JOSEPHUS DANIELS

1934 - 1945
Mrs. Franklin D Roosevelt,

The White House.

We are motoring to Richmond to spend Tuesday night and will reach the White House by motor before one o'clock Wednesday. Love to you both from.

Mr. & Mrs. Josephus Daniels.

1045 PM
Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Josephine Daniels

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Dear [Name],

I hope you are doing well. I have been busy with my studies and work, but I wanted to reach out to see how you are doing. I heard about the new exhibition at the museum and thought you might be interested in attending. It would be a great opportunity to see some of the latest art and connect with other art lovers.

I also wanted to remind you about our meeting next week. We discussed some important points, and I think we should finalize our plans soon. Please let me know if you have any updates or if you need any assistance.

Looking forward to hearing from you.

Best regards,

[Signature]

[Date]
WITH REFERENCE TO MY LETTER OF SATURDAY I WITHDRAW SUGGESTION OF ANY CHANGE IN YOUR ENGAGEMENT AT DUKE WE HOPE YOU CAN MAKE THE TRIP TO THE GREAT SMOKY MOUNTAINS AND THE CHEROKEE RESERVATION IF SO WE CAN LEAVE DURHAM THE MORNING AFTER YOUR ADDRESS AT DUKE MY WIFE JOINS IN WARM REGARDS TO YOU AND THE PRESIDENT I WILL BE IN WASHINGTON SATURDAY

JOSEPHUS DANIELS.
My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I understand that you have accepted an invitation to speak on "The Formation of Public Opinion as a Means to Peace" at The International Relations Institute of Duke University, Durham, North Carolina, on Monday night, June eleventh.

I am writing to express the hope that you can come to Raleigh (only twenty-eight miles from Durham) - in fact if you come by rail, it will be best to come through Raleigh - and we will have the pleasure of taking you over to Duke University. And one other thing, my wife wishes you to see her lovely garden.

However, the chief object of this letter - aside from putting on paper our deep appreciation of the delightful days we spent at the White House with you and the President - is to say my wife and I have made arrangements with Mrs. Ickes, the wife of the Secretary of the Interior, and Mr. Cammerer, head of the national parks, to make a trip through the Great Smoky Mountains and the Cherokee Indian Reservation. Mrs. Ickes will reach Asheville by

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The White House
Washington, D.C.
rail from Washington on the morning of June fourteenth, leaving there about six o'clock on the afternoon of the thirteenth. We will join her at Asheville and drive through the Great Smoky Mountains Park, spend the night at the Cherokee Indian Reservation, and then go to Gatlinburg, Tennessee, returning to Asheville on Sunday, June seventeenth. My wife and I both are very sure that you would enjoy this trip, and I am writing to express the earnest hope that we may have the pleasure of accompanying you. It will be at the time when the rhododenron is in bloom. The roads are excellent and the views of the Great Smokies and the good work which is being done with the Cherokee Indians will delight your heart.

I am sure, if this trip to the mountains appeals to you, that the people at Duke might change your date there to Tuesday night and Wednesday you and my wife could drive up to Asheville. Knowing your interest in the parks and the education of the Indians, my wife and I are hopeful that we may go with you on what I am sure will be a very delightful and interesting trip.

We expect to be in Washington about the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth and we will give ourselves the pleasure of calling at the White House. Please remember us with affectionate regards to the President and all your family.

Sincerely your friend,

[Signature]
June 14, 1934

Dear Mrs. Daniels:

I want to thank you and the ambassador very much indeed for all your kindness to me on Monday. I really had a perfectly lovely day, largely owing to your delightful hospitality. I only hope that I did all that you both hoped I would do.

With every good wish to you and the ambassador, I am

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. Josephus Daniels
Raleigh
NC
Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am terribly sorry, but my plans for the summer are such that I can not possibly go to Manteo for the celebration. I have had several invitations which I regretfully refused. I shall be in the northern part of New York State at that time.

My love to you and

Mrs. Daniels.

Affectionately,

Honorable Josephus Daniels
Ambassador to Mexico
Embassy of the United States of America
Mexico
Dear Mr. Adams,

I have learned of my place for the session and feel that I can not face a trip to Matthew for the occasion. I have heard rumors of a problem, but I have heard nothing positive of the matter at all.

My love to you, S.

W.
México, July 21, 1934.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have a letter to-day from Mr. Melvin R. Daniels, Secretary of the Sir Walter Raleigh Association at Manteo, North Carolina, telling me that he has written inviting you to be a guest of honor at Old Fort Raleigh at the celebration on August 18th in commemoration of the 350th anniversary of the landing of Sir Walter Raleigh's first colony and the 347th anniversary of the birth of Virginia Dare, the first child born of English-speaking parents in the new world.

I hope your engagements are such that you can accept. This is one of the most interesting places in our country. You will recall it was on Roanoke Island — and Manteo is situated on Roanoke Island — that the Wright brothers made their first flight. A little less than two years ago my wife and I went down when the monument erected to the Wright brothers on the site where they made their first flight was unveiled. It is a beautiful memorial of an epochal event. It is only three or four hours from Norfolk. You could come down by ship from Washington in one night to Norfolk, and go over by airplane or automobile in the early morning, and return to Norfolk that afternoon. If we were at home, we would join you at Norfolk and go down, but the whole State would join in welcoming you. Governor Ehringhaus lives at Elizabeth City, not far from Manteo, and will, of course, be present on the occasion.

My wife joins me in love and we are looking forward with great pleasure to your coming in November.

Faithfully yours,

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.
September 11, 1954

My dear Mr. Daniels,—

Thank you very much for sending me the excerpt from the news item; I think it is very good and I should be very glad to write Mrs. Rodrigues and tell her how much interested I am in what she suggests, and how happy I am that she is working for peace, if you think it would be a good thing to do.

My love to Mrs. Daniels,

Cordially,

Hon. Josephus Daniels
Embassy of the United States of America
México
México, August 31, 1934.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Your example of leadership in matters of public concern is being followed by wives of Presidents in other countries. Mrs. Rodríguez, wife of the President of Mexico, who has rarely spoken or written about public policies or public action, recently addressed a letter to the Minister of Education, advocating the cultivation of Latin American unity through the schools. I thought it might interest you, and, therefore, am sending you a translation, having sent a copy to the State Department.

We are looking forward with great pleasure to welcoming you to Mexico this fall. The Embassy is large and we shall be glad for you to bring any friends.

My wife sends her love to you and the President.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.
Enclosure to despatch number of August 31, 1934, from the Embassy at Mexico City.

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August 24, 1934
Mexico City

TRANSLATION OF EXCERPT FROM EL UNIVERSAL

(Letter to Licenciado Eduardo Vasconcelos, Minister of Education, from the wife of President Rodriguez, Señora Aida S. de Rodriguez, advocating the cultivation of Latin American unity through the schools)

Mexico, D.F.,
August 19, 1934.

The Minister of Public Education,
Licenciado Eduardo Vasconcelos,
Mexico.

Esteemed Sir:

For two months now fighting has been going on in the Chaco day and night. Since July 15, 1932, when the Bolivian troops captured the fort of "Jose Antonio Lopez" after a fierce battle, two countries of strong and generous soul, two sister republics, have fought without ceasing, relentlessly.

The many efforts seeking to put an end to the war have been fruitless. The group of nations composed of Argentine, Brazil, Chile and Peru, which manifested such good will through Mello Franco, the Minister of Relations of Brazil, in accepting the invitation of the League of Nations to help toward restoring peace, had to refuse to continue its mediation activities.

The Anti-War Latin American Congress which met in Montevideo about the middle of March, 1933, also was unable to do anything, in view of which there is pessimism as regards the results that the League of Nations will obtain toward securing an armistice and submitting the matter to arbitration.

This, and the differences which have recently arisen between Chile and Peru, and Peru and Colombia, make us realize that the spirit of fraternity which the Latin countries of America having the same language, blood and history have been fomenting has not been strengthened sufficiently.

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lowed in this case only referring to the specific objec-
t of adopting that flag and swearing allegiance to
it on October 12th next, for example.

If the Mexican children start this work, it is
quite possible that they will be supported by the
mothers, teachers and students of the South and per-
haps much will have been done toward securing per-
manant peace (pura garantizar permanente le-
paz). Especially since the idea is in keeping with
their sentiments revealed unmistakably in the message
which the students of Bolivia sent to their compatriots
of Paraguay in 1925, as follows: "In the light of the
new ideology shining in the minds and hearts of the
youth of the continent, the America of the future
will live an hour (vivirá una hora) of peace, of
love, of equity and of justice, and in it will dis-
appear forever (acumibran), we assure you, brothers
of Paraguay, the old misunderstandings between our
Chancellories (los viejos litigios que mencionen
nuestras cancillerías)."

Therefore, I am taking the liberty of respect-
fully presenting this suggestion to you and, through
you, to the Teachers of Mexico, leading to you, if
you find my idea of interest, the date and form of
its publication and propaganda among the children of
the Republic.

Since there is soon to be held a Teachers' Con-
gress (Congreso Pedagógico) in Santiago, Chile, in
view of the possible importance of this idea to the
cordiality of HispanoAmerican relations, I have deemed
it advisable to approach you asking that my project be
included among the plans that the Mexican delegation
may present at that Congress.

Cordially,

(Signed) H. I. CALDERON.

Translated by
[Signature]
September 24, 1934

Dear Mrs. Daniels—

I have just read a most interesting letter from your husband to my husband and it makes me want to go to Mexico more than ever but most of the people to whom I have talked about it seem to feel that if I go to Mexico there will be a feeling in other South and Central American countries that I should go to them and it is quite out of the question to do it. Perhaps I had better confine myself to my own country while Franklin is in office.

I hate to make this decision but I am not even going to ask Franklin because if he knows how I feel he would be tempted to let me go.

Will you explain to Mrs. Rodriguez and tell her how very sorry I am but if she ever comes to Washington while we are there please let me know.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Josephus Daniels,
American Embassy,
Mexico City,
Mexico.
October 15, 1934.

Dear Mrs. Daniels:

I can not tell you how deeply touched I was by the loving message which came from you and the Ambassador on my birthday. It was dear of you to remember me.

I, too, rejoice in our friendship for you and the Ambassador. Please give him our affectionate greetings.

With much love, I am

Affectionately,

Mrs. Josephus Daniels

U.S. Embassy
Mexico City, México
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MRS FRANKLIN ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHDC

I FEEL THAT TODAY YOUR MANY FRIENDS AND ADMIRERS ARE TO BE CONGRATULATED BECAUSE OF THE LOVE AND UNDERSTANDING SYMPATHY YOU HAVE BROUGHT INTO THEIR LIVES MR DANIELS JOINS IN REJOICING IN THE HAPPINESS WHICH GARNERING YOUR FRIENDSHIP HAS BROUGHT US WE SEND OUR LOVE WILL YOU PLEASE FELICITATE THE PRESIDENT FOR US ON THIS DAY?

ADIE WORTH BAGLEY DANIELS.

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My dear Mrs. Daniels:

I find that I shall have to return to Washington immediately after my visit to Chapel Hill and, therefore, I cannot avail myself of the very attractive invitation which you sent me. I wish very much that I could do this but my time up until we go away for the summer seems to be filled to overflowing.

I do hope we shall have a chance to see you while you are home.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Josephus Daniels
Embassy of the United States
Mexico City
Mexico
Dear Eleanor Roosevelt:

My husband is in receipt of a letter from Dr. Frank Graham, President of the University of North Carolina, stating that arrangements have been approved by you by which you will attend the commencement of that institution at Chapel Hill on June 11th to receive the degree of Learned Doctor of Laws. It makes me happy that our University is thus to honor you and be honored by you.

We expect to come home the last of April and remain until after the commencement at Chapel Hill. We remember - this means all of Raleigh - the great pleasure you gave us last year when you spent the morning with us in Raleigh en route to Duke University. We hope you can repeat that visit this year. To reach Chapel Hill you could leave Washington at midnight, via the Seaboard Air Line Railway, and come to Raleigh, reaching there about seven in the morning. We could go over to Chapel Hill in order to be present at the hour of the exercises, and if necessary you could reach Washington the next morning, as you did last year when you drove after your address at Duke and took the train from Greensboro.

