Miss T....
Gerald Morgan says that the school is east of Troy and it is two hours by car from Hyde Park.

his letter is att'd
Mr. Gene de Morgan...I am at Hyde Park. He and his family are leaving now. Please come to see them. They are going to the South of France.

Gerald:

Dear Gerald,

There was a letter from the Red Cross about speaking at Horace

There is a chance you may go on June 14 for their Commencement but if you will let me know how long it takes how I get there I will try to make a deal?...
Portland, Oregon
March 6, 1947

Dear Gerald:

I will try to go to Tom's school if they will set a date and I can fit it in. However, after I return from this trip on March 23rd, I shall have to devote a good deal of my time to the work on the drafting of a Bill for Human Rights.

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Very cordially yours,
Dear Eleanor,

Do you remember asking me to remind you about subscribing to The Church Times on March 17th?

Somehow I hate to do it, because you have been so pleased.

One other thing. I have just had a letter from the headmaster of Tom's School, Mr. Weed, in which he asks me whether there is the "remotest possibility" that you would go up there same time in the spring and talk to him.
Dear Eleanor,

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Boys about your work at Lake Success.

Mr. Wood was a master at Shrewsbury, and he says he taught all your boys except James, so perhaps you remember him.

Apparently all he wants me to tell him is whether it would be any use for him to write to you.

This school is east of Troy, and it is two hours by car from Hyde Park.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt

Hyde Park, Duchess County
New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Recently I mentioned to Mr. Gerald Morgan, whose son, Tom, is a senior in this school, our very great hope and wish that it might be possible to have you come to talk to the school and a few friends about the United Nations. Mr. Morgan said that although your schedule was extremely full, he thought it might indeed be something you would wish to do. Therefore, I am extending you an invitation to come to Hoosac School this spring, at any time which is convenient for you. This might be either on a Saturday or Sunday afternoon or evening, or on a weekday in the evening. Or if you would like to do so, it might be that you could make the graduation address on Saturday, June 11, at 3 o'clock in the afternoon or if you prefer, on Sunday, June 15, at 3 o'clock. We could arrange so that the graduation exercises could be on either of these days.

The only dates which would be impossible for us are May 18, June 1 and Thursday, May 15, which is Ascension Day.

Perhaps Mr. Morgan has told you something about Hoosac School. This is an old Church School, founded by the Rev. Edward Dudley Tibbals, in 1889. He was an old St. Paul's school boy and spent his life in a devoted fashion in this little community. He was rector of the local parish church and founded a small parochial school which developed into a boys' boarding school. He died in 1930 and during the depression years the school had a difficult time. However, it carried on through, due to the devoted service of a great many people. I am thinking especially of Ruby and Jessie McKeon and Margaret Williams, who have served in the kitchen, pantry and linen room for well over forty years. Ruby will celebrate her fiftieth anniversary here next fall. Many of the faculty, likewise, have given of their love and devotion to the school.

We are working hard on the development of our curriculum now and believe that we can make a real contribution to the important challenges of our times through the coordination of all our studies which are grounded in the Christian Faith. I am enclosing a copy of a simple statement which underlies the development of our curriculum, which has been recently set down by the cooperative efforts of the faculty.

Under separate cover I am sending you a booklet about Hoosac School which will give you a further insight into what we are trying to do.
I remember with much pleasure my own days at Groton as a boy under Dr. Peabody and later, two years of teaching in 1929 and 1930. I had several of your own boys in my classes. I knew Elliott, Franklin and John.

It will give me personally much pleasure to have you come to be with us and I know that Tom Morgan will feel very proud if you can come.

Sincerely,

Headmaster

It would be wonderful if you could give the graduation address!
FOUNDATIONS

1. God is the supreme and final Reality.
2. The natural world is derived from God's creative thought and will.
3. Man is dependent upon God and His created universe.

EDUCATIONAL AIMS

The purpose of Hoosac School is to develop in each boy an understanding of his natural environment, his relationship to his fellowmen and his sonship to Almighty God; to train him in the practice and responsibilities of these relationships.

