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Good Paper

Dear Mr President:

I hope you will
not mind my
making the suggestion
that Mrs Henry
Morgenthau, Jr be
considered for
appointment to the
vacancy on the

Franklin D Roosevelt
Library Advisory Board
Y Cord yrs

Dear Henry

I have your
letter of May 18 and
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is a fine choice.
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Do you mean *Elvira Bergman*

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HENRY MORGENTHAU, JR.

205 MADISON AVENUE, NEW YORK 17, N.Y. MURRAY HILL 9-5309

November 18, 1946

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
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29 Washington Square West
New York 11, New York

Re: Franklin D. Roosevelt
Memorial Foundation

Dear Eleanor:

For your information, I am enclosing here-
with a report which I received from Professor
Allan Nevins after our last meeting on November
7th.

*Robert
Linn Clark*

Sincerely yours,

Henry Morgenthau, Jr.

*back to President
Suggs & W. M.
Kearney on 11/22/46*

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C O P Y

November 8, 1946

Dear Mr. Morgenthau:

I am instructed by Morison, MacLeish, Sherwood, and Miss Pierce (I should add Miss Tully) to give you the conclusions we reached on Thursday afternoon. They were about as follows:

1. We decided that it is of the first importance to engage for an indefinite period, which will certainly be two or three years and may be much longer, a man of high abilities, established reputation, know sympathy with President Roosevelt's purposes, and if possible some acquaintance in the Roosevelt circle, to collect material on the late President and his Administration from the many hundreds if not thousands of people who can furnish it; to persuade important members of the Administration to place their papers in safe custody, preferably in the Hyde Park Library; and to take systematic action to obtain first-hand reminiscences from those associated with Mr. Roosevelt.

2. It was decided that in all probability no highly-qualified young man could be induced to interrupt his career for a post that would be temporary, and that the best course will be to look for a vigorous and distinguished scholar, college president, or writer who is at or near the retirement age.

3. After canvassing several names, including Frederic L. Paxson and George Fort Milton, we decided that the person in this category who is best qualified is Charles E. Merriam of the University of Chicago. He is very vigorous, has recently retired from teaching, and was a warm New Dealer. He knows many of the important men in Roosevelt's following. Miss Pierce, who is well acquainted with him, thought he might be enthusiastic over the position. We agreed that if you, Mr. Walker, Judge Rosenman, and Mrs. Roosevelt approved, he ought to be invited to take the post. There is no question that he and Dr. Buck, the National Archivist, would get on well.

4. It was thought that such a man as Dr. Merriam ought to be paid \$12,000 a year, with the right to draw up to \$5,000 more for travelling and entertainment expenses; and that he would have to have secretarial assistance and perhaps a research helper. We hoped that Mr. Walker would be able to find enough money to make a total fund of about \$25,000 a year available. Dr. Merriam would of course be expected to put aside all other work and give his full time to this position.

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5. We agreed that it would be well if you recommended to Dr. Buck that the trustees of the Hyde Park Library be appointed an advisory board to Dr. Buck on the administration of that branch of the National Archives.

6. We would like to request you to transmit these findings to Mrs. Roosevelt, Mr. Walker, and Judge Rosenman. If for any reason Mr. Merriam is not approved, or cannot accept, our group can recommend other names.

Cordially yours,

Sgd: Allan Nevins

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Henry Morgenthau

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 3, 1946

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The President asked me to write to you in reference to your letter of November twenty-fifth, suggesting that Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., be considered for appointment to the vacancy on the board of trustees of the library at Hyde Park.

I have made inquiry and find that on April 15, 1946 a commission was issued to Honorable James M. Landis, then Dean of the Law School of Harvard University, and now Chairman of the Civil Aeronautics Board, to succeed Harry Hopkins. The other trustees, besides the Archivist of the United States and the Secretary of the Treasury are: Dr. Horison, Judge Rosenman, Doc O'Connor, and Frank Walker. The records here show no vacancy.

Very sincerely yours,

Bill Hassett

WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
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29 Washington Square West,
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*Dear Eleanor:
Thank you very
much. affectionately
Henry*