I have a much better plan if you can spare the time. It is that you drive down from Washington through the Shenandoah Park in Virginia, and Mr. Daniels and I will meet you at Blowing Rock, North Carolina, and we can drive through the Grandfather

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The White House,
Washington, D.C.
Mountain, via Mount Mitchell, stop at Asheville and then go to the Great Smoky National Park as far as Gatlinburg, Tennessee, and then return to Raleigh and Chapel Hill. It would take a day from Washington to Blowing Rock, two days for the trip from Grandfather through the Great Smokies and back to Asheville, and a day or a night to reach Raleigh. If your time is limited, after visiting the Great Smoky National Park, we could leave Asheville at 5 p.m. on Monday, reach Raleigh by pullman at 7 a.m. Tuesday, June 11th, and go later that day to Chapel Hill. I suggest you leave Washington Thursday night, the 7th of June, on the Southern Railway, go to Hickory, North Carolina, where we would take a car through the Grandfather mountains to the Great Smokies and reach Raleigh the morning of the 11th. Or you could leave Washington Thursday morning by automobile, and first go through the Shenandoah National Park. If you could not give so much time, you could make the trip leaving Washington by automobile Friday morning, or by rail Friday night, direct to Asheville.

I could work out all the details of the trip if you will let me know how much time you can give. All North Carolina would be gratified and would give you a great welcome. It would enable you to cover two thirds of the State from Tennessee to Raleigh.

Mr. Daniels and I are looking forward with pleasure to seeing you and are hoping we can have this trip together. He joins me in love to you and Franklin.

Affectionately yours,

[Signature]
May 15, 1935

My dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I had a talk yesterday with President Graham of the University of North Carolina, and he commissioned me to convey a message to you and to arrange with you about your coming to Chapel Hill for the Commencement on the evening of June 11.

My wife and I expect to spend most of the week of May 20 in Washington and will wish to talk to you about this matter and to see you. Will you please be good enough to have your secretary send me a note at the Hay-Adams House, letting us know at what time it will be convenient for us to call?

With affectionate regards to you and to Franklin, I am as always

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.

[Handwritten note: “Kisses. Three.% Down. Lowest.”]
June 14, 1935

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Mrs. Roosevelt has written a note to Captain Farmer and she asked me to thank you very much for reminding her of it. She agrees with you that when men render such good service they certainly should be given an occasional pat on the back.

I did so enjoy the privilege of being with you and feel that everything that has been said about Southern hospitality is more than true.

Mrs. Roosevelt reached West Point at 9:15 daylight saving time very comfortably and she insisted she was not tired in the least. We got back to Washington about 12:30.

With many thanks to you and Mrs. Daniels for the many kindnesses you showed to me, and with much admiration of you both, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Hon. Josephus Daniels
Raleigh
North Carolina
My dear Mrs. Scheider:

I am writing to suggest that it would be highly appreciated if Mrs. Roosevelt would send a line of thanks to Captain Charles D. Farmer, Chief of the North Carolina State Highway Patrol, who arranged for meeting her when she arrived at the State line and who personally conducted her to Chapel Hill and return. He is the head of that important service and a fine man, and in thanking him she would thank all of them. He is a high class man and a good friend of mine.

My wife and I and my son and his wife felt that we were very inhospitable in rousing you and Mrs. Roosevelt at four o'clock this morning and speeding departing guests at so early an hour, but I know you understood the situation. We all hope that sometime you will be coming here when the stress is not so great, and you will find Raleigh is as delightful a place to sleep in as it is to find enjoyment.

It was a great pleasure to see you. My wife sends her love.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Melvina Scheider
White House
Washington, D. C.
Dear Mrs. Daniels:

I want to thank you and the Ambassador for your hospitality and kindness. You are always a very dear to me and I know that I owe it to you both the honor which I received the other night and I want you to know how deeply I appreciate it.

I also want to tell you that I think no one could show more real hospitality than to arise at that hour in the morning. I had a very good flight up and I only hope that your trip to Mexico was as comfortable as was mine to West Point.

Always affectionately,

[Signature]

Mrs Josephus Daniels
The Embassy
Mexico City, Mexico
Hyde Park, N.Y.
June 17, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Daniels:

I want to tell you how much I appreciated your kind hospitality and all you did to make us comfortable. It was a delightful few hours that we spent with you and one of the pleasantest memories of the last few weeks. If you and your husband are in Washington at any time, please be sure to let me know.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Josephus Daniels, Jr.
Raleigh, North Carolina
July 22, 1935

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Many thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending us the copy of your address. Both the President and I are, of course, very much interested.

With my affectionate regards to you and Mrs. Daniels, I am

Very cordially yours,

Hon. Josephus Daniels
Embassy of the U.S.
Mexico City
Dear Mr. Roosevelt,

I have marked a few paragraphs in my Fourth of July address. I thought they might interest you and Franklin.

May we join in affectionate regard to you both. Faithfully,

[Signature]

Madero, Mexico 8th July 1935
México, August 10, 1935.

Ly dear Miss Scheider:

My very good friend, LeRoy Springs Montgomery, whose uncle was the late Judge Montgomery of North Carolina, is very desirous of having an autographed photograph of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt. I will appreciate it if you can arrange it.

Mr. Montgomery, like his father and forebears for generations, is a sterling Democrat and is a great admirer of the President's, who probably knows his kins-people, the Springs family of North and South Carolina.

With sentiments of esteem and high regards, and apologies for adding to your burdens,

Sincerely yours,

Miss Malvina Thompson Scheider,
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt
The White House, Washington, D.C.
October 22, 1935

My dear Mr. Daniels:

Mrs. Roosevelt has asked me to send you the enclosed letter from Miss Elizabeth Roy, of Asheville, North Carolina. She remembers Miss Roy and would like to help her if it is possible. She wonders if you could help in any way to place the girl in a teaching job somewhere else in the State.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt

Mr. Josephus Daniels, Jr.
Raleigh
North Carolina

Teacher for 15 years - lost job on account of decrease in allotment of teachers - infantile victim
Mrs. Malvina T. Scheider  
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.  

Dear Mrs. Scheider:  

In the absence of Mr. Daniels, Jr. your note and the letter you enclosed from Miss Elizabeth Ray have been referred to me.  

The matter has been taken up with our State Superintendent of Public Instruction, Mr. Clyde A. Erwin, who assured me that he will do all in his power in Miss Ray's behalf. I am hopeful that a position may be secured for her either in the State school system or with the emergency relief program for education.  

Very truly yours,  

Charles J. Parker  
City Editor  

CJP:N
October 28, 1935

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I spoke to Franklin as soon
as he got home and he had me forward
your letter over to the Attorney General


together with the recommendation that


Mr. Donnell be considered.

Very cordially yours,


Hon. Josephus Daniels
My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I know of your deep interest in the welfare and penal institutions in the District of Columbia, and because of that I am presuming to write you, referring a request just received from my son, Dr. Worth Bagley Daniels, who was named, possibly by your or the President's suggestion, on the Board of Public Welfare of the District. Under the law the Commissioners of the District can appoint no one who is not a nominee of the Board, but they are not compelled to appoint the first person that the Board nominates and can refuse and ask for another nomination. The Board has recommended Mr. Harold E. Donnell for the position of General Superintendent for the Penal Institutions of the District of Columbia. My son says he is ideally qualified for the position; that he now heads the Penal Institutions of Maryland, but since Governor Wise took office, political appointments over the head of the Penal Board have disrupted the work so that Mr. Donnell is willing to accept the position in Washington, even though the salary is less.

Franklin and I would be interested in Mr. Donnell because he was one of the group of men who were chosen by Thomas Mott Osborne to inaugurate the new policies at the Portsmouth naval prison when Osborne was put in charge there. In Chamberlain's "Life of Thomas Mott Osborne", he mentions the work of Donnell at Portsmouth. Donnell is extremely well thought of by Sanford Bates and Thayer, who is Commissioner of Correction of New York State.

Some opposition has developed toward Mr. Donnell, to the surprise of my son, who fears that he may not be appointed unless the President indicates his wishes in the matter. Worth thinks that it is altogether possible that Franklin remembers Donnell during his period at Portsmouth, and would be willing to say a word to the Commissioners. Inasmuch as Franklin is away from Washington, and this matter may be taken up before his return, I am venturing

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Washington, D.C.
to presume upon your deep interest in this welfare work, and call it to your attention. If you feel like you can do anything about it, or that you can bring it to Franklin's attention when he returns, if you wish more information I wish you would send for worth and he will be very glad to give you the inside information. He accepted the position on this Board of Washington purely in the hope of making the welfare system one worthy of the President's and his own ideals. Of course it has no salary and he is working for the common good and feels very deeply about this matter. For that reason I am writing you.

My wife joins me in affectionate regards to you and to Franklin.

Always faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Joseph Daniels
MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. SCHEIDER:

Dear Malvina:

It is my understanding that jewelry is included as a part of the costumes and you could not accept one without accepting the other. I think Mrs. Roosevelt might write to Mrs. Daniels and ask her to explain to Mr. Sala that while the offer is much appreciated there is considerable doubt as to whether gifts of such value could properly be accepted.

This is the State Department's recommendation. I cannot but feel the same way.

STEPHEN EARLY
MEMO FOR MR. EARLY:

This got buried somewhere—no one knows anything about it.

Will you note Mrs. R.'s memo—which says "it seems to me that when Mrs. Daniels vouches for him he might be hurt. Why not say no jewelry and take costume?"

Please return to me with your advice. You will note State Department suggests refusal.

Malvina
My dear Mr. Early:

I have your memorandum of October 9. As Mrs. Daniels vouches for Mr. Sala, the would-be donor of these costumes, and recommends their acceptance, it is possible that no embarrassing obligation would be incurred if they were accepted.

On the other hand, I have no information regarding Mr. Sala's character and standing, although it is evident from his letters that he is an ardent admirer of the President and of his policies. Mr. Sala has already presented to the President an old Spanish watch. If the President and Mrs. Roosevelt should be reluctant to receive further gifts of value (the costumes mentioned in Mrs. Daniel's letter are said to include gold jewelry to Mr. Stephen Early, Assistant Secretary to the President, The White House.

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to match) from a foreigner with whom they are not personally acquainted, it might be appropriate for Mrs. Roosevelt to reply to Mrs. Daniel's letter of September 26, and to ask her discreetly to inform Mr. Sala that while she and the President greatly appreciate the tender of the gifts, they do not feel that they can properly accept them.

I am returning to you herewith the correspondence transmitted by your memorandum under reference above.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Under Secretary.

Enclosures:
From Mrs. Josephus Daniels,
September 26, 1935, with enclosures.
Department of State

ENCLOSURE

TO

LETTER DRAFTED

ADRESSED TO

Mr. Stephen Early
México, September 26, 1935.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Some time ago Mr. Antonio Sala, who sent the Spanish watch to the President and a present to you by me when I went to Washington last spring, gave me a beautiful Tehuana dress and shoes, with gold jewelry to match the costume. He also gave my husband an embroidered chamois coat. I have a dim recollection that you may have seen my costume in Raleigh.

I am enclosing you a letter which Mr. Sala has asked me to forward. You will observe that the letter is in Spanish but I have had it translated, fearing that your Spanish is not much better than mine. I think Mr. Sala is asking for these measurements because he wishes to make similar presents to you and the President.

The costumes he gave Mr. Daniels and me were very lovely. I am sure you would prize these gifts and they would be heirlooms. I hope you will find it possible to comply with the request of Mr. Sala, and if you will send your answer to me I shall be pleased to deliver it to him.

Mr. Daniels joins me in love to you and Mr. Roosevelt,

Affectionately yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.
TRANSLATION

ANTENOR SALA
Bolivar 51
MEXICO, D.F.

Mexico, September 20, 1935.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
White House,
Washington, D.C.,
U.S.A.

My respected Mrs. Roosevelt:

With very real pleasure I have the satisfaction and honor of answering your kind letter of July 10th of the present year; advising you that your above-mentioned gracious letter is to me a very precious recompense for the insignificance of the remittance which I had the great pleasure of sending through our dear friend, Mrs. Daniels.

I must advise you that I do not know English sufficiently well to be able to write in that vigorous and precise language, and since, from now on, I do not wish to have translated my letters to you, I beg your permission (pidole mis excuses) to write you in Spanish for translation for you by your Private Secretary; but you may continue, if you deign so to honor me, to write me in English, because that will give me the opportunity to practice that excellent language a little.

With the present letter I am taking the liberty of sending you a measurement plan in order that you may have your modiste take your precise measurements and send me the new correct design. I shall also appreciate it if you will adjust to your entire comfort the head measurement device in a man's hat store and send me the measurement, and lastly, I shall be grateful if you will send me the measurement of your right foot.

And if it is not taking/advantage of your kindness, I should appreciate it exceedingly if you would be good enough to send me in addition the measurements of a hat which fits your honorable husband comfortably, as well as those of a coat of a size to his liking to the waist, adding there to five centimeters.

With all the respect and esteem of a real Mexican to you and your distinguished husband, I beg to remain,

Your obedient servant,

ANTENOR SALA
México, Ebre. 20 de 1935.

Sra. Eleonora Roosevelt.
White House.
Washington, D. C.
U. S. A.

