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Dear Miss Ramsey,

I was pleased to get your letter of the 22nd and to know that you had met Captain Weller, who is now helping me with personal cases.

With regard to the lads you mention, I think you should have the following notes from us.

Edward McCarthy came here from Nigeria on the 13th May as a stowaway and claims to have left Nigeria in 1942 to work as a clerk in Sierra Leone - later as P.C.952 Freetown for nine months only, than as a tally clerk on the ships before stowing away. Now working at the Ritz and living at Leman Street.

Claudius McKay is his friend who stowed away with him and is trying to get hotel work; living at Leman Street. He has a Seaman's Card from Freetown and apart from work as Galley Boy and Fitter, says that he worked for New Era Press during two years, when they closed down.

Bassey Esien, another stowaway, arrived 10th March, 1947. Served 28 days in Brixton, and has been a Galley Boy and Trimmer and is now at the Trocadero getting £4. 5. 0. weekly.

I am glad to note on my files what you have done with regard to these three lads. Incidentally, they had all approached us with regard to education and had been informed that we should be arranging for an evening course that they might attend, which would begin in September at the Bethnal Green Evening Institute.

Yours sincerely,

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