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**Buildings, The Bureau of**

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THE BUREAU OF BUILDINGS  
FOR THE BOROUGH OF MANHATTAN

220 FOURTH AVENUE  
S. W. CORNER 18<sup>TH</sup> ST.

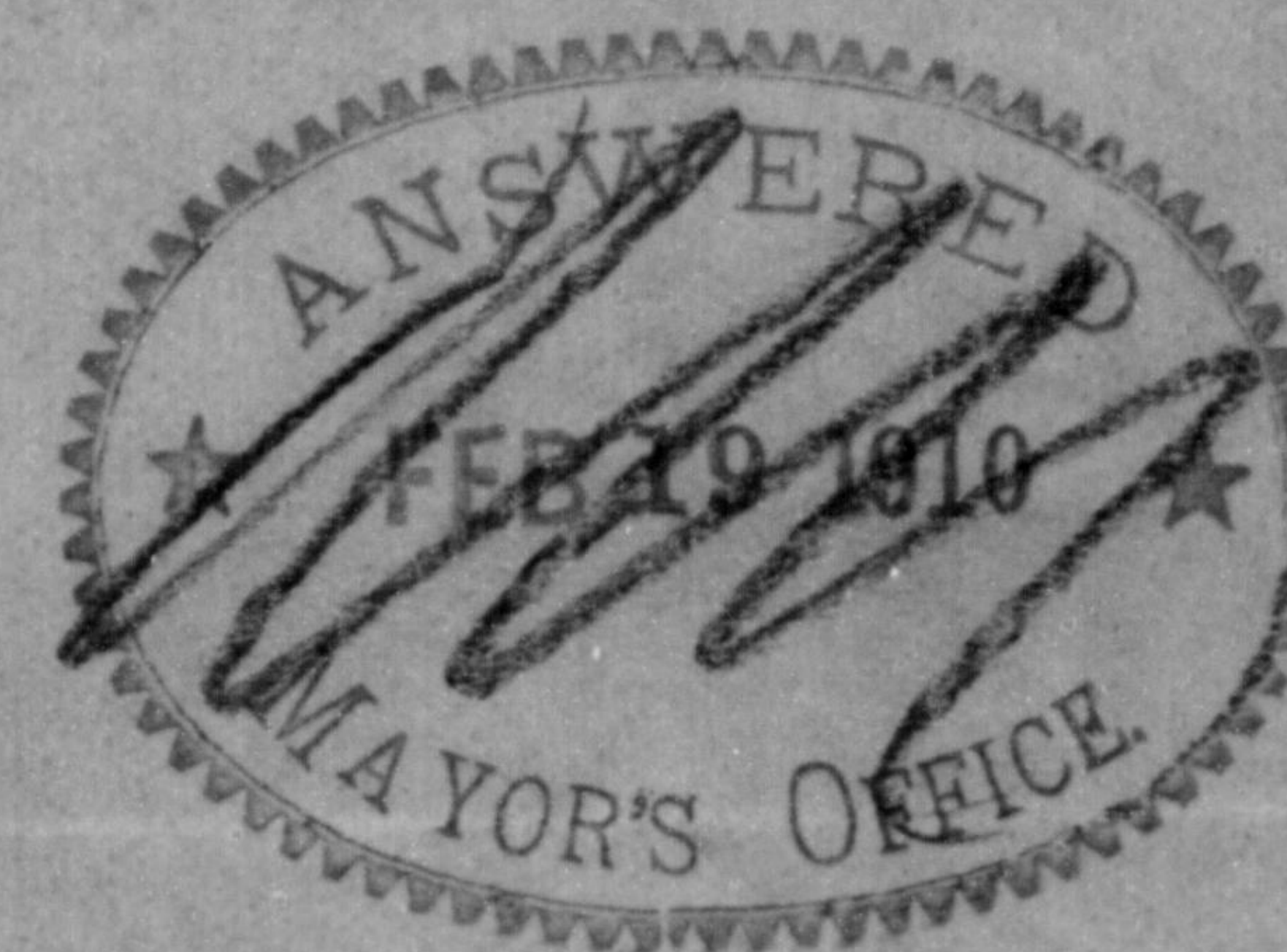
~~RUDOLPH P. MILLER~~

~~EDWARD S. MURPHY~~

SUPERINTENDENT.

