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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

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29 Washington Square West  
New York 11, N. Y.

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It is requested that you treat this information as confidential and that it be used only in the best interests of the man concerned.

I trust the foregoing information will serve the purpose of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,

*James H. Doolittle*

Encls:

*I see no man  
wrote my Dept  
& received assurance  
that you son will  
have every opportunity  
to prove his  
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Sincerely yours,

James Forrestal

Encls:

Miami, Fla  
Nov. 1, 1946

My dear Mrs Roosevelt,

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I do not know

what you will think about me writing you. But you have been in my mind for days, and I am going to tell you my troubles. My son Paul F. Morgan, graduated from high school in June, and begged me to sign up for him to go in the Navy which I did, and while in boot training he got mixed up in a little trouble, and now he is up before the Commandant of the Fifth Naval District for action, and I am just worried sick.

I tried to raise him up right and he was always a good boy never caused me any worry before, and I can not believe he would do any thing dishonest, I had a hard time raising him. As his

Father died when he was small  
and I wanted so much to make  
something out of him, He made  
good in School was only seventeen  
when he finished.

I am sending you a  
copy of his letter to me, and I  
have written so many times to  
the commander at Barboursbridge  
but have never gotten any detail  
on the case, It seems that this  
boy they reported was sent to  
to School, and a friend of his said he  
was standing sit or eight feet away  
and heard Paul and the other boys  
talking about money and dropping  
the case, and they put Morgan  
and Stoker in the brig, A boy  
friend of Paul who was in  
the same company with Paul  
wrote me and said the boy  
Englar father was a big politician  
and some Congressman called  
and had the charge against him  
dismissed, and Englar has signed

statement saying that Morgan  
and Stoker threatened to report him  
if he did not pay them money, when  
they had already reported him, now  
it looks like he did this to cover  
up his misdoings, now this charge  
of attempted extortion is charged  
against them.

I do not have money,  
to do any thing, and Paul is all  
I have in this world, and he has  
a good record up to this he has  
never been in any trouble before  
and it seems to me that these two  
boys word is as good as this other  
boy. and I feel the political pull of  
his father is the cause of it and  
I sure dont think it is fair.  
My boy wants to be a doctor and  
I had hopes of him making good  
and now this has to happen to  
him, I am enclosing a copy of a  
letter he wrote me, for you to read  
and see what you think about

I have prayed a d worried my  
self sick over it.

I would appreciate any  
thing you could suggest or do for  
me, I have taught Paul to be truth-  
full a d honest, and I feel he is  
being treated unjustly, for I know he  
would not lie, I am truthly sorry  
to see The Navy take such a stand  
in The matter.

Thanking you for any thing  
you can do for me, Paul a d I both  
were always a admirer of you and  
The late President, and he would  
lead to get in The Navy.

A broken hearted  
Sincerely, Mother,

Daisy M. Jansen,  
1912 N. W. 47 St.  
Miami,  
Fla

Sept, 21.

Dear Mom,

No doubt you are wondering why you have not heard from me before this well here it is in a nut shell I am in trouble not because I have done any thing wrong but because I have been framed, I know you are frantic by now.

So I will start at the start of it and tell you all about it ,It started back in boot camp which I was J.C. one night, I was setting in the office about 10:30 in walks Stokes one of the guards and sat down then in comes this guy and walks over and sat in his lap and started plying around in plane language the guy was a squawer. So the next morning Stokes reported the guy and I was called in and told to write down all I saw in the office that night ,I did so, I thought the case was settled..

I came back all ready to go to corps, school and was called up to the Capt., both Stokes and I ,and was charged with extortion or blackmail by a guy that we had never seen before in our lives. We learned off the record that he is a friend of the guy we put on report and that is a cooked up charge .This guy that we put on report had some big shot friends that got him out. So now I I am in the brig waiting trial Stokes and I both.

