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ARTHUR J. WHITE
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RED BANK, NEW JERSEY

February 14, 1947

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I understand that recently all applications submitted to Mr. Sandifer of the Department of State have been turned over to Dr. William Barratt, Director of Placement, United Nations, Lake Success and, further, the Department of State no longer participates in the recruitment of personnel for the United Nations Administrative Organization.

Since I have not heard from Mr. Sandifer in response to your letter to him recommending me for a position with the United Nations, I believe that your letter might have been referred to Dr. Barratt unless the position in which I am interested is still a prerogative of the Department of State.

Do you suggest that I get in touch with Dr. Barratt directly, or would you prefer to contact him first?

Thank you for your interest in this matter.

Sincerely yours,

Arthur J. White

Call him to

Get in touch with him



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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February 19, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am very apologetic of not having acknowledged sooner your letter of February 3 concerning Mr. Arthur J. White. I would of course be glad to see him and am writing him to that effect. However, I think it would not actually do him any good and I am advising him that his best move is to see Mr. Cordier, Executive Assistant to Mr. Lie.

I am glad to hear that Mr. Hendrick was so helpful in connection with the work on the Human Rights Commission.

Needless to say Mrs. Sandifer, Muriel and I are delighted at the prospect of spending another weekend with you at Hyde Park. Muriel will canvass her friends to see which one is most worthy of the honor.

Sincerely yours,

Duward V. Sandifer

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
Apartment 6-A,
29 Washington Square West,
New York 11, New York.

Josh White

November 27, 1947

Dear Mr. White:

I do not know whether my secretaries ever explained to you that I did not feel it wise to write to the William Morris agency.

I have already said that I not only knew you but that I thought highly of you but I could not say what I thought about audiences in Great Britain and I was a little afraid that if I took the initiative you might find when you came to try for a passport that it might do you more harm than good to have a letter from me as I am not looked upon with favor in some quarters.

I hope your tour in this country will be very successful.

If you happen to be anywhere around at Christmas time, I wish you would plan again to come with your family this time to Wiltwyck and help me give the party. Perhaps you will all come back to my cottage for a light supper before you drive back to New York. I haven't set the date as I am leaving for Geneva, Switzerland and while I hope to be home the 19th, I can not be too certain because of weather.

Very sincerely yours,

O.K. on dentist appointments on Wednesday, the 19th, at 10:AM to 11,
and on Tuesday the 25th, at 11:AM to 12

O.K. on Dr. Delacy for Tuesday the 18th at 3:PM

Mr. Hendrick called from Washington to advise you to get a bag packed with all your heaviest things to be taken over on a boat by one of the delegates. Since you are going to fly your baggage will be limited. He thinks perhaps the sailing date will be the end of next week. The bag is to be sent to Mr. Hyde's secretary at the U.S. Mission. He also advised that you have all your money in travelers checks. The Swiss government allows you to cash \$200. a week.

dictate

June Hamilton Rhoades called about an A.W.V.S. tea she wants you to go to on November 25th at 4:PM. She said their inviting all UN people and that she had talked with Miss Thompson before about it and you indicated that you wanted to go when they set the date. She is sending a list of the people invited.

She will send me to book on train

Josh White's agent called again. They told Wm. Morris to expect a letter from you and they wondered what happened to it. The Wm. Morris Agency also has a London office through which he is being booked.
Miss Chase RE 7-1120

book it I'll dictate

A Mr. Langer and Miss Helbrun of the Theatre Guild Productions called to invite you and a friend to the opening night performance of "Morning Becomes Electra". It will be at the John Golden Theatre on Wednesday, November 19th
call Miss Weingartner Co-5-6170

They will not book in N.Y.

LLEWELLYN WHITE

92 GROVE STREET, NEW YORK 14, N. Y., CHELSEA 2-8052

10 October 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I hesitate very much to intrude upon your heavy schedule but we do so value your opinion that I shall let the fact of your interest in this general purpose tip the scales in favor of intrusion.

Do you think the idea outlined in this "trial announcement" has merit enough to be pursued along these lines?

