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August 5, 1947

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Under Secretary

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ROBERT A. LOVETT

Under Secretary

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
Campbelle Island,
New Brunswick,
Canada.

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Campobello Island
New Brunswick, Canada

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Your letter of 27 July 1947, to Mr. Robert A. Lovett, Under Secretary of State, regarding the requisitioning of the home of Prince Louis Ferdinand, has been referred to this Division.

As it is the policy of Military Government to avoid the unnecessary requisitioning of homes in the U.S. Zone of Occupation, copies of your letter and the inclosure are being forwarded to General Clay for his information and appropriate action.

Sincerely yours,

DANIEL ROGE
Major General, GSC
Chief, Civil Affairs Division

Ferdinand

Campobello Island
New Brunswick
Canada
July 27, 1947

Dear Mr. Lovett:

I am sending you this letter for any consideration you think it is worth.

I do remember that Louis Ferdinand worked in the Ford Company over here and while I doubt if my husband considered either of the grandsons of the Kaiser who came to this country as very important, he did meet them both and I think he thought Louis Ferdinand had some possibilities.

Very sincerely yours,

Ferdinand

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Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt,
Hyde Park, New York.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Please do not consider this as a "Crank" letter since it is being dispatched to you in sincerity and with the hope of doing some good for the integrity of the Armed Forces in Europe. I address this to you since my message concerns Prince Louis Ferdinand of Bad Kissingen, Germany who was a personal friend of our late President.

As you know, the residences of German civilians are taken over by our Armed Forces for use by Occupational personnel. Here in Bad Kissingen, Germany, a Brigadier General Fitzmaurice who was recently assigned as Commanding General of the XII Tactical Air Command, replacing Major General Walsh, decided to take over the house of Prince Louis Ferdinand although the quarters vacated by General Walsh were available and much more desirable.

At the present time General Fitzmaurice has finally taken over General Walsh's quarters, but insisted that the Prince vacate his home, although the Army has no use for this house. It was necessary to move some bed ridden patients from a sanitorium to make room for the Prince and his family, and the home he vacated is now idle.

Since the purpose of our armed forces here is to help democratize these people, I feel, and numerous other Officers here agree that General Fitzmaurice has undone what has required a lot of work and money to attain. The people of the town ask why this was done, and there is no answer can be given. The Prince was not a Nazi, but is a fine gentleman and a potential help in accomplishing our mission here. With such action as this General has demonstrated however, we would do better to vacate the country, since to teach democracy, we must practice it. This sort of provocation is rampant here in Germany, and since Military Headquarters cover up for their subordinate units, I submit this to your attention in the hope that some action might result which will rid the Army of these incompetents who gained war time rank out of proportion with their capacity.

Very Sincerely Yours

Harry T. Vaughn
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Colonel, Air Corps.