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McIntire

May 14, 1945

Dear Dr. McIntire:

I have your letter of May 8th, and Anna had already told me about the St. Louis Post-Dispatch's request. I told Anna that I would never consent to having the medical record published. I haven't been approached, but I shall be firm in my refusal.

I have had my lesson on the hearing device and ~~am not~~ finding it ~~too~~ efficient, but perhaps after I have used it a few times I'll like it better. Right now I have so much work to do here, I do not need to hear very much!

Many thanks for your last paragraph, and I do hope I shall see you before too long.

Very cordially yours,

ADDRESS THE SIGNER OF THIS LETTER  
BUT ADDRESS YOUR REPLY TO  
BUREAU OF MEDICINE AND SURGERY  
NAVY DEPARTMENT, WASHINGTON 25, D. C.  
AND REFER TO NO.  
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WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

8 May 1945.

*Anna told me to start  
has told you that for a  
week I have had my letter  
since I found it  
sent to + approval*

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

A few days ago, Mr. Pete Brandt of the St. Louis Post Dispatch called on me, saying that he had a direct order from his publisher to secure my permission to publish all of the physical and clinical records on the President. Very naturally I told him that my answer was "no", that no good could come of it, and that we had given them a full story with the exception of quoting figures. I said further that no responsible doctor would do such a thing and I had no intention of violating such a code and opening up a field which would only start an acrimonious discussion. After an hours talk with him, he said he would let me know what was decided. At that time I gave him some background and asked him what he would do in a situation such as I had described. He said there was only one answer and that I had given to him.

Notwithstanding this a few days later he called on Doctor Frank Lahey in Boston and asked him to comment on the President's condition throughout the past year of his life, knowing that Doctor Lahey had been a consultant. Doctor Lahey's reply was much more emphatic than mine.

I am telling you all this for I know that the next move will be to request from you the release of the records on the President. You, of course, have the right to say whatever you will care to do about it. But I can see no good coming from such a thing and moreover as you have said the story is closed. I am sorry to have to write this letter but I thought you should know what is going on.

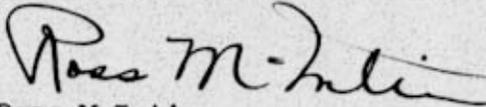
I will be very interested to know how you are getting along with the trial of the hearing device. I do believe you will get a great deal of benefit from it though I know it is a cumbersome affair to carry about. Perhaps the



research that is being done will improve these hearing devices to a great degree after the war is by. Certainly anything that will reduce the bulk will be helpful.

I hope this finds everything going well with you and once again let me say if there is anything at all I can do at any time for any member of the family, I will want to do it.

Sincerely,



Ross McIntire

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