Mi respetada Señora Roosevelt:

Con placer muy verdadero, tengo la satisfacción y el honor de contestar a Ud. su bondadosa carta 10 de Julio del presente año; manifestándole que su indicada amable carta, es para mí una recompensa de muy valioso precio, para la insignificancia del envío que de todo corazón efectué por conducto de nuestra cariñosa amiga Mrs. Daniels.

Es mi deber manifestarle, que no poseo el Inglés al grado de poder escribir en ese enérgico y preciso idioma y como, desde ahora en adelante, de ningún modo quiero ordenar la traducción de mis cartas para Ud., pídale mis excusas para escribirle en Español, a fin de que su Secretaría Particular le haga la traducción; mas Ud. puede continuar, si se digna concederme tan señalado favor, escribiéndome en Inglés, porque ello también me dará la oportunidad de practicar un poco tan varonil Idioma.

Junto con la presente me tomo la libertad de enviarle un esquema de medidas, a fin de que Ud. ordene a su modista tomarle las mismas con precisión y remitirme el nuevo esquema exacto. Además, en una sombrerería de hombres, ponerse Ud. misma a su entera satisfacción, el molde de medidas de cabezas, enviándome lo también y por último, la medida exacta de su pie derecho.
Si no fuera abusar demasiado de su bondad, muchísimo le agradecería que me enviase además, las medidas de un sombrero que viniese confortablemente a su respetable Señor Esposo y las de un saco, con medidas a su gusto hasta la cintura y añadiendo después cinco centímetros.

Con todo el respeto y afecto, de un mexicano de veras, para Usted y su distinguido Señor Esposo, quedo su obsequiente servidor que s. m. b.

Antonio Salá
Here is the "plan". It is rather complicated, but I gather that the following measurements are desired:

Your measurements:
Chest measure just across the front, between shoulders.
Bust measure.
Length from neck to waist in front.
Measurement in back between shoulders.
Length from neck to waist in back.
Skirt measurement - from waist to knees in front.
" " " " " " " back.
Waist measure.
Hip measure.
Upper arm measure.

Please indicate how low you desire the neck.

What is the size you use in dresses (that is, 36, 38, 40?)

Neck measure.
Measurement of right foot (as per letter). I think he means for you to draw the outline of your right foot on a piece of paper. That is what he had me do. The shoes are very important to complete the costume; just any sort of shoe won't do, so he is very particular about having this measurement also.

Measurement of head (per letter).

The President's measurements:
Hat size.
Measurements of coat (adding thereto 2 inches) to waist. (This means exact measurements of coat with exception of length, and there he wants measurement just to waist and then adding about 2 inches. These coats are short, just a little below waist.)
December 4, 1935

Dear Mrs. Daniels:

I am most apologetic for not having answered your letter in regard to Mr. Sala. In some way it got buried under some books and has only just been retrieved.

I am sorry to tell you that while I appreciate Mr. Sala's generous offer, I feel it is too valuable a gift for me to accept at present. Will you tell him as gently as you can or should I write him direct?

I hope you will forgive this long delay. Our kindest regards to the Ambassador.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Josephus Daniels
Embassy of the United States
Mexico City, Mexico
December 14, 1935

My dear Mrs. Daniels:

Franklin and I are delighted to think that you will be in this country so soon, and we hope that you and the Ambassador can arrange to arrive on Thursday, January second, and spend that night with us. Our dinner to the Vice President will be held that night.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Josaphus Daniels,
Raleigh,
North Carolina.
December 12, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR MRS. ROOSEVELT

When can we ask the Daniels to come here and stay?

F. D. R.

[Handwritten note:]

Send women department. Instruct went to [unreadable].
My dear Mr. President:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 27th, in which you were good enough to express appreciation of what you call "the distinguished service which I (you) have rendered in the year which is coming to a close".

I had hoped that before I went home for Christmas we might have written finis upon some of the negotiations which have been pending. My whole ambition here has been to try to bring about good relations and to lay before the heads of the Government those problems which threatened misunderstandings. I believe some progress has been made in this direction and I hope for larger achievements in the coming year. Your confidence and support have been most grateful.

I am leaving here on the 19th to spend Christmas in Raleigh. As soon after Christmas as it is convenient for you to give me an interview, I wish to come to Washington to lay before you the situation here and to continue the discussion of some matters which we talked about when I was at the White House last summer. Will you be good enough to let me know at Raleigh by December 25th when it will be most convenient for me to come to Washington to see you?

My wife joins me in love to you and to your wife and to all the Roosevelts, and congratulations upon the great work you have done, and hopes for a happy Christmas and a New Year when many of the things you have envisioned for the commonweal will be perfected and recognized.

Always faithfully yours,

[Signature]

The President,

The White House.
My dear Franklin and Mrs. Roosevelt:

The invitation you were good enough to send to my wife and myself to the reception at the White House on December 17th was very appealing. Unfortunately we are too far away to put in a personal appearance and, therefore, send you our affectionate regards and appreciation and hope while we are in the United States (we are to be at home at Christmas) to see you both.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

The President and Mrs. Roosevelt,

The White House.
Dec 24, 1936

Josephus Daniels
Raleigh N.C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

My wife is so busy "Christmas massaging," that I am acting as her secretary.

We both appreciate your invitation and will reach the White House in the afternoon of January second. I had already written from Mexico accepting your invitation to the Vice President's dinner on January 2nd.

We are both looking forward with real pleasure to being with you and learning the new situation. Dell Frankel in my wife's bringing home a Mexican donkey (don't start, it is still alive and is a cigarette container) warranted to out run any elephant. But even tigers run a race.

With affectionate regards to you and Franklin and to your family, we are with Christmas greetings to you and yours faithfully yours,

Josephus Daniels
Dear Mrs. Daniels:

I have been interested for a long time in a young man, Leo Casey, who was completely crippled in a motorcycle accident. There is a Professor Szekely, a Cosmotherapeutic doctor, whose address is

Post Restant
SolorL. Marina
Tamanlipa
Victoria, Mexico,

who is very much interested in this boy. This doctor claims that with diet and rest and sunshine he can restore the boy to normal health, and since Leo is completely paralyzed from the chest down, I feel, with him, that anything is worth trying.

What I would like to know is whether you could have someone check on this doctor, and also if you could suggest any place not too expensive where this young man could stay, and I should be most grateful if you could find time to take a look at him occasionally. I hate to have him start off on this long trip without a little bit more definite information about this man.

With many thanks and hoping that I am not giving you too much trouble. He is a nice person and I am so anxious to see something done for him as he is only about twenty-five years old.

Affectionately,

Mrs. (Josephus) Daniels
Purcell Weaver
Cornish Arms Hotel,
West 23rd Street,
New York City

Post Restant
Colo La Mauna
Victoria (State)
Jamalesia,
Mexico

Inter Cosmotherapeutic Expedition,
of Professor Gyeky
1516 Twenty-eighth Street
Washington, D.C.
June 26, 1936.

Dear Eleanor Roosevelt:

When I returned to Mexico from Washington last January, I told Mr. Antonio Sala that you did not feel you could accept the beautiful Mexican dress and therefore that you had not furnished the measurements he requested.

A few days before I left Mexico City, Mr. Sala, accompanied by his nieces, called at the Embassy and had the costume ready in a box and asked me to bring it to you. I did not see how I could decline. He is a retired business man and you incur no obligations. I am therefore, trusting that you feel you can accept it.

With warm regards,

Affectionately,

Mrs. Roosevelt,
The White House.
My dear Mrs. Daniels:

Thank you so much for the lovely box. I am delighted to have it and so much appreciate your kind thought in giving it to me.

I am more than sorry that I was away when you were here.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Josephus Daniels
Raleigh
North Carolina
July 16, 1936

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I was so glad to see the article and to get your letter. I know Mrs. Garner would always make a delightful impression and I am so happy she could be with you and Mrs. Daniels.

Affectionately,

Hon. Josephus Daniels
Mexico City
México, July 9, 1936.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am enclosing herewith a news item from EXCELSIOR of July 6th, containing an interview which Mrs. Garner granted to Miss Ana Salado Alvarez of that paper while she was a guest at the Embassy, and also pictures taken at that time of Mrs. Garner in the Embassy and of our party at Xochimilco.

Mrs. Garner, accompanied by her granddaughter, came to Mexico City by rail with my wife and greatly enjoyed the trip and we were most happy to have the pleasure not only of the delightful association with her, but she made the finest sort of impression on the Mexican officials and people. She was the first woman who had spoken in the National Palace on any official or international occasion. You know how averse she is to public speaking and I had to urge her to say a few words of thanks and appreciation at the Palace after President Cárdenas had delivered his address, which was responded to by Senators Connally, McAdoo and Chavez. She did it in such excellent spirit and taste as to make a great hit. She went away loaded with presents for herself and her granddaughter and a great company assembled at the depot to tell her goodbye, including the wife of President Cárdenas, many Mexican officials, and all the American delegation.

My wife and I are hoping that you have it in the back of your head after the November election to pay us that promised visit. I am sure you would enjoy it, and

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.
it would be worth while in every way.
My wife joins me in love to you and Franklin.
Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Enclosure.
The wife of the Vice President of the United States, Mr. John Garner, is
full of optimism.

She is delighted with everything about Mexico.

The distinguished lady who had visited
Us some years ago finds the country
Notably improved.

by Alan Halsey, Jr.

Mrs. Marietta M. Garner, wife of the Vice President of the United States, Mr. John M. Garner, who arrived in this City two days ago, after having attended the inauguration of the international highway with her husband, is a guest at the Embassy of the United States, where she received us to grant us an interview. In that interview she told us that this is not her first visit to this country, she having come to Mexico over thirty years ago, and that naturally she found the country entirely changed. She then said that surely Roosevelt and her husband would be reflected in the coming elections as President and Vice President of the United States, respectively.

Mrs. Garner does not speak Spanish, which is to be regretted, for in addition to being able to see this country from a much more interesting angle if she did, so she tells us, her conversation is so agreeable and she knows and speaks so many things about her life and about her country that she regrets deeply her inability to express herself in our tongue. Tall and distinguished looking, she preserves still much of the beauty which undoubtedly she possessed in youth, but before all else she is a gentle and gracious woman who has for everyone with whom she comes in contact only kindness and cordiality. She received us immediately and made generous response to all our questions.

"Mexico has changed since my husband and I first visited it over thirty years ago. Of course it retains its color as an old Spanish city, but now it possesses, in addition to that, the appearance of a modern city of the United States, principally of California. There are streets and even entire districts which differ in no way from some in Los Angeles. On the other hand, it has places, like the small towns surrounding the city, which are typical and full of tradition, as well as the Lake of Xochimilco, from which we have just returned, and which is the only one of its kind in America. I had never thought that there existed on our Continent, for our two countries are North America, monuments of such value and antiquity as the pyramids of Teotihuacan, as the convents which we have visited and other buildings the names of which I do not recall at the moment. I am

really
really amazed at so much beauty. When I return to my country I shall read with greater care everything relating to the history of Mexico, since my husband’s library in Washington contains many books thereof."

"The life of a Vice-President’s wife in the United States must be a very busy one, Mrs. Garner, is it not?"

"Yes," Mrs. Garner replied. "Especially in my case. Before my husband became Vice-President, I helped him in all his work and he considered me his private secretary. Now with much greater reason I help him as much as I can, which, perhaps, is not very much, but we always work together when the Government work is intensified."

"And socially?"

"I lead a very quiet life. John and I never go out at night unless it is absolutely necessary. When I can avoid leaving the work to which I devote myself, I do so; but it is not always possible. Especially during the months when there is a continuous round of festivities, dinners, banquets and dances, official ceremonies which absolutely demand the presence of Roosevelt. In the months of January, February and March, the social life of the White House is so intense that there is scarcely any time for rest. Then come the months of extreme heat and the Diplomatic Corps and all others holding government positions in Washington leave the capital for the seashores of New York and New Jersey, and everything is quiet and silent at the White House for some time until the Executive Mansion is opened again to the official world."

"And during that time do you and Mr. Garner rest too?"

"No, I continue with my social work, which I never stop, and devote myself to my house and to my husband. Sometimes we travel, as we have done this year, coming on this delightful excursion. My granddaughter, the daughter of my only son, is my companion on all these trips. She has accompanied me to Mexico and is charmed with your interesting country, which she is visiting for the first time."

"And," we asked Mrs. Garner in closing, "do you think that Mr. Roosevelt and Mr. Garner will be elected President and Vice-President of the United States in the next elections?"

