

AF: To give you an exact time on that I can turn to a letter from Fred P. Cone, Governor, addressed to me the 29th of June. Enclosed are the necessary papers to be executed by you as a prerequisite for a position with the proposed state road patrol. They told me to answer the questions in my own handwriting and execute it before a notary public. Return with my photograph and a health certificate completed by a physician. Return all the papers in one envelope. All right, I did that. And then on, let's see, the 30th of October, 1939, Bill Reid, who we, as we call him, W.F. Reid who was the appointed Director of the Florida Highway Patrol, he sent me a letter on the 30th of October and said, in connection with your application for a position on the Highway Patrol, Florida Highway Patrol, you're advised that this department will conduct a training school at Bradenton. Well, it just goes on to say that I had been accepted for the school. And of course it would be up to me to pass it. And it tells that you're further advised that your board and lodging will be paid while you are attending this school. Laundry, pressing, etc. will be the expense of the individual. You will be paid on a basis of \$75 per month during the time that you attend the school. And before you travel to Bradenton by bus or train, secure receipts in duplicate covering the cost of your transportation in order for reimbursement. In the event you report for duty at the training school it will be necessary for you to report to Patrol headquarters, Manavista Hotel, Bradenton, between the hours of 10:00 AM and 6:00 PM, Sunday, November the 5th, 1939. And of course they wanted a prompt reply. And as I have mentioned to you previously