NK

NEW YORK CITY February 18, 1910.



HON. WILLIAM J. GAYNOR,

Mayor, The City of New York.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of your communication of the 14th instant, enclosing complaint from the Employees of Schwarzchild-Sulzberger's Plant, at 45th Street and First Av., relative to the dangerous conditions existing thereat, and in reply, beg to advise that an inspection was made by one of our inspectors who reports that he found blasting in operation at Nos. 406-10 East 46th Street, for the excavation for new building, plans for which have been disapproved by this Bureau. Our inspector further reports that the adjoining building at the Southeast Cor. 1st Av. and 46th Street, is shored and braced and in no danger. There is therefore no necessity for action on the part of this Bureau.

That portion of the complaint relating to blasting has been referred to the Fire Dept. for attention.

Respectfully,

*Rudolph P. Miller*

Superintendent.



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SUPERINTENDENT.

RPM...BY

NEW YORK CITY

June 9, 1910.

Mr. Robert Adamson,

Secretary to Mayor.

Dear Sir:

Your recent communication to the Borough President in relation to a complaint for overloading the floors at No. 49 Murray Street, was referred to me for attention, with the request to communicate directly with you.

Enclosed I send you a copy of the report of Chief Inspector Ludwig in this matter.

Yours truly,

*Rudolph P. Miller*  
Superintendent.

(Enclosure)



F.---Copy

AL--NK

June 2, 1910.

Re Premises 49 Murray Street.

Rudolph P. Miller, Esq.,  
Superintendent.

S i r :

I beg to report that I have examined the above premises with reference to the attached complaint, and find that the building in question is five stories and basement in height, and is occupied by dealer in books and stationery.

The fourth and fifth floors are occupied mainly as storage for books, and are somewhat overloaded at the present time. The loads posted are from 110 to 120 lbs. per square foot.

Instructions were given to distribute the load more uniformly over the floors.

I noticed no sagging of the ceilings or any evidence that the building was either in an unsafe or dangerous condition.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) ALFRED LUDWIG

Chief Inspector.



June 9/10  
N. to Floors of  
49 Murray St

Chief Inspector.

See with reference to the attached complaint and find that the



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RUDOLPH P. MILLER,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

NEW YORK CITY 13 June 1910.

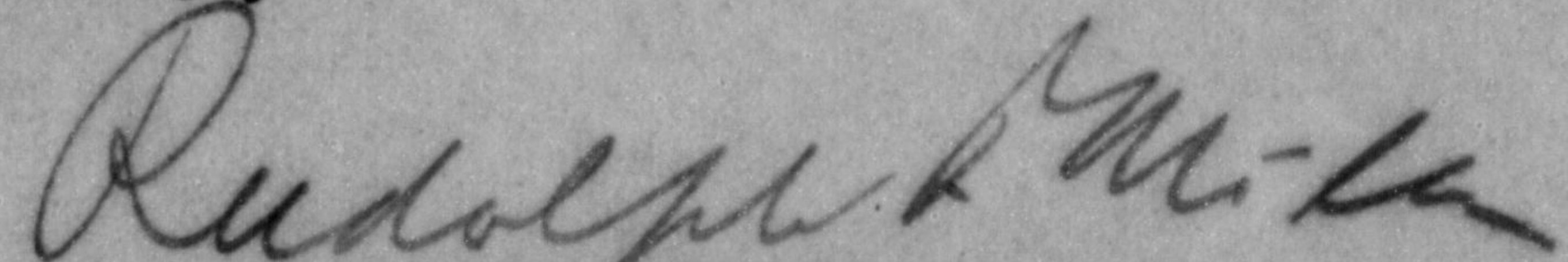
Robert Adamson, Esq.,

Secretary to the Mayor.

Dear Sir:

At the request of the Borough President  
I am enclosing you copy of a communication directed  
to Messrs. J. Eisner & Co., in reply to their letter  
of June 2nd sent to His Honor the Mayor, regarding  
fire escapes on the building 48-52 West 4th Street.

Respectfully,

  
Superintendent.