"I am sure they will be," Mrs. Garner replied with a smile denoting her great confidence. "Of course, in politics things can change from one moment to another, and no one can guarantee anything, but according to all probabilities, Mr. Roosevelt will be President for another term and consequently Mr. Garner will be Vice-President. At least, that is what all those of us who desire the well being of the North American people hope."
CONFIANZA EN UNA VICTORIA DE ROOSEVELT

La Esposa del Vicepresidente de E. Unidos, Mrs. John Garner, se Muestra Llena de Optimismo

ESTA ENCANTADA DE TODO LO DE MEXICO

La Distinguida Dama que nos Había Visestado Hace Años, Encuentra al País Notablemente Mejorado

Por ANA SALADO ALVAREZ

La señora Marietta N. Garner, esposa del Vicepresidente de los Estados Unidos, Mr. John N. Garner, quien llegó a esta ciudad hace dos días, después de haber estado, en compañía de su esposo, a la inauguración de la ex-Comisaria Internacional, se ha alojado en la Embajada de los Estados Unidos, en donde nos recibió para celebrar con nosotros una entrevista. En ella nos dice que no es la primera vez que visita este país, pues hace algo más de treinta años, estuvo en México, y que, naturalmente, lo encuentra totalmente cambiado. Luego nos habla de que seguramente Roosevelt y su marido serán reflejos en las próximas elecciones, para Presidente y Vicepresidente de los Estados Unidos, respectivamente.

No habló español Mrs. Garner, lo cual es de lamentar, pues además de que podría ver este país bajo un aspecto mucho más interesante si lo supiera—según nos dice—, es su conversación tan agradable, y sabe, y dice tantas cosas de su vida y de su país, que siente verdaderamente no poder expresar en nuestra lengua. Alto y distinguida, guarda todavía mucho de la hermosura que seguramente tuvo en su juventud, pero es, ante todo, una de las bellas, bonitas y serias que tiene para todo el que la busca sino atención y cordialidad. Nos redujo inmediatamente a lo solicitamos, y con toda amabilidad contesta a cuanto le preguntamos.

México se ha transformado desde la primera vez que lo visitamos, nos dice y yo, hace algo más de treinta años. Claro que guarda el color de vieja ciudad española, pero ahora tiene, a más de eso, los rurales de una población moderna de los Estados Unidos, principalmente de California. Hay casas y hasta barrios enteros que no se diferenciarian de alguna de Los Ángeles. En cambio, tiene sitios, como los pequeños pueblos que rodean la ciudad, que son típicos y llenos de tradición, como en México también el lago de Xochimilco, de donde regresamos en estos momentos, y que es único en América. Juntas hubiera pensado que en nuestro Continente, ya que nuestros dos países son la América del Norte, hubiera monumentos arqueológicos de tal valor y antigüedad como las Pirámides de Teotihuacán, como todos los conjuntos que hemos visitado en estos días y otras edificaciones que no pueden recordar en el momento. Estoy verdaderamente asombrada de tan hermosura. Ahora que regresa a mi país, voy a leer con más cuidado e intereses todo cuanto se refiere a la historia de México, en que abunda la biblioteca de mi esposo en Washington.

Y la vida de la esposa del Vi.
CONFIDANZA EN UNA VICTORIA DE ROOSEVELT

Signos de la primera plana.

Sigue el presidente de los Estados Unidos, Mrs. Garner, debe ser sumamente agitada, ¿no es cierto?

—Lo digo desde que en mi casa, yo, unas veces de que mi marido fuera Vicepresidente, le ayudaba en todos sus trabajos, y el me consideraba su secretaria particular. Ahora con más razón, soy yo quien, no de gran cosa, quizás, lo sirvo en todo lo que pude, al grado de que todos trabajamos durante las épocas en que se intensificaba más el trabajo en el Gobierno.

—Y socialmente?

—Todo es una vida retira. De noche no salimos John y yo, sino cuando es incomodable. Siempre que puede... me lavaba la casa, luego se peinaba y se vestía, siempre todas las veces que se le solicitó. Cuantas veces que no hablamos con el Presidente, que no se nos piden.

—Y los próximos días?

—Señor, los próximos días, saldré con mi marido, que visitaremos a amigos en Washington, y nos prometemos pasar una gran amistad.

—Y durante todo el tiempo, ¿dónde descansarán?

—Yo, yo continuaba con el trabajo y con los amigos, que jamás abandonaré, y me dedicó a mi casa, que mi esposa, Otras casas, nos damos, y viajar, como siempre, que hemos encontrado en estos días, no escapamos a viajar. Ahora saldremos a tiempo para seguir la actividad el próximo... en Washington, y nos prometemos pasar una gran amistad.

—Y preguntamos por fin a Mrs. Garner—¿Cómo trascenderán los próximos días?

—Nuevos días, pero siempre, y nos prometemos seguir la actividad el próximo... en Washington, y nos prometemos pasar una gran amistad.

Y el viaje a Washington, nos prometemos seguir la actividad el próximo... en Washington, y nos prometemos pasar una gran amistad.
Mexico August 1, 1936.

Personal

Dear Senator:

You have doubtless noted that in his speech of acceptance Governor Landon apologized for the best thing he ever did, to wit: supporting the National Progressive Ticket in 1912. As he recanted favoring truly progressive legislation, young Taft was standing by his side.

Is not such recanting evidence that his election would restore a regime like that of Taft or Hoover?

Am I presuming too much on our common devotion to liberalism to suggest that you would render an important service if you would in a speech or radio address or otherwise point out to the country that Landon's repudiation of his attitude in 1912 is assurance of his sorrows for one time following the clean? If this suggestion appeals to you, I would be very happy. If not, no harm is done. I am enclosing a copy of the extract to which I make reference.

My wife joins in sincere regards to you and Mrs. Johnson. I hope to be in California this fall and to have the pleasure of talking with you about matters in which we have a common interest.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Josephine Daniels

Hon. Hiram Johnson
San Francisco, Calif.

Extract referred to above: "Now, I know that many of us, at one time or another, have become dissatisfied and impatient with the efforts of our local and State Administrations to solve our difficulties. At such times it has seemed to us that only a larger, more powerful unit of government could meet the need. For those who have followed such a line of reasoning I have the understanding that comes from experience.

"As a young man I was attracted to the idea of centralizing in the Federal Government full power to correct the abuses growing out of a more complex social order. When the people rejected this alternative I was as disappointed as anyone. But in spite of this rejection I have lived to see many of those abuses substantially corrected by the 48 State Legislatures in their fields and by the Federal Government in its field of interstate commerce."
June 29, 1936

Dear Mrs. Daniels:

Many thanks for bringing me the costume made by Mr. Sala. I agree with you that you certainly should not have declined it, and I am writing Mr. Sala to thank him for it.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Josephus Daniels
1516 Twenty-eighth Street
Washington, D.C.
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

We read your "My day" with interest and feel that we are in the family. All the news that precedes to this country maintains us to believe that victory in November is assured.

After the election - November 11, a fine month here - we hope you are going to come to see us.

Ask Franklin to let you read a letter I sent him the other day in response to a letter I received from a Republican writing me to join the Republican party. I think my answer was effective.
Knock out. That lack of modesty recalls a saying of Mr. Howe's, that he had written anything we thought was good enough to fit with a charming tenet in A. That, sir, is a masterpiece.

The other day I saw Mr. Sala. He said he had not received your letter you wrote my wife, you had sand. I think these unseemly.

His address in Antener Sala,
Calle Bulmero 54,
Mercado del T.

My wife joins me in love to you and
dear friend and all the Roche to and
our staff.

Faithfully,
[Signature]
September 28, 1936

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I know "Adventures in Solitude", but I am delighted to have it again, as it is a long while since I read it.

I enjoyed the copy of your letter to your brother-in-law, and am sorry Mrs. Daniels was called home on such a sad errand. I only hope he will improve rapidly.

My love to Mrs. Daniels, and our affectionate greetings to you.

Very cordially yours,

Hon. Josephus Daniels
Mexico City
Dear Eleanor Roosevelt:

After reading to-day that you were confined in the White House from a severe cold, I wired my friend Ray Stannard Baker to send you a copy of his “Adventure in Solitude” by David Grayson (which you know is Baker’s pen name).

My wife has been called home by the illness of her brother. I am in solitude: I read the book at one sitting.

Mr. Stimson feeling certain it and sent it to you. I hope you are well again, if you would cheer hunting. I hope you are well again. I will still find to you. I hope you are well again you will still find it interesting and stimulating. I am reading the book to you. I hope you are well again. You are not compelled to read an excerpt a portion. You are not compelled to read it.

Mr. Stimson has been kept you in the tent house it may serve to pass away time.

With my affectionate regards to my friend Franklin.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Mr. Stimson was delighted to receive your letter.
I

Dear Mr. [Name],

I trust this letter finds you in good health. Your recent arrival in the city has been a great relief to me. I am very pleased to hear that you are settling in well. I hope you will find everything to your satisfaction.

My love to [Name] and [Name].

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

has the letter come?
November 6, 1936

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Many thanks for sending me "The Illusion of War". I had not read it but thought it very good and will surely use it in my column as you suggest.

Very cordially yours,

Hon. Josephus Daniels
American Embassy
Mexico City, D.F.
Mexico
March 27, 1936

THE FOREIGN SERVICE
OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

AMERICAN EMBASSY

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

You probably have read Richard Galsworthy's "The Decision of War." Or had escaped your attention until I ran across it yesterday. It is a classic, the best picture of human reaction. I am sending it to you with the humble thought that you might see it in your Annan's Day column, "My Day." It is the best thing about war I have seen anywhere. Even if it is suitable for your column, you might like to read it.

Yours truly,

[Signature]

Joseph Daniels
November 9, 1936

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Many thanks for sending me a copy of your statement to the veterans. I had not seen it, and I will be sure that Franklin sees it. It was kind of you to do this.

I would love to go to Mexico, but it is not possible now. Perhaps in the spring I can go.

Very cordially yours,

Hon. Josephus Daniels
Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

In the stress and strain of the last days of the campaign, I am certain it is not possible for you to keep in touch with some of the locations that are sent out. A month ago, when the partisans of Governor were seeking to organize the veteran vote for Mr. Kauzyn, I was requested to make a statement which would be circulated. If you have not seen it, I am certain you will wish to do so. I am enclosing a copy herewith. It may be that it was not shown to Franklin and he may have to read it.

My wife and I were that the election is over, you can fly back to New York and make us a visit. The weather is fine in November. You would enjoy it, and it would make us happy to see you.

Yours sincerely,

Joseph Daniels
December 2, 1936.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Please do not be concerned over what happened to Miss Dickerson. I have heard nothing about it, so I do not believe she was seriously inconvenienced.

My love to Mrs. Daniels.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Josephus Daniels
American Embassy
Mexico City
Mexico
Dear Miss Roosevelt,

We were very happy to welcome your friend Miss Bridgeman to the Embassy when she and her friends were here.

Unfortunately upon her return her departure and return coincided but was promptly advertised. Now following a copy of a memorandum furnished to the Consul General detailing the affairs which Miss Bridgeman may wish to read. I do not have her address. I will thank you to ask your secretary to forward it to her.

May I urge you to extend the same regards to my wife. She has been working with our Ambassadors here in Brussels for a few days and hopes to see you. We are still hoping you will come to see us on election day.

With my warm regards,

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]
On November 6th, at 2:30 P.M., I was instructed by Mr. Galbraith to report to Mr. Beal at the Embassy. Since a friend of Mr. Roosevelt was in trouble with the police in Mexico City, I immediately went to the Embassy and reported to Mr. Beal, who suggested that we should immediately go down to the 7th Precinct (Precinct) of Police. We proceeded to the 7th Precinct and were met by Comandante Godines, who was awaiting our arrival at the gate of the police station. He stated that he had allowed Miss Dickinson and her friend to go home but had held the chauffeur of the taxi, a lottery ticket saloon man and a glass vendor who were involved in the case.

