lending me any support you may ch choose to offer, as I am simply helpless.

You probably will never know what it means to me as well as these poor people who cannot afford to go to youngstown to see good wholsome clean entertainment. The Loan No. is M.C.141 that is the No. they have asigned to this application.

Aside from that MIKE if at any time I or my family can be of any service to you we will be very happy io retaliate

Very Truely Yours

*T. H. Birmingham*

January Twenty Fifth  
1940

Mr. John G. Bakas  
77 Coitsville Road  
Youngstown, Ohio

Dear John:-

It is a pleasure to acknowledge the receipt of your very kind letter of January 10th.

I have contacted Mr. Jesse Jones of the Reconstruction Finance Corporation relative to the loan application in which you are interested. He has advised me today a report of this application has not as yet reached the Washington Office, but that it would be given careful consideration.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes, believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress

# FEDERAL LOAN AGENCY WASHINGTON

JESSE H. JONES  
FEDERAL LOAN ADMINISTRATOR

JAN 28 1940

Dear Congressman Kirwan:

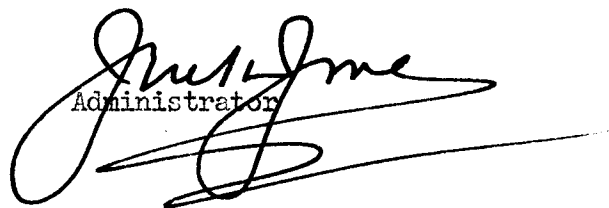
I have your letter of January 17, 1940, enclosing a communication from Mr. John S. Bokos regarding the reconsideration of the application of Mr. Thomas H. Birmingham, Youngstown, Ohio, for a loan from The RFC Mortgage Company.

I am informed that a report on this case has not yet reached the Washington office. However, when it does you may be sure it will be given careful consideration.

I will be pleased to advise you when a conclusion has been reached.

With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

  
Administrator

Honorable Michael J. Kirwan,  
United States House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

FEDERAL LOAN AGENCY

WASHINGTON

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With best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Signature: Chase E. Jones

Administrator

Honorable Michael J. Kirwan,  
United States House of Representatives,  
Washington, D. C.

77 Cateville Rd  
Campbell, Ohio  
Jan. 10, 1939.

Hon. Michael J. Kerwan  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Kerwan: - Perhaps my request is an odd one,  
but I feel a good and necessary one, for that reason  
I hope I am not intruding on your time.

In Campbell we have no decent and  
good theatre, forcing the people to go elsewhere for their  
entertainment. A theatre has been started, but never  
completed due to the depression, and now the owner would  
like to finish it but has no funds available. The  
theatre I refer to is on Robinson Rd, above 12<sup>th</sup> St. and  
the owner is Mr. Thos. Birmingham of 138 Dewey Ave in  
Youngstown.

Mr. Birmingham has spent considerable money  
and needs about \$35,000.00 to finish. He has applied for a  
loan of 20,000.00 to the Reconstruction Finance that at first  
was turned down, but is now being reconsidered. On further  
examination, it has been found that \$20,000.00 will not be  
sufficient to complete the job & therefore the mention of the  
\$35,000.00. His loan application to the R.F.C. is MC 141.

As I too have more than a personal interest in  
this, and as it really would be for the benefit of the people of  
Campbell, would you please use your influence with the R.F.C. &  
Mr. Jesse Jones on this loan application?

Hoping this finds favor with you, & hoping to  
hear from you in the near future, I am  
Sincerely yours  
John J. Bakos

January Seventeenth  
1940

Mr. Jesse Jones  
Reconstruction Finance Corporation  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Jones:-

The enclosed letter has been received from  
Mr. John G. Bakos, 77 Coitsville Road, Campbell Ohio.

I will be deeply grateful for any information  
you might be able to give me that will be of assist-  
ance in answering his inquiry.

With kindest regards and heartiest best wishes,  
believe me to be,

Sincerely yours,

Member of Congress