(Enclosure)



R.P.M.---F.

13 June 1910.

Messrs. J. Eisner & Co.,

48-52 West 4th St., City.

Gentlemen:

Your letter of June 2nd to His Honor the Mayor, relative to the lack of fire escapes on the building at 48-52 West 4th St., has been referred to me through the office of the Borough President, with request to communicate with you directly.

It is true that on March 30th you received a letter from me to the effect that an investigation had been made and fire escapes had been ordered on the building.

You will recall, however, a letter which was sent you on March 24, 1910, in which you were informed that the question was investigated, and in which it was stated that if the existing staircases in the building were always kept available for use, the stairways in themselves would furnish a much better means of exit than any outside fire escapes that might be provided.

The case referred to in the communication of March 30th was filed against the premises because the



To  
Messrs. J.E. & Co. -2-

first communication with the owner did not bring satisfactory results. A later inspection, however (on May 16, 1910), showed that all obstructions to the staircases had been removed; that the doors leading to the staircases had been put in proper working order, so that the exit facilities were made adequate and sufficient. On the strength of this the Fire Escape case was dismissed.

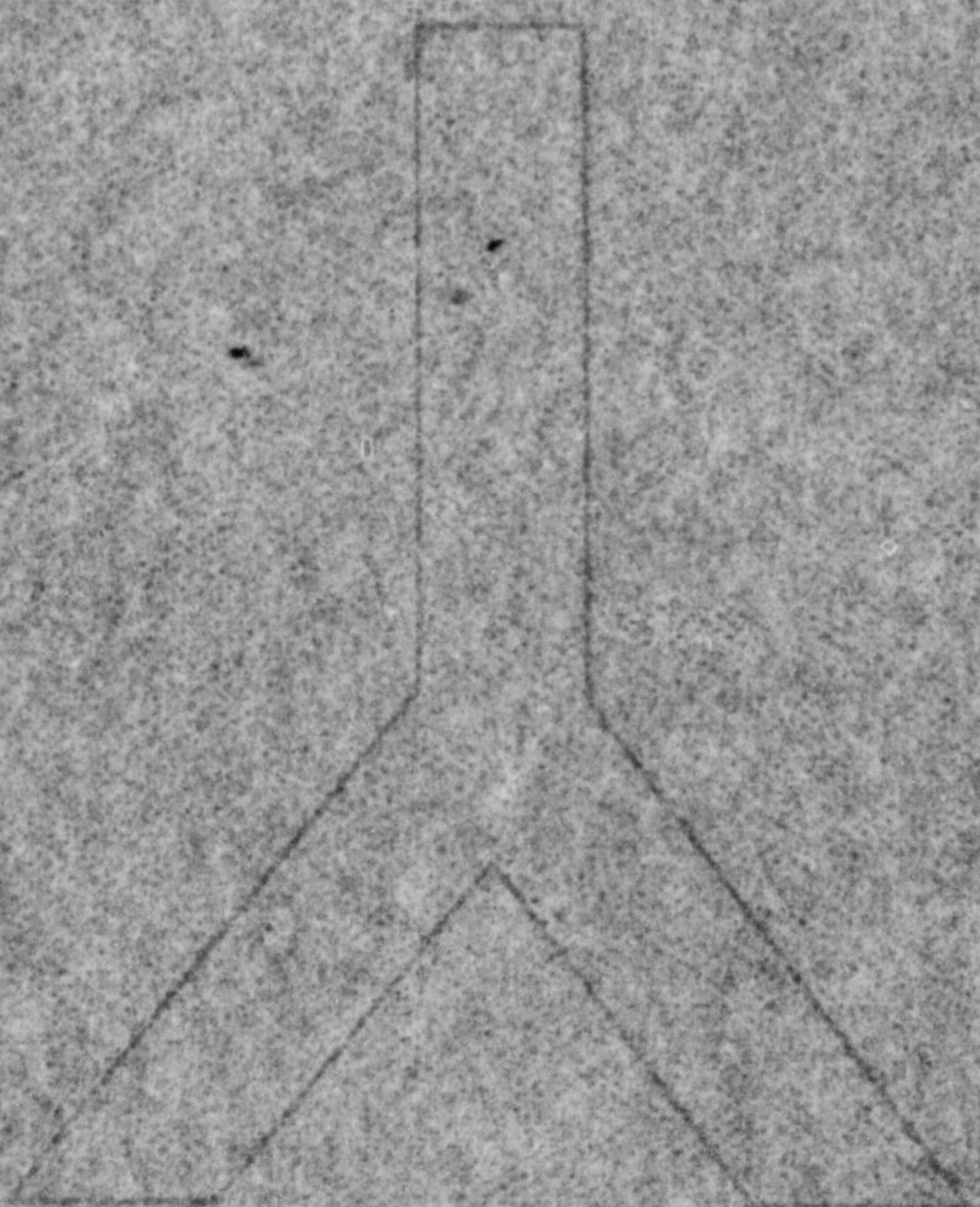
I would be glad to have you inform me at any time if conditions in the building are such as to obstruct either of the staircases in any way, so that proper steps might be taken to keep the building in good condition.