I told these three individuals that if they would go to the consulate and await my arrival, I would settle the case with them after consulting the circumstances with Miss Dickinson. Mr. Beal and I then went to Calle Amazonas No. 31, which turned out to be the wrong address. We returned to the Embassy and ascertained that Miss Dickinson and her friend were staying at Calle Amazonas No. 31. We returned to Calle Amazonas and found Miss Dickinson's apartment at Number 31. We were admitted by Miss Dickinson's friend who asked us to enter the apartment since Miss Dickinson was busy packing. Miss Dickinson stated that she and her friend had gone to the market on Avenue Chapultepec and seeing some articles of native glass, she purchased two pitchers from a street man; that a lottery vendor had hailed a taxi for them; it being understood that for the price of one centon (fifty cents in Mexican money) the taxi should take the ladies to Calle Amazonas 31. It seems that the glass vendor got into the rear compartment of the car with the ladies, they being unaware of the reason for this. The lottery vendor stood on the running board of the right side of the car holding on to the rear door and the chauffeur apparently had walked away from the curb before the rear door on the right side of the car was securely closed. After the car had traveled about a block the rear door on the right side opened and was practically torn off by a milk truck on that side. The chauffeur took the ladies to the 7th Precinct Court and tried to secure payment for the damages on his car. Mr. Beal and I assured the ladies that the matter would be fully taken care of and left them to be sure to inform us if anything further could be done for them. I returned to the Consulate General where I found the chauffeur, the lottery ticket vendor and the glass vendor awaiting me. The chauffeur stated that he did not know who had opened the door but that he was sure that the door was securely closed before he started the car, only that he was in a hurry, since it was only a fifty cent trip and his time was too valuable to wait until the ladies should decide to get into the car. The lottery ticket vendor stated that, although he was standing on the right running board immediately in front of the rear door on the right side, he had not become aware of the fact that the door had opened. The glass vendor stated that he had not got into the car since the ladies had only paid him five pesos instead of 6.50, a fact that proved untrue since the ladies stated that their total purchases from him amounted to four pesos. After listening to
their various statements I explained to them that I had been instructed by the ambassador to settle the case and that since the evidence they had presented was entirely divergent from the statements of the two American ladies, they acting through me, declined to pay the thirty pesos damages claimed by the chauffeur, 10 pesos for the glass and 15 pesos for the repair of the door. I eliminated the chauffeur's statement as he had stated that he did not know who had opened the door and charged him with starting the car before the door was closed. I eliminated the declaration of the lottery vendor by stating that it was physically impossible for anyone to stand on the running board of a small Chevrolet and be unaware of the fact that a door on the same side had opened, since their body would be in the way of the opening door. The glass vendor's statements were discounted as it was obvious that he was only 12 years of age. His statements were, therefore, not able to be considered from the legal standpoint in any court. The chauffeur was satisfied with my statement that nothing would be paid him and stated that he would levantar una acta (make a formal complaint) at the police station, charging the American ladies with opening the door. I told him that if he wished to make a formal complaint he was at liberty to do so but that I would appear to his complainant on behalf of the ladies. The chauffeur went to the 7th demarcation of the police and I followed him some fifteen minutes later. The agente del ministerio público (the agent of the prosecuting attorney) was busy with another case so the chauffeur had to wait before being able to make a complaint. I in the meantime approached the agente del ministerio público in the presence of the chauffeur and told him that since the chauffeur was threatening to bring action for the damages against his car, I had no other recourse than to present the case to the Attorney General of the Federal District, so as to make sure that the ladies would not be detained or molested before leaving for the United States on their train. I went to the secretaria de gobernación to make an appointment for the following day on a pending immigration case and then returned to the 7th demarcation and found that the chauffeur thinking that I had gone to the Attorney General's office had decided to drop all further action so as not to get into further trouble. The Acta (formal complaint) was never made by the agente del ministerio público and I was told by the police officials at the 7th demarcation that the case had been completely dropped. Some two hours later at 9:00 p.m., I called on Miss Dickinson at Calle Insurgentes No. 39, and told her that the case had been dropped and I also informed her that the ambassador had given instructions that anything else that
that might be necessary. She stated that she had
already made arrangements with the guide who had
shown her Mexico for him to take her to the train
and requested me to thank the ambassador for the
action taken in this case.

William J. Ilson, Jr.,
American Vice Consul.

American Consulate General,
Mexico, D.F., Mexico.
November 6, 1936.
December 15, 1936

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you very much indeed for your letter. I did get a laugh out of the story about your son Frank and I know that the President will love it!

We look forward to seeing you both.

Very cordially yours,

Honorable Josephus Daniels
Embassy of the United States of America
Mexico City, Mexico
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

In your very busy days you may not have read an article in the Washington Star about the visit of the Prince of Wales when your boys and mine were students at St. Alban's. If not, I think you will relish Dr. Henderson's reference to a statement made by my son Frank in the sacred studies class. I am enclosing an extract herewith. Please show it to Franklin when he comes home and feels the need of a laugh.

I think I know what he will say when you read him that Frank Daniels II told his teacher in sacred studies that "Matthew was a Republican and a sinner". He will say: "The Daniels boys had better training in Democracy than in religion". And I am afraid he would be right. Frank doubtless thought then that all Republicans were sinners. I was tempted to think that way during the last campaign until I reflected that several millions were supporting Franklin. I then thought there were exceptions.

We expect to be in Washington, en route to Raleigh to spend Christmas, on December 20th to 22nd, and look forward to seeing you and exchanging Christmas greetings.

With affectionate regards from both of us to you and Franklin.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Enclosure.
January 9, 1937

Dear Mrs. Daniels:

The President and I were thrilled with the beautiful platter which you and the Ambassador gave us for Christmas. It was more than kind of you to remember us and we are delighted to have the platter.

I was so sorry you could not be with the Ambassador when he came to lunch. We missed so much seeing you, particularly because of the sad reason for your absence.

With every good wish, I am

Affectionately,

Mrs. Josephus Daniels
Raleigh, NC
March 27, 1937

De r Mr. Ambassadors

Elliot and Ruth, who, as you know, live in Fort Worth, Texas, are planning on motoring themselves to Mexico City, perhaps next autumn. I know it is a lot to ask, but if you and Mrs. Daniels happen to be there at the time, do you think that you could have them stay with you, and if there is anything about the roads, etc., which you think would be helpful, will you let me know?

In the meanwhile Elliot is very anxious to acquire one of the Mexican saddles and bridles decorated with silver. He told me the other day he wanted to buy one for himself if he could afford it. If you happen to hear of one and know the price, I would like to give it to him for his birthday, which comes in September, if I can afford it. He is a big man and would need a big saddle and I gather he wants all the silver trimmings. It is hard to find them nowadays in the United States, but I think they still can be found in Mexico.

I hope I am not giving you too much trouble. Don't do anything about this if it bothers either you or Mrs. Daniels.

Much love to Mrs. Daniels.

Affectionately,
April 16, 1937

Dear Mrs. Daniels:

You were very kind to invite Ruth and Elliott to visit you. I know that they will be thrilled and will have a very happy time.

Please do not go to too much trouble about the saddle.

With affectionate regards to the Ambassador

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. Josephus Daniels
Embassy of the United States
Mexico City, Mexico

MTS/L
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

We were very glad to receive your letter of March 27th and to learn and to learn that it was possible that Elliott and Ruth might journey down to Mexico between now and early autumn. Mr. Daniels is writing Elliott today and giving him an urgent invitation to come and see us. It would make us very happy to have these young people as our guests in the Embassy. The next thing to having you and Franklin here with us will be to have your son and his wife.

We will bear in mind your desire to secure a Mexican saddle and bridle decorated with silver and will write you later a description and the price of the kind of saddle and bridle you would wish to give Elliott as a birthday present.

Mr. Daniels regretted very much that when you were in Texas you could not fly down here. He says that Franklin has a keen wisdom about many things, but that while his judgment may be good with reference to your coming to Mexico, it is a judgment to which we would both like to write a dissenting opinion, since dissenting opinions seem to be in order. This five to four opinion which keeps you from coming to see us is one we would like to see overruled, and if we could we would pack the court to change it. However, we hope that this situation will be regarded only as temporary and that we shall have the pleasure of welcoming you at the Embassy while we are here.

We plan to get home in the early summer and shall look forward to seeing you both.

I marvel daily at the many things you do and the inspiration you give to women all over the country, and

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.
all over the world, for that matter, for measuring up to their obligation and promoting social justice.

Affectionately yours,

[Signature]

[Typed Name]
May 22, 1937

Dear Mr. Ambassadors,

The saddle for $135 is the one which Elliott would like to have. I am not anxious to have it immediately, but would like to have it around early September.

I shall look forward to seeing you and Mrs. Daniels when you are back in this country.

Very cordially yours,
My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Without disclosing for whom I was speaking, I talked with Colonel Marshburn, military Attaché of our country here, about the kind of saddle that would suit Elliott. The best manufacturer of saddles here brought three beautiful saddles to the Embassy. One of them Colonel Marshburn liked particularly and I am enclosing a note from him giving a description of it and the cost. You know that a peso is 28 cents in our money. The price of this saddle - 482.- pesos - would be about $135.- dollars.

I am sending you a catalogue gotten out by "La Palestine" here, with pictures and prices of saddles. Some of the charros here pay as much as 1,000.- pesos for their saddles, as you will see. The saddle on page 3, for 290.- pesos is quite nice, and the one for 400.- pesos is beautiful.

Please let me know your wishes. If the price is not too high I should be inclined to accept the suggestion of Colonel Marshburn, who is very closely in touch with Army officers and members of the charro organization here.

My wife and I expect to be in Washington the early part of June and are looking forward with great pleasure to seeing you and the President.

Always faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.
MEMORANDUM FOR THE AMBASSADOR:

Of the three Mexican saddles which you examined carefully the one you liked the most costs 482.00 pesos including the blanket and bridle.

This saddle is typically Mexican and was manufactured in Guadalajara, Jalisco. It weighs about 25 or 30 pounds, is trimmed with silver inlay, and would be quite suitable for a man weighing from 150 to 200 pounds. It is really a fine example of the saddlers' art and would, I think, be very acceptable to anyone interested in horses and fond of Mexican leather work.

Very respectfully yours,

H. E. Marshburn,
Lieutenant Colonel, Infantry,
Military Attaché.
June 8, 1937

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I received your letter about the saddle and as soon as I return to Mexico I will secure it and be certain that it is the best make, and will hold it to be shipped at such time as you wish.

My wife and I are greatly disappointed that we cannot be at home to welcome you when you come to the Strawberry Festival at Wallace next Friday. She has been suffering with arthritis and has an engagement to see a doctor in Washington Friday morning which she made before we knew the date of your coming to this State.

We are going to be in Washington from Friday until the next Wednesday - I will go to Philadelphia Monday to speak Flag Day at Independence Hall but my wife will remain in Washington until Saturday, June 19. We both hope to see you at such time as may be convenient. We will be at the Hay-Adams House.

With affectionate regards to you and Franklin from both of us,

Faithfully,

Josephus Daniels

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D.C.

(Dictated by Mr. Daniels and signed in his absence.)
My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

A few days ago I made the Commencement Address at Greensboro College, Greensboro, North Carolina. In it I urged young women to prepare themselves not only for home-keeping but for social and public service. I am enclosing an extract from the speech, and I can tell you that it was received with more favor and applause than any other part of my address.

Faithfully yours,

Josephus Daniels

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D. C.

(Dictated by Mr. Daniels and signed in his absence)
(Extract from Commencement Address at Greensboro College, Greensboro, North Carolina, by Josephus Daniels, American Ambassador to Mexico, Monday, May 31, 1937.)

In this changing world when government is more and more like house-keeping, there is need for women to bring their experience and tact and wisdom in making the safe transition from the Chimney Corner to the Forum. Their contributions in our country cause questions of precedence across the seas to seem silly. Women graduates who go out today are fortunate to find women leaders who have blazed new trails. It is a matter of gratulation to the whole country that at this period the wife of the President, called "Our First Lady", correctly envisions the larger place of woman in righting social and economic wrongs. Because the White House under her inspiration has become the dynamo of woman's part in every progressive reform, Mrs. Roosevelt rightly deserves the title of "First Lady." This, not alone because she sets correct standards in the social life of the Capital, but chiefly, because she is concerned, and deeply concerned, to promote the welfare of women workers, do away with child labor, and is regarded as the real sister of every woman who thinks and labors to make this a better world. The women cotton mill operatives, who were recently entertained at the White House found as cordial a welcome as the wives of royalty and leaders of fashion. And more: women who earn their living and are consecrating themselves to improve living situations find there an understanding of the conditions under which woman workers live and a desire to improve them.
June 16, 1937

Dear Mrs. Daniels:

It was grand to see you and the ambassador the other night and I cannot tell you how lovely the table set is and how sweet you are to always bring me something delightful from Mexico.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Josephus Daniels
Raleigh
North Carolina
June 21, 1937

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Will you please ask your secretary to forward the enclosed letter to Franklin, Jr.? I do not know his present address.

It was good to see you so well and so absorbed in worth while duties. Your leadership is an inspiration.

My wife joins in love.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.
June 28, 1957

My dear Mr. Daniels:

I was very happy to hear from you and have forwarded the note to Franklin, Jr.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs. Daniels.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Josephus Daniels
Raleigh
North Carolina
June 29, 1937

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you very much for bringing me the package from Mr. Sala. I will send him a note to thank him for his kind thought of us.

It was nice seeing you again.

Affectionately,

Hon. Josephus Daniels
Hay-Adams House
Washington
June 19, 1837

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

As I was leaving Mexico, Mr. Antonio Sala asked me to bring you a package. I am sending it herewith. He admires you and the President so much he wishes to send you a reminder every day I go home. He is the owner of great trees from which chicle is obtained.

It was good to see you looking so well and fit. I grow increasingly proud of the great place you fill in our country. My wife joins in love to you and Franklin. Our prayers and hopes are all with you.

