

Hem-Henry

Henderson, M

Henderson

February 22, 1947

Dear Mary:

I am sorry you can not come to lunch although I understand perfectly that you can not leave Mary. I am delighted she is getting on so well.

On February 28th, I am leaving for a lecture trip and will not be back until March 23rd. However, any time after that that you can come in, I shall be happy to see you. My telephone is Algonquin 4-2822, and the office telephone is Al 4-1458. I plan to move to the country sometime in April, but as I have several engagements in New York, I shall be here part of the time.

I am glad you feel that Elizabeth is happy. Joel is doing so well at Cornell, I know that is a great satisfaction to her.

Many thanks for your check and hoping to see you soon, I am,

Affectionately,

Wood,
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W we feel. F. S. W has
a very good salary
now so please do
not think that we
cannot afford our
full share. It is just
that we bought this
place a year ago
the fire prices went
so high and we
took an option for
a year or more
and which we
are going to buy

Vault
for the first
time

By ~~St. W. J. Wood~~
Local Valley
New York -
Aug. 13th -

Dear Cousin Eleanor,

Thank you
so much for your
letter about the Vault.
I certainly do want
to pay my share of
it but I cannot
put out that much
until January, 1914
when I can pay

SEPT. 1st. We also
have F Jr's school
bill. We feel just
fed with what
F Sw. now cares in
buying now but
for the first year
it has made us
low on cashore-
lowe save the money
always kept for
emergency here or
at home. Forest's
father did this

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Spring that had
had to be out in-
surance which cover-
ed all of that. He
did not want his
children to pay out
anything but mother
is very old and
not well and one
has to be prepared.
I am sorry to go
into all this detail
but I did not
want you to think
that we were not

Dear Ned
Dear Olive
When

Wonder how Marie
is getting on and
how she looks to make
up and see further
which as just had been
possible to get away.

Thanking you
again I am,

Lovingly yours,
Wary Henderson

in a position to do
our full share. I also
could pay you
so much each
month beginning
Oct. 15th if that
would be more con-
venient.

I do hope you
and all the family
are well and have
had a nice summer.
I do hope Miss
Thompson is feeling
better now also. I

Henderson -
upon receipt of your
letter I asked the Hon. Dist.
for a report on your case.

I understand your record
has been reviewed & the
sentence changed to
life imprisonment. However

Henderson, S.
1/1/50

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Apartment 15A
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, New York

WAR DEPART
OFFICE OF THE ASSIST
WASHINGTON

*Forwarded
attached*

now you have been
returned to the US
(add marked para)

*see memo
to you here
& etc*

*former
affid*

*Henderson, S.
Tappan*

WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE ASSISTANT SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

17 SEP 1947

See in all that case Bx 3752

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Apartment 15A
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, New York

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When Henderson has been returned to the United States, and has been at his place of confinement long enough for the authorities at the institution to prepare and forward to the War Department the case history material necessary to a clemency review, his case will be considered by the Clemency Board in this office. Your enclosures



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will be attached to Henderson's personal file for the Board's attention at that time.

Please be assured that the War Department will continue to accord this man every possible consideration.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) G. K. Heiss

G. K. HEISS
Colonel, G.S.C.
Executive

Very sincerely yours,

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August 14, 1947

Dear Mr. Secretary:

I am enclosing a
copy of a letter which I received.
Will you please advise me what has
been done about this case?

With many thanks,

Very sincerely yours,

General Prisoner Branch Stockade
PHILRYCOM, APO 707, c/o Postmaster
San Francisco, California
July 18, 1947.

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AUG - 4 1947
U. S. DELEGATION

Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt
United Nations Organization
Lake Success, New York.

Dear Mrs Roosevelt:

I, Private Samuel W Henderson, 42260627, am writing to you for help. I have been sentenced to die by hanging for a crime that I did not commit and that I swear that I am innocent. It is alleged that I killed a soldier. The soldier was supposed to have been shot two times but three persons have been sentenced to die for ~~this~~ murder of which I am one of the person. It is with regrets that I have to bother you at this time when I feel certain that you are very busy with your many other jobs but it so happened that this is a life or death matter with me and having read and heard of your many other helps to unfortunate persons I am begging you to please do what is within your power to rectify this injustice that is being done to me. I am sure that you will not stand to see justice miscarried if you can stop it and see that justice is done to all.

My court-martial record has been forwarded to the War Department in Washington, D. C. and I am at present awaiting for the verdict from the War Department. I have served in two branches of the services, namely the Merchant Marines and the Army. I have never been in trouble before never I have been accused of any crime before this trouble. This is true both in civilian and military life.

Again I beg of you to please use your influence in helping to eradicate this injustice that is being done to me.

Thanking you in advance for your trouble and hoping that you will be able to help me I am

Very truly yours,

Samuel W. Henderson

Samuel W Henderson
Private 42260627

