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J. Ciechanowski
6205 - 29th St. N.W.,
Washington 15, D. C.

February 24th 1947.

Dear Mr. McDonald,

The delay in answering your letter of February 12th, addressed to me c/o Doubleday and Company in New York, and of the copy of the same letter which you enclosed in your letter of February 18th addressed to my residence in Washington, was caused by my absence from Washington. I have found both your letters awaiting me on my return to Washington.

I am grateful to you for the kind interest you have shown in my book and for the information which you give me concerning President Roosevelt's fishing trip in Canada in the beginning of August, 1943, prior to the Quebec Conference.

It interested me greatly to know more about this aspect of that episode. While I have no doubt concerning the accuracy of your description of that trip, I can assure you that my sources of information on the meeting mentioned in my book are unimpeachable and that I still honestly have no doubt that it did take place. I am quite content to stand on my statement of these facts, confident that time will reveal and fully corroborate them. I recognize that secrecy on this subject was fully justified during the war to avoid giving information to the enemy. However, I fail to see any reason for the secrecy which still at present appears to surround this historic event.

Yours sincerely,

J. Ciechanowski

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OFFICE OF
E. F. McDONALD, JR.
PRESIDENT

February 28, 1947

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Blackstone Hotel
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am sorry Miss Strassmann did not present you with your new model "75" hearing aid before you left New York but, as you know, she has been in Chicago. If you would like to have this new instrument to use on your trip, just give me a ring on the phone on your arrival and I will be very glad to send it over to your Chicago Hotel by our physicist, Miss Elizabeth Kelsey, to demonstrate how it works.

When I wrote to ex-Ambassador Ciechanowski, telling him the facts of the fishing trip, I was in hopes that he would admit his error, or at least say that his information had been inaccurate. However, he sticks to his story, as you will see by the enclosed photostatic copy of his letter. I thought you would be particularly interested in the reply.

I have written to General Marshall and ex-Secretary Byrnes, asking whether or not they have any objections to me releasing to the press my original letter to Ciechanowski. If they have none, it is my intention to give the facts to the press.

With all good wishes, I am

Sincerely,

E. F. McDonald

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Encl.

Telephone - BERkshire 7500

April 17, 1947

Mrs. Elenor Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York,
N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Elenor:

On April 12, 1945, I was recovering from a minor operation,
at the Regional Hospital, at the Sioux Falls Army Air Base,
Sioux Falls, So. Dak.

It was that day that we received the heart breaking words,
of our President's death.

Shortly after that, a hospital-mate and I wrote a few disting-
uished words , which we contributed to the death of our last
Commander-in-Chief.

I have been urged to send the words to you as you may like them
for your files. So I have enclosed them, with this short message.

Greatest Sympathy
Yours Truly

Thomas L. Pelen
514 8th., St.
Huntingburg, Indiana.

Written April 12, 1945--By an-unknown soldier from Tennessee and Myself.

Our Lost Commander-in-Chief

Our Nations Mourns to-day
For our Commander-in-Chief,
Who has passed away.
Our thoughts are all sorrows
But we must not think of to-day
But of to-morrow.

His wish would have been, that
we carry on and achieve the
Goal, Until Victory is won.
His old familiar Phrase,
would have said,
We'll hit them harder, again
and again.

So for you, "Our Commander-in-Chief",
We'll give them hell from the
west and the east.
And when the boys come home
From over there, once more
They'll miss you, "Our President",
Our Commander-in-Chief.

Thomas W. Polen
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