Affectionately,

[Signature]
Dear Mrs. Daniels:

Many thanks for your note accompanying Mrs. Wyatt's letter. I am sorry that I cannot possibly accept the invitation to launch the Community Chest campaign in Raleigh as I am scheduled to go on a lecture tour from the third of November to the twenty-second and will not be in this part of the country at that time. I am writing to Mrs. Wyatt explaining this.

I hope you have had a pleasant summer.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. Josephus Daniels
Raleigh
N. C.
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

My very good friend, Mrs. Robert Wyant, head of the Community Chest of this city, is sending you an invitation to come to Raleigh for a very worthy cause.
Mexico City, Sept. 20, 1837.

EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Dear Friend:

The Mexican bridge and rock are left there Saturday night and I will reach Elliott tomorrow, I am sure he will regard your present as an ideal one and will find much pleasure in its use.

I read you every day and am often tempted to send you a "Bravo," but guess he getting tired of receiving one every time I post airmail. My wife and I were particularly pleased with what you wrote about Miss.CURIT, the fact that she was a Pole increased my interest.

My wife joins in best wishes to you and all the housecases which with so many marriages and births it is getting to be a big clan, no try I can hardly keep up with letters, and I guess it never takes your ability to do everything.

Affectionately

[Signature]

To Mr. Rembert B. Remond
Mr. Ward House
You ask me to name ten rules that have governed my life. I am not conscious of having at any time adopted rules of guidance which are responsible for the fact that my eyesight is as good and my general health and ability to work at seventy-five are about the same as they were when I was twenty-five, and which have enabled me to achieve some measure of success. However, sub-consciously my life may have been influenced by the following practices or rules of conduct:

1.- Like Livingston, I have ever been ready to go anywhere provided it is forward. My fundamental optimism has been justified by long experience. I have seen the growth of a new conception of social justice which convinces me that the world is on the threshold of a fairer distribution of the fruits of man's efforts. I hope to live to see the coming day when there will be no underprivileged, no slums, no denial of equality. I am confident that they are on the way and that future generations will fail to understand how our generation tolerated semi-feudalism and child labor and excessive hours, as we cannot understand how our ancestors tolerated slavery, duelling, and economic injustices. As a publisher-employer and as Secretary of the Navy, I endeavored to adopt standards that would recognize the right of collective bargaining and a fair day's wage for a fair day's work.

2.- My habits have been regular, with long working hours and plenty of time for sleep. I have never used stimulants of any kind. I early sensed the wisdom of Benjamin Franklin, who said: "Temperance puts wood on the fire, meal in the barrel, flour in the tubs, money in the purse, credits in the country, contentment in the house, clothes on the children, vigor in the body, intelligence in the brain, and spirit in the whole constitution."

3.- As a boy I was passionately fond of baseball and almost slept with a ball and bat. I can prove by Connie Mack that I still love it. However, in my early days as a youthful country publisher, I obtained all the exercise I needed without time out for play. I had no need for exercise after using my legs in reportorial activity in soliciting subscriptions and advertisements and in collecting for the same, in sometimes propelling the ink roller of an old-time Washington hand press.
press, and in other handy jobs in a country newspaper establishment. Later, when I might have found time for sports, I had forgotten how to play and have thought it wiser to reserve all my strength for my serious duties. I violate all the accepted rules that prescribe a certain part of every day for physical exercise. During the World War I recall that Walter Camp volunteered to keep the Cabinet and other officials fit by superintending their exercise, giving his scientific "daily dozen". I told him I needed every ounce of strength for my daily tasks and could not join his classes. He predicted I would break down under the war strain unless I exercised daily. Some of my colleagues, who joined his class, later went to hospitals. I did not lose a day or an hour from my official duties during the World War. This demonstrated that keeping fit for work did not require devoting time to prescribed exercise. In that respect I may be an exception to sound rules. I do not advise this course for others. Quite the contrary, I'd like the thrill of knocking a home run or kicking a goal.

4.- Because getting angry and losing control of temper injures one's disposition and retards efficiency, I have sought to keep myself free from giving way to wrath. Temper is a blessing if kept under control. When it is master of a man it destroys his happiness and usefulness. For selfish reasons I have tried, but not always with success, to maintain equanimity of life and speech in personal intercourse with my fellows.

5.- As a journalist I early learned the wisdom of the declaration of a notable editor, who said that no man could measure up to his duty as an editor unless, as he read in his morning paper of the wrongs and injustices in the world, he was so stirred with indignation that he became animated by a high resolve to do all in his power to redress the wrongs and bring about justice. The paper that is not a prosecutor of evil deeds and evil men falls short of its public responsibility. Righteous wrath is as essential to editorial influence as keen interest in all that goes on in the world.

6.- I have always placed loyalty as a supreme virtue and as the very mud-sill of character. Without loyalty to convictions, to friends, to principles, to good causes, to religious faith, to party, no man may hope to achieve his highest goal. Loyalty, however, is a virtue that may degenerate if it causes one to condone wrong in friends or makes one a slave to
7.- I have always been indifferent to money or its accumulation or the power it confers. I have never tried to make money or been actively associated with any enterprise established for profit. I have always been too busy with other things. Love of money may not be the root of all evil, but it is sure to canker the soul, dry up generous impulses, and corrupt the public service.

8.- I have always been in close association with youth and with men of youthful and forward-looking ideas. My closest associates have been my four sons, the young men on the staff of my paper, and older men who believe "the best is yet to be". For many years I taught a Sunday school class of college students. That experience was the best receipt for looking at things from the standpoint of tomorrow. These associations, following the guidance of a wise mother and the blessing of a true help-meet wife, have crowned my life with happiness and a large measure of satisfaction. My faith in the wisdom of these two women early influenced my advocacy of giving the ballot to women and opening wider doors to them.

9.- From early boyhood I had deep interest in politics, but resolved when a young editor never to become a candidate for public office. I was not willing to risk the temptation of writing with a view to getting votes for myself, or of being exposed to the suspicion that editorial utterance was influenced by personal ambition. I have regarded editorial duty as public service as truly as holding office. In the positions I have held I have endeavored to live up to the Cleveland creed: "Public office is a public trust."

10.- A man is as old as his arteries and his interests. If he permits his economic, religious, or social arteries to harden, or loses interest in whatever concerns mankind, he will lose faith in his fellows and in his world, thereby becoming prematurely old and will need only six feet of earth. If he maintains active interest in the affairs of his home town, his state, his republic, and the world in which he lives, and seeks in every way in his power to improve the welfare of his fellow men, particularly those who may not be able to help themselves, he will realize the wisdom of St. Simon: "The golden age is before us, not behind us." And if he accepts the philosophy of Cuyler as I have tried to do: "Every step toward Christ kills a doubt; every thought, word and deed for Him carries you away from discouragement", I am persuaded that there is no sore or yellow leaf as one moves toward the sunset.

Mexico, D. F.
México, September 23, 1937.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

When I was abroad this summer I spent three days in Ireland, and was interested in a building, the former home of the Cooke family, which I was informed that it was designed by Hogan, the architect of the White House.

Yesterday I received from a friend in Ireland a picture of this building, which is now Patrician College. You will observe that there is a similarity. I suppose you are familiar with this, but thought you might like it.

The saddle went off some days ago and I hope Elliott likes it. I will send you the bill later.

My wife joins me in love to you all.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph Daniel

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.
My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I can not tell you how grateful I am to you for sending the saddle and bridle to Elliott and I know he is thrilled to have them. Will you please send me the bill so that I can send you a check?

I have just come back from a trip with Franklin out to the west coast. I had to leave him in Seattle because of engagements which I had made sometime ago. He had grand crowds all along the way and I think very encouraging receptions at every stop. He will be back in Washington this week.

We are getting to be a large clan and I don't wonder it is difficult for you to keep up with us. It was grand to have a couple of days with Anna and her family, and the President really had one whole day in which he could be just a father and grandfather with no official duties.

My love to Mrs. Daniels.

Affectionately,

Hon. Josephus Daniels
Ambassador to Mexico
Mexico City, Mexico
Mexico, October 6, 1937.

My dear friend:

I had a letter from Elliott a few days ago in which he says:

"I wish to thank you very much for your great kindness in the matter of the saddle which my Mother gave me for a birthday present. Needless to say, it is a perfectly lovely present. It is my pride and joy and arrived in time for my birthday."

He writes that he and his wife and some friends are expecting to come to Mexico City about the middle of November.

I hope you have not given up the idea of coming to Mexico. Any time this fall would be delightful. We have sunshine here and your coming would bring sunshine to the hearts of my wife and myself. Remember that the latchstring hangs on the outside and we shall be greatly disappointed if you do not come to see us while we are here. You would enjoy it and we would enjoy you.

The cost of the saddle, express charges, duty, etc. is $187.86.

My wife joins me in love to you and Franklin and all the family.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.
October 11, 1937

My dear Mr. Daniels:

Thank you very much for the picture which is most interesting. I have given it to the President.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Josephus Daniels
Embassy of the United States of American
Mexico City
Mexico
My dear Friend:

I am in receipt of your esteemed letter of recent date enclosing the check. I was very glad that Elliott was pleased with the saddle.

The cost of it was more than either you or I expected. I sent it to the Consul at Nuevo Laredo with directions to expedite it. He telegraphed me that the tariff on the saddle would be $45.12 dollars, but that he thought it could be remitted if he telegraphed to the Treasury authorities at Washington, seeing that it was being sent on your account. I felt sure that you would not wish to make any special request to the Treasury Department, and therefore, I wired him to pay the duty so that it could go on. The tariff was $45.12, more than I supposed it would be, but Uncle Sam (part of whom you are) must have money to pay the salaries of Presidents of the United States and Ambassadors to Mexico, and I guess we should not complain.

My wife and I read your letter every day and marvel at your capacity to do so many things, to find happiness doing them, and to convey to all readers something of your spirit of wide interest and faith, which constitute a real blessing to the American people.

It is too bad that you married a man who insists upon regulating some of your movements and will not let you pay us that promised visit to Mexico. We hope that the next time we come home we all together can overrule him and have the pleasure of welcoming you to the Embassy while we are here.

My wife joins me in warm regards to you and all the Roosevelts.

Faithfully yours,

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House.
November 3, 1937

Dear Mr. Ambassador,

I am enclosing my check for $15.12 and I am so glad you did not intercede with the Treasury Department! The same gentleman who keeps me on American soil would not approve of my dodging any tariff!

Do let me know when you are here again.

My love to Mrs. Daniels.

Affectionately,

The Honorable Josephus Daniels
Mexico City
November 23, 1937

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

If I were a modern feminine version of Diogenes I am sure I would have gone looking for you immediately and my quest would have ended more speedily than his!

Many thanks for returning the check. I don’t know anything nicer than having money refunded which you had considered spent!

My love to Mrs. Daniels.

Affectionately,

Honorable Joseph Daniels
México, November 10, 1937.

My dear friend:

If you have been going about with a lantern a la Diogenes looking for an honest man, you have found him. I am it. Evidently I did not make myself clear in my former letter. The $187.66 you sent included the purchase of the saddle, the $45.12 for the tariff, and other expenses, so I am returning herewith the check for $45.12. I resisted the temptation to keep it, seeing you did not know.

My wife joins me in love to you and Franklin.

 Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.
My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I love the poem and know that Elliott will too! Many thanks for sending it to me.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Josephus Daniels
United States Embassy
Mexico
México, November 3, 1937.

My dear friend:

Since writing you some days ago enclosing Vance's poem as suggestive that Elliott will be riding on 66-2/3 per cent saddle and on 33-1/3 per cent, I gave requested my very good friend, Miss Nell Battle Lewis, of Raleigh, to make a parody on the Vance poem as Vance did on the famous "Mary's Little Lamb". She was good enough to comply with my request and I am enclosing her poem herewith.

My wife joins in love to you and Franklin.

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

P. S. - I hope the Per Cent will not make riding on the saddle uncomfortable.

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.
Dear Friend:

You know that you and your dear husband have a warm place in our hearts every day in every year. But if we could write an expression of this regard every year, you would not find time to read it. And at Christmas I try to compress into a single letter our increasing affection and esteem. It is nearly a quarter of a century since "first we became acquainted" — years which have united us in war and in peace. It is a far cry since nearly eighteen years we worked —
Irene and Eleanor in the recent days of the Second War. Though not working at war
Close quarters try our nearest purposes
And ambition remains, age in even
Strengthened? Only courage between West and
Washington separate us.

We wish for you both and all you love
A Sometimes uncommon Lo, and high
ness, may the joy you have created to many
Light your own heart and as Franklin
read the Christmas carols.

With dear love and Christmas meaning,
 accompanied a small gift from your
old friends, I am this Christmas

To Irene and Eleanor, Andersen but
addressed to the most, tranced member
of the family.
December 31, 1937.

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

The picture frame is lovely and I am delighted to have it. I am deeply appreciative of your note and the kind things you say of Franklin and me.

