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To Whom It May Concern:

On Saturday, March 9, 1974, while visiting friends at 315 E. 8th St., Manhattan, a fire broke out in a small grocery store (and apartment building) directly across the street. My friend's roommate, Ralph Feldman, who, I believe, is a fireman, immediately rushed to the scene.

While calling the fire department and an ambulance, I was able to witness some of his actions from a second-floor vantage point, to wit:

Calming down a gathering crowd and helping to free a man trapped between the locked scissors-gate and the front door of the store.

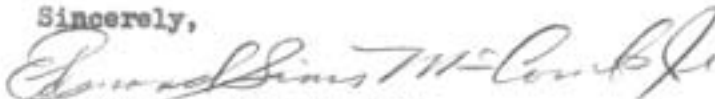
Climbing the front fire escape to assist some persons down in the face of the growing fire, until being forced off because of the intense heat.

Entering the burning building to aid and lead the tenants to safety.

I, among others, witnessed and appreciated Mr. Feldman's actions, and I thought they deserved to be brought to the attention of your office.

If I can be of any further assistance in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely,


Edmond Sims McCombs, Jr.