

Letter from Mary A. Young to NYS War Council, Committee on Discrimination in Employment

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Dear Sirs:

This morning two friends and I went to the Hamilton Employment Agency to apply for clerical and secretarial work and were discriminated against in employ-
ment. The nature of the discrimination was this: there were about 100 white girls waiting when we - three Negroes - entered. One of the interviewers called out to us, "What do you girls want? He stated our business there as applicants for the named jobs. The interviewer gave us a card to fill out and mail to the agency, however the top was torn from our cards which made the card void (this information was stated on the back of the blank). In our opinion we were discriminated because of our nationality and not very subtly. Can you do anything about this?

Thank you,
Mary A. Young

Letter by Mary A. Young alleging racial discrimination in hiring, 1942. Young indicated that she and two friends had applied for clerical positions, but had "not very subtly" been passed over because of racial discrimination by the employment agency.

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