But mother you know that I would never try to extort money from any body. I have been framed. I have to get myself a good lawyer and beat this case .and prove my innocence .after all there are two reasons for a trial either to show that you are guilty or to prove that you are not guilty,

Delgado is also writing you for me as I am only allowed three letters a week. Please now mother dont get your self all worked up about all of this ,I know that I am right and telling the truth and I know that god knows it to and he wont let me down. Pray for me will you and Johnny to do the same .but dont worry about it .as soon as I find out more about it I will write you about getting me a lawyer.

I would like to go down some after noon and see Mr Cooper, and ask him to write me and give me some advice he handled this sort of things in the Army. You also might go down and see some of your lawyer friends and ask their advice. I will write you 2 times a week and Jouse one so dont worry will you please because it will kill me to know that you are worrying about me .Every one says I can beat the case .

Please write Senator Claude Pepper, or Pat Cannon will you and see if they can help .well I have got to sign off now. So write me will you and try not to worry .I am all right now. It will be about 2 months before my trial.

Lots of love,

Paul

Paul Frederick Morgan, H.A.  
Serial No U.S.N.J.C. 2/c  
5580940, Bainbridge  
Md.

SAINT THOMAS' CHURCH  
EIGHTEENTH AND CHURCH STREETS  
WASHINGTON, D.C.

421-432 Southern Building  
Washington 5, D.C.

August 5, 1946

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I take the liberty of enclosing a copy of a letter I wrote to you April 4, 1946. No reply has been received, although I did receive a reply to another letter which was written at the same time and sent along in the same envelope.

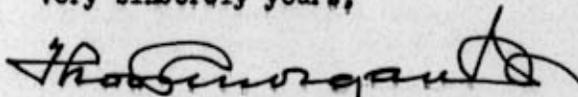
I should like to proceed with the raising of the fund, and if you do not care to sanction it, I should like to know whether you disapprove.

This is a little embarrassing to me, and if you could give me an early reply it would be appreciated. I am sure the money can be raised, and I do not want Dr. Wilkinson to think I do not keep my promises.

I could have a committee of other individuals rather than those suggested, if you feel that would be more desirable - people who have not participated in any other memorial to Mr. Roosevelt,

Being so active in the polio campaign I am very anxious to take advantage of an opportunity to do something in our church to honor the late President.

Very sincerely yours,



Thos. P. Morgan, Jr.

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

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*rew in church  
J. Morgan  
I would love to  
see this 7 d, 1946  
I am sorry  
was not with you  
The form same for*

421-432 Southern Building  
Washington 5, D.C.

April 4, 1946

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

At Saint Thomas' Church we feel that it would be a nice thing to endow the pew of the late President Roosevelt.

I have been in touch with Mr. Stephen Early about it and he has suggested that I write to you and get your sanction.

Also, I have asked his advice regarding those he thought would form an appropriate committee, and he has suggested the following names:

Hon. Cordell Hull  
Hon. Joseph Davies  
The Hon. Felix Frankfurter  
Hon. Frank Walker  
Hon. Henry Morgenthau  
Mrs. Edward Watson  
Mrs. Cary T. Grayson  
Hon. Basil O'Connor

Added to that list would be the name of the rector at Saint Thomas', Reverend Doctor Howard S. Wilkinson, and my own.

The committee would be nonsectarian, as you can see, because it is our thought to have the pew endowed in Mr. Roosevelt's memory by his friends, similar to George Washington's pew in Christ Church in Alexandria.

After your reply has been received, if it is favorable, I then propose to write to President Truman telling him of our plans and asking for his approval, and then I shall proceed to appoint the committee.

I will assume the responsibility of raising the funds, and I think there will be little difficulty because it will be a modest sum - \$6,500.

Mrs. Roosevelt - 2.

April 4, 1946

If there are any changes in the names suggested, or any additional names you would like to add, and if you have any other suggestions, I shall appreciate it if you will tell me.

Very sincerely yours,

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