I had not thought of its being twenty-five years since we met. So much has happened during those years, it is only when one stops to count them up that one realizes.

We are both grateful for your enduring friendship and affection, and I am happy to say that we always think of you and Mrs. Daniels with affectionate thoughts.

Very cordially yours,

Mr. Josephus Daniels
Mexico City, Mexico
December 30, 1937

Dear Mrs. Daniels:

The picture frame is lovely and I am delighted to have it. I am deeply appreciative of your note and the kind things you say of Franklin and me.

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We are both grateful for your enduring friendship and affection and I am happy to say that we always think of you and the Ambassador with affectionate thoughts.

Mrs. Josephus Daniels
Mexico City
Mrs. Joseph Daniels
Mexico City, Mess.

Dear Mrs. Daniels -

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have it. I am deeply
appreciative of your note and
the kind things you say of
Dr. of me. I hadn't thought
of its being 25 years since
we met. So much has happened
during these years, it is
only when one stops to
count them up that one
realizes.

We are both grateful for
your enduring friendship.
January 27, 1938

Dear Mrs. Daniels:

I will be in Washington in April and May and hope that you will come and stay with us at the White House.

I am so glad you like the salad bowl. I think they are really very lovely.

With all good wishes and looking forward to seeing you when you come back home, I am

Affectionately,

Mrs. Josephine Daniels
Mexico City
Mexico
México, January 18, 1938.

My dear Eleanor Roosevelt:

Mr. Daniels and I both feel the deepest pride and joy over the beautiful salad set you sent us for Christmas. It has been a great pleasure to be able to show this beautiful set from the United States to so many American visitors who have been here. As you know, people come here thinking that they get the most beautiful silver. Our pride is not only in the joy of the set, but in the thought of your kindness to us at Christmas. We both send out deepest thanks.

I trust that you and the President are both well and that, although I know that it is not worth suggesting, you will not work too hard. We listen with the greatest joy and pride whenever he speaks and hear him perfectly over the radio.

I trust that you will be in the eastern part of the United States when we are at home in April and May, and that we can see you.

With much love to you both and expressions of deepest gratitude.

Lovingly,

Addie Smith Bayley Daniels

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.
July 30, 1933

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I think that Jonathan's book is probably in Washington being held for the President, but, as you know, he hasn't returned as yet. However, I have a copy of the book and am planning to read it this week. Everybody, including Mrs. Schaefer who has just finished it, has found it perfectly delightful. I shall write Jonathan and tell him how much we appreciate the inscribed copy, even though I have not yet seen it.

Congratulations to you and Mrs. Daniels and my love always.

Affectionately,

The Honorable Josephus Daniels
Embassy of the U. S. of America
Mexico, D. F.
Dear friend:

Jonathan has sent a copy of his new book "A Southerner Discovers the South" inscribed to you and Franklin. I hope it has reached your hands. It was much in it that will interest you and I hope in your busy life you can snatch the time to read it. The hopes have given it high commendation, Edwin Gaumnatt saying that in this book Jonathan has done for the South what Bierce did for the United States.

As we grow older, our ambitions centre in the careers of our children. My wife...
"More than good reporting - an honest, intelligent, profoundly understanding interpretation 'into words' and he added, America is many regions, each distinct. The peculiarities of the South based on the racial situation there have enchanted many. She has lain under that enchantment more than one hundred years. The North has sent its_blend harrow's down and they have come home sniffing. The Eastern press has sent its reporters, and they have returned with stories of a quaint character, queer people, curious social contrasts.

But here is a Southerner interpreting the South and telling the truth and nothing but the truth in a charming book. There is delight on every page, and wisdom and delight through it all."
and "If not a man, certainly a boy. The Jonathan is a true liberal. Some people will say, 'Well, he is a good man.' Yes, I don't know much about him, but he is the father of Jonathan, or brother of Jonathan, or friend of Jonathan — as the case may be."

I regretted that in his voyage in Nezian waters Franklin could not land. I did not urge it because of conditions. Williams Allen went, and spent two months here last spring, and said: "In the United States our people talk and think about Nezians if they had possessed public schools — houses for a century." He was warm in his praise of Jonathan. Will I went on the Quince Range and she wrote:

My wife from in love.

Faithfully,

[Signature]
I highly appreciate the fact that you made two references to Jonathan's *A Southerner Discovers the South*. I am quite sure neither of us followed him all the way, particularly in his observations about the attempt to make better settlements for sharecroppers in Arkansas and Mississippi. We both recognize in these experiments there must be trial and error before we reach the goal.

I have been urging Jonathan to take a trip through New England as he did through the South and "do" a book on "A Southerner Discovers New England," or "A Southerner Discovers the Yankees." Inasmuch as his Quaker ancestors landed at Nantucket when they came to this country, I have suggested that he begin at Nantucket where many of the Worths and Coffins and Starbucks (his mother's kin) lie buried, and in Rhode Island where my father went in the late fifties to learn more about ship-building; and then the textile mills and other parts of that interesting section of our America. What do you think of the idea? If you approve I'd be glad if you'd drop him a line to that effect — but do not consider this as a request.

Tell Franklin I think he is eternally right. Unless our party is militantly liberal and progressive, it will fail in 1940 and ought to fail.

"Forward, forward let us range;  
Let the great world spin forever  
On the ringing grooves of change."

A few victories for ultra-conservatives in the South will not change the tide. Remember we won in Florida, Alabama, Arkansas, Tennessee, and Kentucky, and in most Northern and Western States where the issue was clear cut. And we will win elsewhere by organization and recognition on every front of all liberals.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
The White House, Washington.
liberals. Franklin's speech on the Eastern Shore deprecating the division of town and country should be stressed and emphasized "precept upon precept, here a little and there a little". Their interests are common and if they see it the attempt of the economic royalists to "divide and conquer" will fail. But only if that sound policy is carried home by iteration and reiteration. In that sign we conquer.

My wife sends her love. We hope all goes well with you. We were cheered to read that James is coming on well after the operation.

Faithfully,

[Signature]

Joseph Daniels
December 27, 1938

Dear Mrs. Daniels:

I was so sorry to miss Mr. Daniels when he was here, and I hope that you will both be here later on and that you can arrange to stay with us.

Will you let me know when you expect to be in Washington, and we can arrange your visit then.

With love,

Affectionately,

Mrs. Josephus Daniels
Raleigh, North Carolina
México, January 24, 1939.

"My dear Eleanor Roosevelt:

It was a happy evening we had with you and we were so glad to find you and Franklin both so well, notwithstanding the strain. You know I am not one of the people who imagines that you have a life without strain, because I know what a strenuous time you have and it must be a great tax on your strength.

I hope you are having good news from the children and if you go west I wish you would manage to disguise yourself and come down into México or promise Franklin not to go to a school.

We had a very comfortable trip home and enjoyed all the thoughts of having seen our friends.

It is with great pride that I show your ash trays and we are proud to have something of your own manufacture.

Mr. Daniels joins me in much love to you both.

Affectionately,

[Signature]

Adie Wetherley Daniels
February 1, 1939

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you so much for your letter of January 23.

I am sorry to say that I had to refuse the invitation from the Business and Professional Women of North Carolina as I cannot make any more engagements for June. We are expecting several Royal visitors and our time is pretty well filled.

We both felt that your visit was much too short although we did enjoy having even a glimpse of you.

Much love to you and Mrs. Daniels.

Cordially,

Honorable Josephus Daniels
Embassy of the U. S. of America
Mexico City
D.F.
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

When I was in Washington I received a number of telegrams from members of the Business and Professional Women's Clubs of North Carolina requesting me to second their invitation for you to attend the State Convention to be held at Winston-Salem in June.

This is a fine body of women who entertain views similar to yours about the place of women in our social and economic and cultural life. They would give you a great welcome and would highly appreciate the honor done them.

It was a great delight to us to see you on our recent visit in Washington and to find everything moving along so well. My wife joins me in love to you and Franklin.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.
April 5, 1939

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am taking the liberty of giving this note of introduction to Mr. Ray Newton of the American Friends Service Committee. That organization is hoping to conduct a work camp in Mexico this summer and Mr. Newton is in Mexico to work out the details.

I shall be very grateful if you can spare Mr. Newton some of your time.

Very sincerely yours,

(Sent to Mr. Pickett)

Honorable Josephus Daniels
Embassy of the U.S. of America
Mexico City
Mexico
April 11, 1939

Dear Jonathan Daniels:

New England is a part of the country that I know only very casually.

The Maine coast, up around Eastport, I am more familiar with. To me it would be significant to study the attitudes of the townspeople in all those little fishing villages, and in the back country to some extent.

Some of the New England houses have been lived in for generations and $1000 a year is a very good income. The people are conservative, independent, standpat, in many ways, but they are fine.

If you go up as far as Lubec, Maine, go to see my old friend, Dr. Bennett, and get him to tell you about "his people".

There is a big contrast between the seashore and Aroostock County, where potatoes are grown and where farming really pays. They also have fine cattle.

Then, if possible, go up further into the little fringe of Canadians along the Canadian border, which will give you a picture of squalor equal to almost anything you can find anywhere.

Of course there are many summer artists' colonies and places where they produce plays and money is made off summer people, but that is not Maine nor Maine people.
I have motored through Vermont and New Hampshire and the same thing holds good there - the summer places are not the real New England.

New England people are narrow beyond belief, but fine in spite of it. Their diligence and neatness were evident even in the worst years.

I would, if I were you, go to some of the old schools and small colleges and state educational institutions - not to Brown or Dartmouth or Amherst.

You will find a very small program of W.P.A. and N.Y.A. projects and not very good ones except perhaps in Connecticut and Massachusetts and Rhode Island, which because of a foreign infiltration are not really New England.

The hurricane of last year destroyed many of the beautiful trees which made the charm of some of the old villages, especially along the coast. However, most of the coast villages are made up largely of summer people and, where near enough, of commuting people. It is the "natives" who live off summer people you want to know.

Every year I travel I realize how superficial my knowledge is of any part of the country, because on every trip I find so many things which I never realised existed.

I am glad you are doing this book, because your book on the South was a real contribution and prodded me into looking at a great many things I might have ignored otherwise. This book will probably do the same thing for me.

Good luck to you.

Cordially yours,

Mr. Jonathan Daniels
Raleigh, N.C.
April 1, 1939

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

You were so very kind and generous in connection with my book on the South that I am taking the liberty to ask you for suggestions about a book on New England which I have just agreed to write for The Macmillan Company.

As one who has traveled about America with seeing eyes in recent years, I would be very grateful if you would point out to me such aspects of the New England scene which you think are significant both to that region and to America today.

I am planning to leave in a week or so and spend most of the next several months in the New England region.

With thanks and best wishes always,

Sincerely,

Jonathan Daniels

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D. C.
My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you so much for your letter. I know that every one at the Embassy did everything possible and both the President and I are deeply grateful for the many kindnesses which were shown both to the boys and to my brother when he was there.

I was sorry to hear of your loss and my deepest sympathy goes to you.

Cordially,

Hon. Josephus Daniels
The Plaza
5th Avenue at 59th St.
NYC
April 24, 1939

Dear Mrs. Daniels:

I got home from Seattle on Thursday night in time to go to meet my brother, who got in on Friday morning. He has already told me how wonderful you and all the Embassy officials, as well as the Mexican people, were to him. I am sorry both for him and for the boy's mother.

It seems terribly tragic for both of these boys who were so young to have gone like this, but they had a spirit of adventure and I suppose no one could stop it.

I am sorry to hear of the Ambassador's loss. My love and sympathy go to you both.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Josephus Daniels
The American Embassy
Mexico City
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington
Mexico City, Mexico, April 19, 1939.

Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt.

We are suffering with you in the tragic death of your nephew and his friend. Through our embassy Mexican officials are cooperating in every way to facilitate transfer of the boys to the United States. You know that I know what suffering is. With love.

Addie Worth Bagley Daniels.

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Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you very much for sending me your address which I think is grand and which I am giving to Franklin.

Could you tell me whether whatever the family did for the little village was sufficient and reimbursed you? If not, I would appreciate it so much if you would let me know what should go to the village as I should like to send a small check.

The plane belonged to Pete Rumsey and Danny was just a passenger, but that does not alter my sense that I would get satisfaction out of knowing that something good had come to this village out of this tragedy.

E.R.
May 19, 1939

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you very much for your letter of May 2. Unfortunately, it is not possible in July for us to have any kind of a benefit either in Washington or in New York. I would like very much to have the Polish Ballet give a performance for the American Friends Service Committee, but I am afraid it is too late as so few people will be at home in July. Perhaps they could give a benefit performance at the New York World's Fair.

I am

With many thanks for your thought,

Very cordially yours,

P.S. I am writing to Mr. Orzyński, care of the Polish Embassy here.

