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To

Date January 23, 1947.

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Re

Dear Mummy:

Thought you might be interested in the enclosure.

Franklin

F.D.R. Jr.

Compliments of
RICHARD M. GOLDWATER
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY

STATE OF NEW YORK

No. 299 Int. 299

IN SENATE

January 14, 1947

Introduced by Mr. MORITT—read twice and ordered printed, and when printed to be committed to the Committee on General Laws

AN ACT

To amend the general construction law, in relation to holidays, to declare January thirtieth a holiday to be known as Franklin D. Roosevelt's birthday

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Section twenty-four of chapter twenty-seven of the
2 laws of nineteen hundred nine, entitled "An act relating to con-
3 struction, constituting chapter twenty-two of the consolidated
4 laws," as last amended by chapter one hundred eleven of the laws
5 of nineteen hundred forty-six, is hereby amended to read as
6 follows:
7 § 24. Holidays; half-holidays. The term holiday includes the
8 following days in each year: the first day of January known as
9 New Year's day; *the thirtieth day of January, known as Franklin*
10 *D. Roosevelt's birthday;* the twelfth day of February, known as

EXPLANATION — Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

1 Lincoln's birthday; the twenty-second day of February, known as
2 Washington's birthday; the thirtieth day of May, known as
3 Memorial day; the fourth day of July, known as Independence
4 day; the first Monday of September, known as Labor day; the
5 twelfth day of October, known as Columbus day; the eleventh day
6 of November, known as Armistice day; the fourth Thursday in
7 November, known as Thanksgiving day; and the twenty-fifth day
8 of December, known as Christmas day, and if either of such days
9 is Sunday, the next day thereafter; each general election day, and
10 each day appointed by the president of the United States or by the
11 governor of this state as a day of general thanksgiving, general
12 fasting and prayer, or other general religious observances and
13 Saturdays during the months of June to September, inclusive, in
14 accordance with the provisions of section twenty-four-a of this
15 chapter. The term half-holiday includes the period from noon to
16 midnight of each Saturday which is not a holiday.
17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

Compliments of
RICHARD M. GOLDWATER
MEMBER OF ASSEMBLY

STATE OF NEW YORK

No. 169 Int. 169

IN ASSEMBLY

January 13, 1947

Introduced by Mr. SCHUPLER—read once and referred to the Committee on Public Education

AN ACT

To amend the education law, in relation to making the thirtieth of January a day of annual special school observance, in honor of the memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt

The People of the State of New York, represented in Senate and Assembly, do enact as follows:

1 Section 1. Chapter twenty-one of the laws of nineteen hundred
2 nine, entitled "An act relating to education, constituting chapter
3 sixteen of the consolidated laws," such chapter having been
4 amended generally by chapter one hundred forty of the laws of
5 nineteen hundred ten, is hereby amended by adding thereto a new
6 article, to be article twenty-nine-a, to read as follows:

7 ARTICLE 29-A

8 FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT DAY

9 Section 760. Franklin Delano Roosevelt day.

10 761. Manner of observance.

11 762. Prescribed course of exercises.

EXPLANATION — Matter in italics is new; matter in brackets [ ] is old law to be omitted.

1 § 760. Franklin Delano Roosevelt day. The thirtieth day of
2 January in each year shall be known as Franklin Delano Roosevelt
3 day, except when such day shall fall on Saturday, then the day
4 preceding, or on Sunday, then the day following shall be known
5 as such day.

6 § 761. Manner of observance. It shall be the duty of the
7 authorities of every public school in this state to assemble the pupils
8 in their charge on that day in the school building, or elsewhere,
9 as they may deem proper, and to provide for and conduct such
10 exercises or instruction as shall tend to (1) acquaint such pupils
11 with the achievements of Franklin Delano Roosevelt and (2) honor
12 the memory of Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

13 § 762. Prescribed course of exercises. The commissioner of edu-
14 cation shall prescribe a course of exercises or instructions which
15 shall be adopted and observed by public school authorities on
16 Franklin Delano Roosevelt day.

17 § 2. This act shall take effect immediately.

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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, JR.
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NEW YORK 22, NEW YORK

April 3, 1947.