THE CURRICULUM RESTS ON THE FOUNDATIONS AND IS DIRECTED TOWARD THE EDUCATIONAL AIMS

All study—teaching and learning alike—is planned to assist the fundamental purpose of interpreting for boys their relationship to Nature, Man, and God. They are helped to gain an understanding of and a proper practical activity in each of these three great areas.

HISTORY: The aim of the study of History, the focal point of our curriculum, is to trace man's progress toward the goal of life through the development of civilizations, with the challenges presented to man at various times and places, and to observe and evaluate Man's response to such challenges.

ENGLISH: The aim of the study of English is to provide a vehicle for the understanding of life and for the conveyance of ideas to other people. Boys gain a command of the mechanics of English and learn to appreciate literature. Thus they are enabled to gain a deeper knowledge of the three realms of Nature, Man and God through the great thoughts and experiences of others.

SCIENCE: The purpose of Science teaching is to lead boys to practical knowledge of Man, of the natural world about him and of the greater universe beyond, and to develop a sense of the right use of the opportunities which Science has placed at Man's command.
MATHEMATICS: The study of Mathematics provides essential tools for the work of life, and leads to a conception of the majesty of our ordered universe.

ANCIENT LANGUAGES: The aim in studying Ancient Languages is to provide a knowledge of language itself and its uses, its relation to English and other languages and an insight into civilizations and literatures which have deeply influenced our own.

MODERN LANGUAGES: The acquisition of a modern foreign language provides means of contact with the mind and thought of related peoples of our own civilization through conversation and the study of their language and literature.

RELIGION: The aim of Religion is to gather into a coherent whole the acquired knowledge of Nature, Man and God acquired in studies of the curriculum, and to present the supreme challenge of God to Man and Man's response to that challenge.
Mr. Horace Morgan
Hyde Park, N.Y.

Dear Horace,

I am sending my check for $25, which completes my pledge of contribution to the church. It is now 75 cents per cent of $25 contribution.

Sincerely,

[Signature]
Dear [Name],

There was Mrs. [Name] a check for 75c for 91c. This leaves only 91c on my pledge of $75. Since we agreed that the post card was included in the total pledge.

Yrs. Cordly,

Yours sincerely,

Mrs. [Name]
Dear —

I apologize for the delay in our letter writing our school.

It is not possible for me to come on June 15 as the ITF Commission meeting at St. George's at that time. I cannot give you any other date because I will be too busy in the next several weeks.

With many thanks for your kind consideration.
April 15, 1947

14 EAST 33rd STREET
NEW YORK 23, N. Y.

Dear [Name],

Many as he mum to ask you if you would mind leaving the answer to the invitation to L. M.'s school dance. She says she isn't planning to go up there any time soon, but might do so later.

Yours sincerely,

[Name]

P.S. We will be at Night Park for good next Friday the 18th.

With this letter,

[Signature]
May 4, 1947

Dear Gerald! (Morgan)

I am enclosing my check for $100. The rest will be forthcoming in installments now and then.

Very cordially yours,

Mark on cards
St. James Church, Hyde Park

$100.
Dear [Name],

I am entirely in agreement with all of the suggestions in your letter of Oct 18.
Oct. 18, 1922

Dear Eleanor,

Referring to your letter of Oct 9th, the ladies of the Congregational Church collected several hundred dollars during the summer from visitors to the Church.

Consequently, if incurred both to them and to me, that it might be well worthwhile to have a little ceremony at the unveiling of the plaque, provided that you yourself approved, and could arrange for a certain amount of publicity beforehand. Not only might this publicity help
To maintain a considerable source of income for the church, but it might also help Mr. Elliott.

Yours sincerely,

[J. Edgar Hoover]

P.S. Also, to put the argument in a diplomatically low level, any added source of income might remove a lot of financial pressure on the Russell & Morgan families.

Sincerely,
January 12, 1948

Dear Gerald:

I am enclosing my check for $500. This covers pew rent of $75.
and $425 as my gift for this year.

Very cordially yours,
To the Members of St. James Church:

You are approached this year in connection with the Every Member Canvas for the first time in several years.