Yours truly,

Superintendent.



June 13/10  
Rep-on Letter of  
J. C. Smeethon



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RUDOLPH P. MILLER,  
SUPERINTENDENT.

NEW YORK CITY

July 15, 1910.

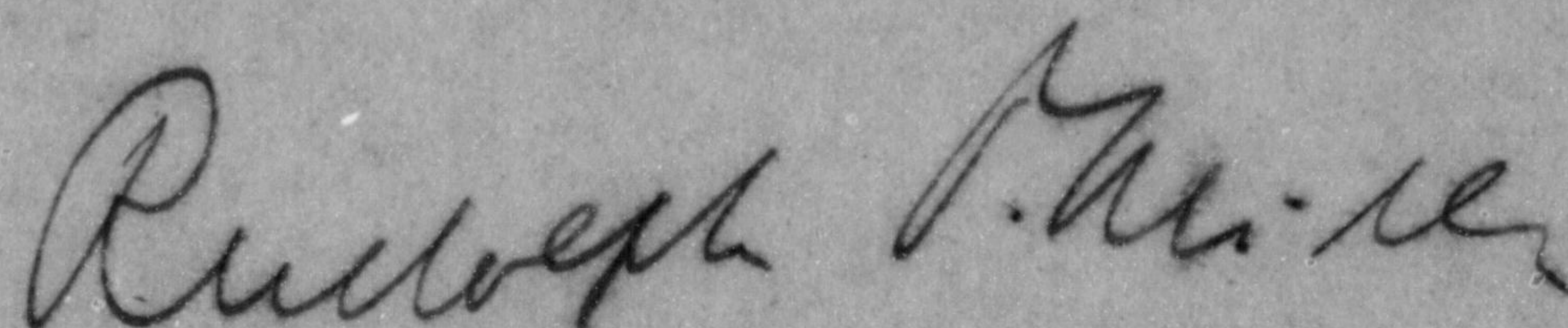
HON. WILLIAM J. GAYNOR,

Mayor, The City of New York.

Dear Sir:

I am in receipt of complaint of James Jefferson Hogan, of 2148 Lexington Avenue, forwarded here from the Borough President's office, relative to the Grand Stand on the Base Ball Grounds at 136th Street and Madison Avenue, and I enclose herewith copy of my reply to same, for your information.

Yours truly,



Superintendent.

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AL....NK

July 15, 1910.

MR. JAMES JEFFERSON HOGAN,  
2148 Lexington Avenue, City.

Dear Sir:

Replying to your letter, addressed to the Mayor, and which was forwarded to this Bureau for action, I beg to inform you that I have had an examination made of the Grand Stand on the Base Ball Grounds at 136th Street and Madison Avenue, which you state is not constructed in accordance with the provisions of the building law.

My Inspector reports that he finds that the construction is safe for the proposed use, that is, a total seating capacity of about three thousand.

There is, however, a violation pending against the above-mentioned Stand for failing to file plans and specifications for the erection of same, and before this violation can be removed, it will be necessary on the part of the owners to file plans with, and receive the approval of, this Bureau for same.

Yours truly,

Superintendent.



