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Mr. Wood-

A thousand thanks  
for your kindness.

I shall await the new  
hearing aid with joy.

Many thanks for coming

Dear Aunt @ I hope  
he will make the  
conclusion. I remembered  
to tell the rest &  
pleasure this trip  
gave my husband

*M. McDonald Jr*

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E. F. McDONALD, JR.  
PRESIDENT

February 13, 1947

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
29 Washington Square, West  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have asked Miss Strassmann, manager of our New York Hearing Aid Division, to communicate with you. I have sent to her, for you, one of our new model "75" hearing aids which are just coming out.

*A thousand thanks for your letter*

At long last we have a hearing aid for which you don't have to be wired for sound. It is self-contained, yet economical in operation. The trouble with all hearing aids in the past was that they had been designed by engineers with perfectly normal hearing. They had not known how hearing aids sound to those with deficient hearing. This is the first instrument that sounds right to me in my deficient ear. I hope you like it.

I am enclosing a copy of a letter that I have sent to ex-Ambassador Ciechanowski, which speaks for itself. Jim Rowley of the White House Secret Service called my attention to the book, and the misstatement.

*Thank you so much. I hope to receive it.*

I will be glad to write you further, if and when I receive an answer from the ex-Ambassador.

Cordially yours,

*E. F. McDonald Jr*

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OFFICE OF  
E. F. McDONALD, JR.  
PRESIDENT

February 12, 1947

Honorable Jan Ciechanowski  
3 Doubleday & Company  
Garden City, New York

My dear Ambassador Ciechanowski:

I have read with a great deal of interest your book, Defeat in Victory, but wish to point out one rather serious error. It occurs on page 195, where you speak of President Roosevelt's meeting Prime Minister Churchill "somewhere in Canada" on a "fishing expedition" where they had an opportunity of personal talks before opening the actual conference of August 17. You go on to say that they did not linger long over this "fishing expedition," but left to take part in what was to be the first entirely secret Big Three meeting on Manitoulin Island.

You are obviously referring to Roosevelt's absence from Washington between July 31 and August 8, since it was announced on August 9 that he had returned from a trip to Canada that began on July 31, and since you give August 11 as the date when you learned they were both disappointed with the meeting.

It so happens that President Roosevelt really was on a fishing expedition, and not on a meeting with either Churchill or Stalin or Molotov. I know, because I arranged and conducted that expedition, and was present during the entire seven day period.

President Roosevelt and his party, which included Admiral Leahy, Secretary Byrnes and Harry Hopkins, left Washington on the night of July 31, and came directly to Birch Island, Ontario, Canada (about eight miles north of Manitoulin Island) by train, without stopping anywhere. They arrived on August 1. For the next seven days, Mr. Roosevelt fished every day, and I can assure you that he never once set foot on Manitoulin Island. Neither Stalin, Molotov, nor Churchill were present at any time. However, there were so many Secret Service men and Royal Northwest Mounties around, that rumors flew thick and fast. It was said that Stalin was there, that Churchill was there, and even that Mussolini was being brought in in chains. None of these rumors

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was true. President Roosevelt was simply taking a well earned rest and fished every day with some of his intimate friends and advisors.

The presidential party left Birch Island by train on the afternoon of August 7, and proceeded without stopover to Washington, where they arrived on August 8, 1943.

From the foregoing it is obvious that the secret meeting you describe of Messrs. Roosevelt, Churchill, and Molotov did not take place. Nevertheless, you have published its occurrence as a positive statement of fact which will be accepted by your readers in good faith. Since your book has had wide circulation, I believe that you and your publishers should, in consideration to all parties concerned, publish a full and complete retraction.

Sincerely,

E. F. McDonald, Jr.

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*J. McDonald*

Jerusalem, 1st May, 1947

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
29, Washington Square,  
New York. N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Several times during my weeks here in Palestine, I have thought of you and wished that you might have been with me here. Quite aside from all political implications, the work of reconstruction on the land and the development of industry in this small country, and the work at the University together with the plans for the new Medical School, constitute a modern miracle, and one which gives the observer a new sense of the creative power of Jewish young men and women.

The enclosed copy of a long letter which I wrote to Judge Hutcheson a few days ago will give you some impression of how I feel about the situation. Perhaps when I am back, you will let me come to talk to you about it.

Cordially,

*J. McDonald*  
James A. McDonald.

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J. McDonald*