As you know, it is the custom in the Episcopal Church to determine the financial needs for the coming year during this season and to present the budgetary items to the members of the church for their review and pledge.

It is in this manner that the parish endeavors to remain solvent.

In the past St. James Parish has been fortunate in counting in its list of contributors several people who were able to give generously toward the support of our Church.

This is no longer the case.

We are now faced with a situation which requires that every member do his and her share in contributing toward and participating in your Church's activities.

We give you these thoughts for your consideration:

Give according to your means.
If you want a good world start with yourself.
What would my Church be if every member were just like me?
A going church is like a going business; it is a success only when everyone contributes his share.
Your church expenses continue the same whether or not you are present each Sunday to deposit your envelope.

We present for your review certain pertinent facts pertaining to the financial needs of the Parish and we trust and hope they will guide you toward a generous response through the medium of an envelope pledge.

BUDGET DATA for 1948

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[Handwritten note:]

I will pave you an account of all money.
Budget Figures brought forward

Credits

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Balance to be raised through additional pledges: $3757.00

A break-down of the income being received through the medium of envelope pledges in 1947 indicates that:

15 contributors give $1.00 or more a week

9 " " .50 to .75 " "

14 " " .25 to .45 " "

8 " " less than .25¢ " "

Adding the list of contributors, we have 46 who contribute regularly out of 137 families.

Without too much figuring it can be seen that we fall considerably short of the amount necessary to carry on.

Will you not, therefore, consider earnestly the regular contribution of your share toward the support of your Church?

Will you please forward the enclosed pledge card to your Rector, Rev. Gordon L. Kidd, Hyde Park, New York or to Mr. O. H. Minton, Hyde Park, New York, and envelopes will be provided for your use.

Sincerely yours,

THE RECTOR, WARDENS and VESTRYMEN, of St. James Church, Hyde Park, New York,

O. H. Minton, Chairman, Every Member Canvas.
November 24, 1947

Dear Rev. Kidd:

I will pay my pew rent of $75.00 and subscribe $200.00 as usual to be paid in installments. I am enclosing my pledge card for $2 every Sunday. If you will see that the envelopes are sent to me, I will see that they are filled.

Very sincerely,

P.S. Elliott tells me that he has not received any communication from you. He is not a communicant but he is a member of the parish and did give a contribution last year, so that I would like to have you ask him again.
Gerald Morgan

Dear..."...I was telling Dr. Morgan just a few days ago about putting up a plaque under 'Rassell' A similar thing put there under the Beautiful. He was planned to talk to you about it to find out how it could be done.

Of course we are delighted that the vestry has raised enough money. We would like to contribute a little something if the vestry does not feel that that would be supringing on their bequests.
I want very much to see the plagues & where you are putting it but I feel it best to one put it up, it should make the final decision.

I will let up the Sunday after next so I will surely come to church.
April 18, 1947

P. O. BOX 38
HYDE PARK
DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

Dear [Name],

The party has raised enough money for a tablet to Franklin in the church, but I really think - and so do they - that you ought to know where we propose to put it, and what it would look like, before we go ahead.

If you are coming to church some Sunday, I could show you in five minutes. Or I could mark you on at the church some other time.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]
369 South Adams Road
Birmingham, Mich.
12th Oct 1947

Dear Mr. Morgan,

We are sending separately a print of the drawing for the memorial in Hyde Park church.

This drawing is the actual size of the plaque and we think the maximum size to ensure good relationship to the one above (centered under it) and to ensure good proportions on the wall as a whole. We tested it in position when we were at Hyde Park this summer and believe it will provide for easy reading at a distance.

The marble proposed is "Light Damby" — a very fine white Vermont marble (the same I think as used in the main Hyde Park memorial) and which will help to provide a unity in character. The H.A. Manley Company in Detroit seems both a reasonable and reliable firm to deal with in the supply and cutting of the marble. The type of finish should not be a highly polished one which may tend to reflect light but a softer "honed" finish.