July 15/10

per Letter of  
Jas L Hogan  
re. H. Baseball  
Fund, 136 p



- Office of the President of the Borough of Manhattan

C O P Y

THE BUREAU OF BUILDINGS  
For The Borough of Manhattan  
220 Fourth Avenue.

New York City Aug. 27, 1910.

Hon. George McAneny,  
President of the Borough of Manhattan.

Dear Sir:

I have your letter of August 9th forwarding complaint signed "An Employee", relative to elevators in the Knickerbocker Building, No. 1402 Broadway, which was sent you through the Mayor's secretary.

After investigation I find that there is no cause for complaint. The elevators were found in good safe condition, and so far as could be learned nobody was killed or injured on the premises.

I have looked up the records of this bureau relative to these elevators, and find no accidents reported during 1910. I also find that the last periodic inspection of these elevators was made on June 4th, 1910, at which time they were found in good condition. No violations have been recorded against these elevators in the past two years.

I return you herewith the letter of the Mayor's secretary and the original complaint.

Respectfully,  
(Signed) Rudolph P. Miller,  
Superintendent.



Aug 27/1910

re. the complaint  
of "An Employee"  
of Elevators at  
102 Broadway

Respectfully,  
(Signed), Rudolph P. Miller,  
Superintendent.

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(Signed), Rudolph P. Miller,  
Superintendent.

I enclose herewith the letter of the Mayor's Secy  
concerning the condition of the elevators in the past two years.

No violations have been recorded.

on June 4th, 1910, at which time they were

inspected and found to be in good condition.





ALFRED E. STEERS, PRESIDENT

JOHN B. CREIGHTON, SECRETARY

The City of New York  
Office of the  
President of the Borough of Brooklyn

Brooklyn Dec. 5, 1910

Robert Adamson, Esq.,  
Secretary to the Mayor,  
City Hall, Manhattan.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of December 2d enclosing one from Mr. George R. Vernon, relative to the employee of the Park Department, is herewith returned for the reason that the President of the Borough of Brooklyn does not have jurisdiction over the Department of Parks. This is a matter which concerns the Commissioner of Parks for the Boroughs of Brooklyn and Queens.

I also return herewith communication recently forwarded from your office signed by Mrs. J. Clark, to the effect that improper use is being made of a floating bath house located in the Erie Basin. No bath house belonging to the Borough of Brooklyn is located in the Erie Basin and furthermore, we have interviewed two persons by the name of Mrs. J. Clark each of whom states that she is not the writer of this communication.

Yours very truly,

John B. Creighton  
Secretary.

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Dec 5/1910

Re. to Letters of  
G. P. Vernon  
Mrs J. T. Davis

Yours very truly,

Secretary.



CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR

Dec. 2, 1910.g

To the President of the  
Borough of Brooklyn.

Sir:

The Mayor desires me to transmit to you,  
for your consideration, the enclosed communication  
from George A. Vernon, 66 Duane Street, in behalf of  
Frank E. Ellis, who wishes to be reinstated as an  
employee in Prospect Park.

Respectfully,

*Robert Adams*

Secretary.

Enc.



Brooklyn New York Nov 28/10

Mayor Gaynor  
pleas sir

Am writing to  
you in regards to a floating  
bath house, located at Coney  
Island, inside of the stakes  
do not know positively if  
the name is printed on  
the boat, but the men  
call it the "Sunset"

A man and woman have  
charge of it, and they keep



a very disorderly place  
having white and colored  
girls there. It is frequented  
by all class of men & they  
also carry beer by the pan  
To give you the exact loca-  
tion as accurate as possible  
It is down at Erie Basin  
where they are filling in  
ground. I think it best  
to send a plain clothes  
man as I hear the police  
frequent the place also.



Kindly give this your prompt  
attention and consideration  
as you would do me a great  
favor by doing so.

Yours resp.