You will understand that we have as yet done nothing of the sort (though we are very nearly ready to go into production with the Summary and Vol. 1 No. 1). Whether we go ahead depends upon your reaction and that of others to whom we are addressing similar pleas for guidance. The world is so full of printed matter we do not wish merely to add to the confusion.

Sincerely,

Llewellyn White

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
c/o the American Delegation
to the United Nations
2 Park Avenue
New York, 16, N. Y.

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An announcement

*** Of possible interest to all those deeply concerned for America's role in world affairs; the launching of

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*** A monthly report covering, in five thousand economical words, all the major facts indispensable to those Americans who wish to have the essential materials for intelligent thinking about foreign policy . . . designed to form a permanent, cumulative bound file adapted to ready reference.

The need

In the first ten months of 1947, there were published or scheduled for publication, in more than 5,000 issues of more than 500 American and foreign publications, more than 7,000,000 words bearing on America's growing leadership in world affairs, by more than 1,500 writers entitled to a thoughtful hearing from American leaders in every part of the Union and in every walk of life.

Obviously, urgent as is the formulation of informed public policy in this broad field, no busy person can spare the time to read more than 7,000,000 words.

Merely spotting and bringing into the office or home the relevant issues of the more than 500 publications would constitute a major secretarial task, since more than 60 of them are specially published monographs, transcripts of speeches or small-distribution periodicals that do not normally come to the attention of the general public.

Moreover, since only 19 of the more than 500 are devoted exclusively to America's new role in world affairs, to be placed on the mailing lists of all would involve the accumulation of from 600,000,000 to 800,000,000 irrelevant words, or between a quarter-ton and a half-ton of unwanted paper.

Also, in the more than 7,000,000 relevant words to be smelted from this forbidding ore-pile of more than half a billion, there is bound to be a good deal of repetition . . . confusing contradiction . . . conscious bias . . . and rounded rhetoric (at the expense of brevity).

Finally, if the relevant words, stripped of repetition,

the figures are by no means complete! they represent what the Editors were able to track down in an eight-month search.

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contradiction, bias and rhetoric, are to become part of a permanent record to which the user can turn in a matter of seconds, they will have to be sorted, compressed into a minimum of readable space, and indexed.

The task seems staggering. Yet the tens of thousands of Americans who help to shape our public policy cannot afford to be staggered into inaction. They must have the pure distillate of those millions of relevant words, integrated, amplified and brought up to date at least once a month, now and through the years of decision ahead.

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TALLY begins with a copy (for a limited period offered free to every one-year subscriber) of a 50,000-word Summary covering the history of American foreign policy, the bare facts of economic, political and social life throughout the world as they bear on the free choices to be made by Americans tomorrow and at frequent intervals for the next fifty or one hundred years, plus the outlines of current trends and developments revolving about the so-called Marshall "Plan." At the back of the Summary will be found a selected bibliography covering books, magazines, newspapers and documents, with several blank pages for gumming in addenda as they come along.

Commencing in January 1948, TALLY will appear the middle of every month as a 5,000-word loose-leaf supplement consisting of from one to four detailed reports on specific phases of developing foreign policy, and twenty or thirty items of from ten to fifty words often referring to (but not even in skeleton synopsis) items carried in previous issues.

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As the Summary and succeeding issues are designed to be kept in ordinary school ring-binders, the user will probably have in his hand the previous material referred to . . . if not, he will have only to reach for the desired volume. (The Summary and 120 issues bound in ten volumes would scarcely fill a 3-foot shelf.

In either case, reference to previous issues will not be meaningless, as it is in larger magazines only a small percentage of whose readers bind and preserve the complete file.

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The Editors' peculiar qualifications are the users' guaranty against conscious bias.

The Editors

The Editors, between them, represent forty years of varied newspaper work, six years of foreign correspondence (all over Europe), five years in top magazine executive posts, and four years of U. S. government work in or related to the State Department. In addition, they bring to the venture a total of something like twelve years of college and graduate study that included a good deal of history, economics and diplomacy . . . and fifty years of lively interest in world affairs.

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Thus TALLY will stand or fall according to whether enough people feel it is worth \$5 a year to keep it going.

THE EDITORS

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