Dear Mummy:

I have been asked to forward the enclosed from a crack-pot who has been writing me for more than a year.

Love,

Franklin

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

This man wrote to you & to Jimmy, too, every day

Inspirational & delightfully crazy

ORIGINAL RETIRED FOR PRESERVATION

GENERAL MANAGER
C. C. SCHIFFELER

The
HOTEL RALEIGH

Washington 4, D.C.

March 31st 1947

Dear Mrs Roosevelt

In reference to and regarding my several letter to both New York and Hyde Park also one to Jimmie in order that my question on Motion Picture Sensors + Radio as my enclosed copy of letter to Franklin Jr will explain as Also. The All American Plan both Jimmie + Franklin Jr have an reserving an Original for you upon being assured that same will be so fly delivered in person interview will explain where this plans fitting with The United Nations of which you hold an important place on the Committee especially on the same also U.N.D.A. Gentlemen like

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2 Continued 8/31/47

Sen Henderson & Nelson
Wyatt after the meeting at
the Mayflow Hotel
I feel there some can be
but one may do offer
it suggestion Diplomatically
using the Non Partisan Plan
especially with the Ladies
they are going to become an
important factor in our
1948 Elections consulting
Lots my best efforts
to see that President
Harry S Truman is
re elected in 1948 and by
using the Non Partisan Plan
Diplomatically he is going to
stay on the White House
Trusting that you will receive
the letter in the spirit intended
and assuring you & your family
continued health & success
consideration Awaiting your prompt
reply I remain Very Sincerely Yours
J William Berlin

P.S. Enclosed please find copy of Truman's letter

F. William Berlin,
House Office Building,
P. O. Box 509
Washington, D. C.

March 29, 1947

Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr.
598 Madison Avenue,
New York 2 , N Y.

Dear Friend Franklin:

In reference to and replying to your letter of March 28th; also enjoyed meeting you again; only sorry you had to leave on such short notice.

Regarding the All American Unity Coast to Coast Plans as stated, they have been taken up with both the District and Federal Government over a year; also all essential Committees on Capital Hill; also now that this revised copy is a Non-Partisan Set-up, we are getting cooperation from both sides by using diplomacy.

Referring to the question of where All States come in and the Veterans of both Wars, the G.I.'s, that is being taken up with General Bradley, as also the American Legion.

Referring again to the Theatrical question, we are planning on running a play at our National Theater as a forerunner to the Motion Picture and Radio. Same has been planned along with our All American Plan, all bona fide to the United Nations.

Trusting that my personal letters to both your mother and James will be safely delivered, and as stated, a joint conference would become worth a ton of paper with the spirit of cooperation prevailing, preferably here in Washington, the finest Capital in the World.

Awaiting your reply, I remain

Always sincerely yours,

F. Wm B Copy #3 Hold

F. William Berlin.

FWB:FR
P. S. Please forward letter to James.

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TELEPHONE PLAZA 5-5300
CABLES-POLMOND

June 16, 1947.

Dear Family:

I regret that my schedule has prevented me from writing this letter sooner. It is to report on my meeting with Doc O'Connor on June 5, concerning the legal fee of $60,000 charged by O'Connor and Farber.

Doc greeted me warmly and apologized for not having seen me for so long, but what with the Red Cross, etc. etc. We talked for over half an hour about the European situation and of his wonderful relationship with Father, and then I waded into the unpleasant business. I stated the following points, of course not so bluntly as here stated and in my most charming and tactful manner (however, the sad results will show these attributes are slipping):

1. The normal fee in an estate in which no tax litigation is involved, is equal to one executor's fee or $35,000. However, I was willing to raise this to $45,000 in view of the outstanding and brilliant handling of this estate.

2. I felt the public reaction to such a high fee would be unfavorable to Doc since everyone knew that Father was a former partner of his, that they had been close friends for many years, and that he had become a world famous philanthropic leader as a result of Father's having selected him to head up the Red Cross and the National Infantile Foundation.