Mrs J. Clark

Brooklyn

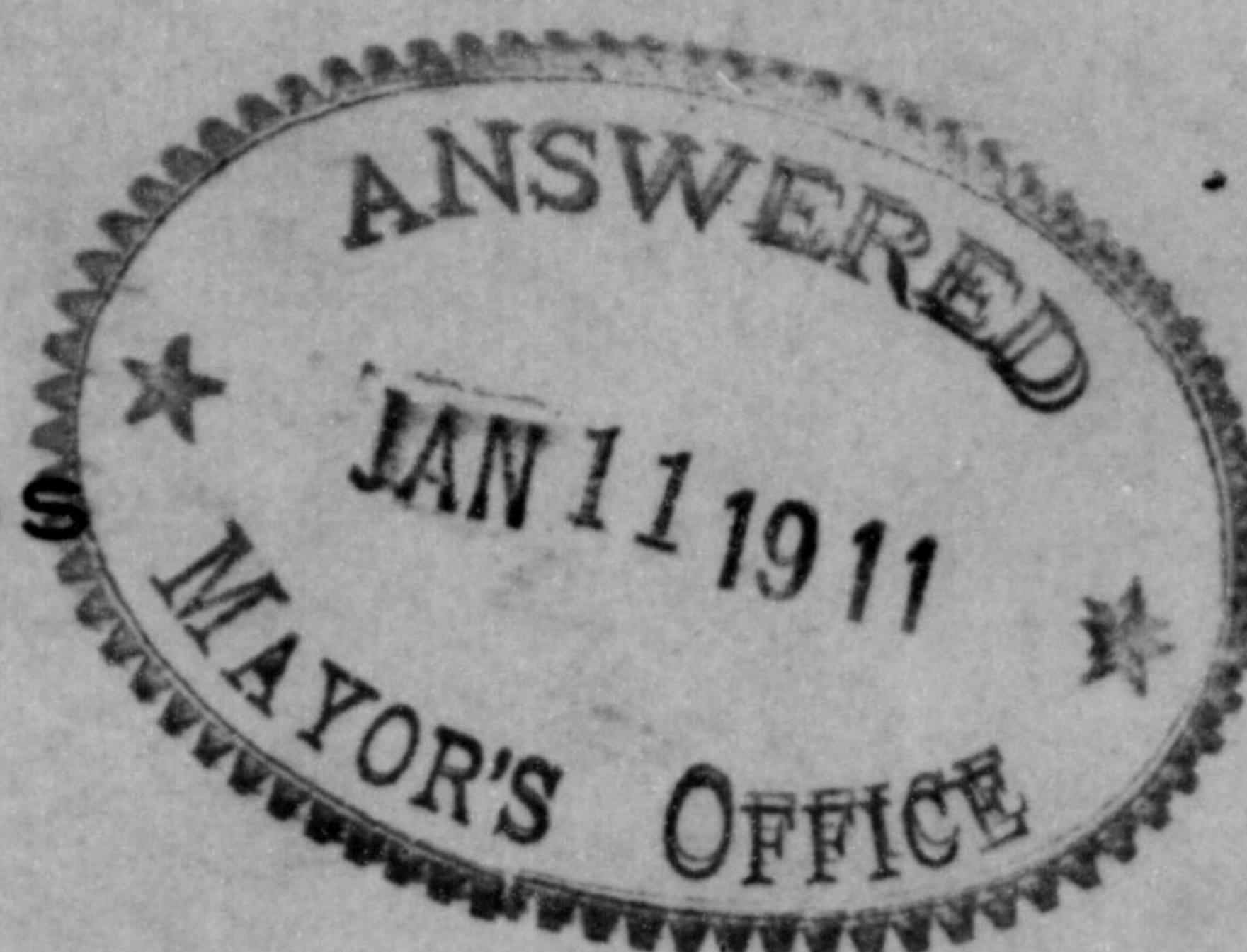
N. Y.



*Received  
Jan 11*

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RUDOLPH P. MILLER,  
SUPERINTENDENT.



NEW YORK CITY Dec. 22, 1910.

Hon. William J. Gaynor,

City Hall, City.

Dear Sir:

I beg to submit to you a letter which I have received from my friend, Mr. Timothy J. Leehane, of #122 West 63rd Street, New York.

I have known Mr. Leehane and his family intimately for the last fifteen years and place implicit confidence in his statements as to the case to which he refers.

In order that no injustice may be done to him, I am sending this letter for your attention.

Yours respectfully,

*Daniel Sullivan*