Our advice on the lettering is to use a simplified Roman letter which will harmonize with the other memorials in the church and at the same time keep some relationship to the grave memorial. Sandblasting is suggested as a method of cutting (rather than handcutting) not necessarily because the other is twice as expensive, but because a much deeper letter can be cut by this method which seems essential to make the wording show up clearly in the particular location we have. The sharpness and fineness of each letter would of course be the same by either method.

It would be very desirable to leave the letters exactly as cut, but if they still do not show up clearly enough, they can easily be painted afterwards (perhaps in gold) similar to the other memorials.

We discarded the other idea of raising the letters above the surface of the plaque, not only because this would not entirely harmonize with the other plaques but because the
individual letters would have to be larger and thicker — which is somewhat impossible — and due to the danger of eventual chipping would not have the lasting permanence of the other type.

You will notice on the drawing that we have spaced the lines to form as far as possible a simple rectangular pattern, and made the last four lines of equal height; this, we think, gives just the right importance to all the lines, and the first line, being slightly more widely spaced with higher letters, will have a degree of emphasis.

The Sheldon Granite Company in Detroit have, we find, one or two very fine lettering craftsmen and good facilities for this work.

We have tried various designs for the plaque itself but have always come back to one that is a simple, well proportioned rectangle without any border or any other decorative device to distract from the lettering (as in the grave memorial) — in other words one that depends entirely upon the actual type and spacing of the lettering, the character and finish of the marble, and the general proportions to give the feeling of dignity that we are hoping to achieve.

If you have other thoughts about this I hope you will not hesitate to express them.

We will ensure that the plaque will be provided with four "lugs" leaded into the back of the marble for fastening into the wall. The price for all the work including crating for shipping express to Hyde Park has been quoted to us as under $150. We are presuming that you will be able to arrange the installation.

Nothing will be done until we hear from you: I don't think the actual work will take long since this marble is held in stock.

With kindest regards, Eleanor and Edward Elliott

We are sending a copy of this and the drawing to Aunt Eleanor.
October 23, 1947

Dear Gerald,

It is entirely agreeable to me to proceed with the plaque and to have the ceremony in the spring after I return from England, which should be around the 20th of April.

Will you let me know how much of a subscription you would like from me?

Very sincerely,
Oct 21, 1947

Dear Glenn,

Reference to your letter of Oct 16th (and to my talk with Ellis Thompson on Sunday), the Special Committee of the Society has already promptly authorized me (subject to your approval as one of the members of that committee) to invite to The Elliotts to proceed with the plague.

Sincerely, The leader of the Congregational District (also subject
to your approval) that the unveiling ceremony take place next spring after your return from Europe rather than this autumn.

Will you please let me know whether you approve the design of the plaque and the timing of the ceremony?

Your sincerely,

[Signature]
Nov 25, 1947

Dear Cleve,

I know have $75 toward the Elliotts' $150 and can get as much more as you like. I should think. Anyway, I'll leave it till you get back from Geneva.

Yours sincerely,

Happy holidays!

[Signature]

E. H. Seligmans
Dear Gerald,

I hate to think it must be worse to wait until after I get back from England to get the deli for unrelenting the plague.

I thought the money was to be given by the testing of the people of H.P., in which case I would like to join in, but if it comes from an outside source that makes a difference.
Dear Eleanor,

The money to pay for the plaque is already in the bank—out of unsolicited contributions sent to me by outsiders for that purpose.

The ladies of the congregation tell me that visitors invariably regard the church itself as intimately bound up with Franklin's memory. This is why I think that publicity previous to the dedication of the plaque would...
not many do mean't of it. I'd
appreciate if you could
inform me of the
preparation. Please take
the time to reply as
to this, as I'm very
concerned. I would
appreciate it if you
could help me
with this matter.

Thank you for your
support.

John Smith
March 29, 1948

Morgan, Y

Dear Eleanor,

Some I missed your letter in New York. I am planning for the unwinding on May 20th - an splendid. The city passed a resolution of approval this evening.

I am very sincerely,

Sandra Morgan

June-

Read your friend, letter to Justice and general stuff.