3. That Johnnie, Elliott and Anna had authorized me to tell Doc that they were in agreement with my point of view.

4. I realized that the Court would approve the fee unless a petition were filed with the Court opposing it, that I would not file such petition because of the unfavorable publicity which would result and would be particularly embarrassing to Mr. O'Connor personally. I had previously received a note from Mother in which she asked me not to take any action which would result in publicity.

Doc's point of view may be summarized as follows:

1. That Koons and the tax man had had almost exclusively worked on this estate for the past two years. This is highly improbable in my opinion.

2. That because of the brilliant work of his firm, the estate had been saved a great deal of money in taxes. This, I told him, was the normal and expected service of any reputable New York firm.

3. Doc said that he considered $60,000 to be a very low figure and that he had picked it as a figure that no one could object to and that had it been anyone else's estate, he would have probably charged them double. This will be interesting information to any of you who may contemplate seeking legal service in New York in the future.

4. Doc is not charging for all the work he did on the Will during the three years prior to Father's death. I did not give him my opinion of the final results of this great effort.

5. He stated that any reduction in the fee would have the estate only a small amount since some of it would have to go in taxes. My attitude was that I could just as well use the additional funds as he could, that this was not just a question of dollars and cents, but was a matter of principle with me, and that much of the fee would go in taxes anyway since he and his firm were so successful that they were all in the upper brackets anyway.

6. He felt that the public would not object to his fee.

It was a most amicable discussion and he was kind enough to tell me that in view of my having taken the trouble to go down to his office to discuss the matter, that he would definitely give my objections consideration, but that he wanted me to know that he will probably not change his mind. I politely answered that I would not change my views either. Which means, in short, as you can see, that I have lost, and so Doc O'Connor can now proudly display 105,000 Roosevelt dollars and, as far as I am concerned "we wuz robbed."

Love to you all, and I am sure that you will all get rich on your own so that this really won't be very important.

Franklin

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June 17, 1947.

Dear Mummie:

I agree with Mr. Baruch's attitude on Jim Farley's article. I am not so much surprised by Farley's psychopathic statements and attitude as I am by the build-up which Collier's gives it in the editor's introductory note.

I guess that when one is in public life one is bound to make enemies and if these enemies outlive you, it must be expected that they will use this advantage in trying to get even.

From a practical point of view, Farley has sounded his own political death knell by this venomous action against one who cannot answer.

We are off for Milwaukee tonight and I am going up to Minneapolis to address an ADA banquet Saturday night, and I will be back in my office on Monday morning.

Much love,

Franklin

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Hyde Park, New York

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July 30, 1947.

Dear Mammy:

Anna and John spent Saturday night and Sunday with us in the country and left yesterday at 2 P.M. on Scandinavian Airlines for Norway in search of newsprint. She said that she wrote you at both Hyde Park and Campo about her trip but since she has not heard from you, is a little worried that you may not have received her letters. They hope to leave Oslo on August 7, but as yet do not have firm reservations until August 12. Of course they are terribly unhappy to miss you both coming and going.

Anna told me about the letter she received from Elliott to be forwarded to the rest of the family concerning the volumes of letters and I express our mutual concern over the present financial arrangements, as set forth in Elliott's letter. I need not go into details here as I am sure Elliott has received her answer by now. I hope that you and Elliott and I can go over the whole situation as soon as our respective vacations are through or after your return from Geneva, if you go.

My vacation will be from August 8 through August 24, and I believe that I will have a boat for at least part of this time and so get away from the telephone.

I thought your column on the Third Party move was excellent and I think Jimmy's handling of the California situation last Saturday at the meeting of the County Committeemen was a masterful job.

I hope that you all have had a good rest and lots of fun in the Vireo and Elliott's other boat, and I hope that next summer we will be able to bring the kids up for a while. I was disturbed by the snarl up of the benefit performance of Harry Brandt's picture. It seems that whenever people get themselves into difficulties, I am always called in to try to patch up the situation. It is a very thankless job and I need not tell you that I wish our telephone conversation could have been about something more pleasant.

Give my love to Elliott and the children and, of course, Tommy, and much much love to you.

Franklin.

P.S. Many, many thanks for your present on our wedding anniversary. Also just received your wonderful letter. Have wired Elliott about Campo.