Honorable Anthony Biddle, Jr.
Embassy of the U. S. of America
Warsaw, Poland
My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

As of possible interest to you, Mr. Ryszard Ordynski, one time Director of the Metropolitan Opera, and now Honorary Chairman of the Council of Polish Film Industry, as well as intimate friend of Colonel Beck, informed me he will arrive in New York June 4, with view to assisting the management of the Polish Ballet in making further engagements. The Ballet, which is really excellent, has an engagement at the Metropolitan Opera House, New York between June 19 and 30. Mr. Ordynski, who has frequently proven his value as an agent of Polish-American good-will, has suggested to me that, since the Ballet will have completed its Metropolitan engagement before July 1, and would thus be free in early July, it might be appropriate in the interests of Polish-American relations if the

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,

The White House,

Washington, D.C.
Ballet offered its services for a charity performance in Washington about that time - perhaps even July 4. Accordingly, Director Ordynski said it would be a great honor if you would care to designate the charity. Moreover, he would refrain from discussing the matter with any ladies' committee until he might have received word as to your disposition in the matter.

In view of the Ballet's high standard of performance and its drawing capacity, it occurred to me that you might wish to consider the matter. Mr. Ordynski has already sailed for New York, and can be addressed through the Polish Embassy in Washington.

Margaret's and my thoughts are always with you and the President, and the wonderful work you are both doing in behalf of our country. Every day that passes makes me feel just that more proud to be a member of the official family.

Margaret joins me in every good wish to you and the President.

Faithfully yours,

Anthony Riddle, Jr.
Mexico, May 9, 1939.

Dear friends:

My wife joins in thanks for your letters of friendly sympathy in the passing of my brother. It is a loss that touches me very deeply. As elder brother he was my counselor and model in all things, and somehow I feel that my support and guide has suddenly left me without what has always been my strength and stay. Much of his life was as a member of the Superior Court of the State, where he illustrated the best traditions of the just judge.

I had thought we would spend the evening of life together when we retired, as he would be leading me toward the sunset with his sure faith and perfect example. Galsworthy must have had such a friend in mind when in his A Portrait he made an appraisement that exactly fitted my brother, in these words:

I know how, big and sane and sweet he was. His breed is dying now; it has nearly gone. But as I remember him with that great, quiet forehead, with his tenderness and his glance which traveled to the heart of what it rested on, I despair of seeing his like again. For, with him there seems to me to have passed away a principle, a golden rule of life, nay, more -- a spirit, the soul of balance. It has stolen away, as in the early morning the stars steal out of the sky.

The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt

and Mrs. Roosevelt,

The White House, Washington, D.C.
sky. He knew its tranquil secret, and where he is there must it still be hovering.

With appreciation of your words of condolence and friendship, believe me

Affectionately yours,

[Signature]
June 7, 1939

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you very much for sending me your address, which I think is grand and which I am giving to Franklin.

Could you tell me whether whatever the family did for the little village was sufficient and reimbursed you? If not, I would appreciate it so much if you would let me know what should go to the village as I should like to send a small check.

The plane belonged to Pete Runsey and Danny was just a passenger, but that does not alter my sense that I would get satisfaction out of knowing that something good had come to this village out of this tragedy.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorabll Josephus Daniels
CONFIDENTIAL

Mexico, June 15, 1939.

My dear friend:

I think it would be fine if you would send a small check, as you suggest in your letter of June 7th, to go to the village of Canoitas whose people showed such kindly instincts at the time of the accident. Shortly after the accident Mr. Rumsey and his sister sent me a check for $1000. He wrote "After satisfying the various out-of-pocket expenses of the Embassy, you will distribute the balance to Señor Maurilio Islas and others in the community who were of much assistance, etc." He wished me not to make public his contribution.

I went to Canoitas personally to see the people who had been so kind at the time of the tragedy to ascertain the best use of the money. I gave Maurilio Islas, the Indian who had carried Miss Constantine, one hundred pesos from the Rumsey fund and fifty pesos which Mr. Roosevelt sent. I hope we can get a piece of land and a mule for Islas. When I asked him what he would like most to have, he said: "I am a very poor man and would like to have a little piece of land", and then added "but most of all I would like to be certain my little boy could have an education." I am, therefore, trying to arrange to enlarge and improve the very small and inadequate school so that not only the child of Islas but the other poor children of the village may be assured of educational advantages.

On the day of the accident the chief of the village, Manuel Díaz, secured horses (not easy to obtain) and mounted volunteers on them to go to the scene to render aid. The road was so rough walking was difficult. Arriving at the scene, thirty Indians took turns in bearing

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.
bearing the bodies along the rocky road. This official showed such efficiency and humanity that today, in the name of the Rumsey and Roosevelt families, a beautiful watch was presented to him, inscribed as follows:

To
Manuel Díaz
from
the families of
D. S. Roosevelt
and
B. H. Rumsey
18-4-39

It would have done your heart good to see the joy of Señor Díaz and his astonishment at receiving the unexpected gift. I also sent by him baseball paraphernalia for the baseball team in the village.

My wife would send her love if she were here. She was called home three weeks ago by the death of her sister Belle.

With my affectionate regards to you and Franklin,

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

[...]
June 29, 1939

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you very much for your letters of June 16th. I am so sorry to hear that Mrs. Daniels has lost her sister and I know how sad she must be. Will you give her our deepest sympathy?

I am enclosing a small check which I hope you will use as you see fit in the village of Canoitas. I am glad that Mr. Rumsey and his sister sent you a check.

I have tried to get a photograph of Franklin and me as you wanted but there were none taken of us separately. If you would like one of the whole group, I will be very happy to send you that.

With my love to Mrs. Daniels,

Affectionately,

[Signature]

Hon. Josephus Daniels
June 29, 1939

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you very much for your letters of June 18th. I am so sorry to hear that Mrs. Daniels has lost her sister and I know how sad she must be. Will you give her our deepest sympathy?

I am enclosing a small check which I hope you will use as you see fit in the village of Canoitas. I am glad that Mr. Rumsey and his sister sent you a check.

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With my love to Mrs. Daniels,

Affectionately,

Hon. Josephus Daniels
MEMO FOR MISS THOMPSON:

Harris and Ewing do not have any photographs of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt taken alone during the visit of the King and Queen, and they have no pictures, taken at that time of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt standing together so that they could possibly block out the other people in the group.

They offer to send the complete set of pictures to Mrs. Roosevelt if she would like to make any selection.
May 7th, June 15, 1835

My dear friend—

I like the picture of you better than I have seen. If you have this picture of you alone—not the others in it. I am sure my wife would prize an autographed copy. So does my friend, so am writing, being in North Carolina, and I know the words treasure it and read it.

With my affectionate regards to you and family.

Faithfully,

Joseph Daniels

After this note I hope you have cleared off.
Mexico, July 5, 1939.

My dear friend:

I am in receipt of your esteemed favor of June 29 with enclosure. You may be sure that I will seek to use these twenty-five dollars in a way that will help the people of Canoitas and I will write you later about it.

With reference to the photograph, I was impressed by the fact that the picture of you I saw in the papers was the best I had ever seen. However, we have a very good photograph of you and I would not care for the group picture.

My wife is still in North Carolina. She will be very appreciative of your words of sympathy.

With my affectionate regards in which my wife would join if she were here,

Faithfully yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.
My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you for the story. It is not strictly true because the "Henry" with me was not Henry Morgenthau, but another friend of mine, Henry Osthagen, who drove Miss Thompson and me back in his car to Richmond.

That is a beautiful pageant that is given on Roanoke Island and I was happy to have had an opportunity to see it.

Affectionately,

Honorable Josephus Daniels
Dear Friend:—I completely trusted me of “Yeou shall not come” when I read about your being on Anacosta Island. I had hoped to be there as it was said that instead my Daniels Knoll existed when they came to America and many lives were saved. One helped Overland in Wilbur Wright when his first flight was made. Another line on the same land granted by the King then was a colony.
If you have not read the enclosed story about your visit with the Raleigh News and Observer it may interest you.

With my affectionate regards,

Faithfully

[Signature]
July 31, 1939

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Mr. Joseph Cadden, the Executive Secretary of the American Youth Congress, is going to Mexico under the auspices of the Department of Education to look at schools. I am very much interested in him and am asking him to call on you with a note of introduction from me.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Josephus Daniels
Embassy of the U. S. of America
Mexico City, D.F.
July 31, 1939

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

This will introduce Mr. Joseph Cadden, about whom I wrote you. I think you will enjoy meeting him.

Very sincerely yours,

(Sent to Joseph Cadden)
Hotel Geneve
Mexico City, Mexico)

Hon. Josephus Daniels
August 18, 1939

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you very much for your letter. I have had a letter from Mr. Gadden and he is most grateful for your willingness to help him.

I am so sorry Mrs. Daniels' sister is still so ill.

Franklin is off and enjoying himself.

All good wishes to you.

Cordially yours,

[Signature]

Daniels
My dear friend:

I am in receipt of your letter of July 31st in which you say that you have given Mr. Joseph Cadden, Executive Secretary of the American Youth Congress, a note of introduction. You may be sure that I shall be very glad to welcome him. I am sorry my wife will not be here at the time he comes. She is still in North Carolina with her sister, who is out of the hospital but so unwell that my wife can not leave her.

I hope that with the adjournment of Congress Franklin can get a sea-voyage and some real rest. We still hope that you and Franklin are coming down to see us while we are here. I wish I could send you some of the delightful weather we are having.

Always with my affectionate regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House, Washington.
September 2, 1939

My dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you so much for your letter. I just love the Hillbilly Parson's sermon.

At this writing the world seems to be in for another cataclysm and it is almost too depressing to talk about it.

I hope Mrs. Daniels' sister improves. Do give her my love.

Affectionately,

Hon. Josephus Daniels
Ambassador to Mexico
Mexico City, Mexico
PERSONAL

Mexico, August 23, 1939

Dear Eleanor Roosevelt:

In these hot days in the United States (it's delightfully cool here, and people sleep under blankets) something out of the ordinary helps one to forget the heat.

Sometimes the hill-billy preachers of the North Carolina mountains hit the nail on the head better than some essay city parsons. The News and Observer that came contained a communication which I think has a quality that will interest you as it did me. I give you the whole communication, as follows:

Hillbilly Parson

To the Editor:

A preacher back in these mountains recently took as his text our Governor, Clyde Hoey. He is the kind of old-timey preacher who hoes corn and hunts groundhogs of weekdays for a living.

Said the hill prophet, commenting on the Governor's refusal to pardon the labor leader, Fred Beal, now serving a 21-year sentence in this State:

"Governor Hoey says what this country needs is more Christianity, but I say to you wimmern and men, that's just a lot of hooey. We got too much 'Christianity' – the brought-on kind the Governors, Senators, and Judges stands for; to-wit, keeping the workingman in chains and the rich man's feet on his neck. Why, hit's no more what Christ taught than a bull rattlesnake's a-fittin' companion for your youngguns.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House, Washington, D.C.
"What the people of this land really needs, demands and air s-goin' to git is jest some plain, servigious, common brotherhood and justice. And they hain't bein' misled nary none by no bushy-headed bodacious politicians down yonder in Raleigh nor Washington neither. Any man with common ordinary mule sense knows there ain't nothin' under God's heaven nor in the Constitution that makes it lawful her right to frame and lock up a man fer teachin' the workin' man his rights.

"And I'll tell a man: jest let the Governors and the Senators and the Judges keep on a-twistin' and a-hacklin' the laws and the Declaration of Independence and the Bible and the Bill of Rights to suit the big cotton mill owners, the tobacco trust and the Duke Power Company and a-messin' up everything President Roosevelt's a-tryin' to do to save the country from ruction and ruination, and this country's a-going to git one more godawful gittin' o' panickin', shottin' and a-frayin'. I'll name ye that much fer sartin."

I was deeply shocked, not at the philosophy, but at hearing it expressed by an un-outrageous hillbilly person up here in the Land of the Silver Shirts. I had listened to many educated and surpliced pulpiteers, but never had I heard such an eloquent rush of sound, courageous and up-to-date logic.  

Ernest Seeman.

Weaverville.

You may remember that Beal was convicted at Gastonia some years ago because he was convicted of preaching killings which resulted in the death of the chief of police. He escaped to Russia, wrote a book of his disappointing experiences among the Bolshevists, returned to North Carolina and gave himself up. After serving some months, he appealed for pardon and many people asked the Governor (who as an attorney had prosecuted Beal) to grant the pardon. The application was denied. That is the background for the hillbilly sermon.

I hope the world goes better with you than it
it seems to deal with Europeans. Addie would send her love, but she remains at Lake Junaluska with her sister, who has not sufficiently recovered from her severe illness for my wife to leave her.

Faithfully and affectionately yours,

[Signature]

Joseph Daniels
December 6, 1939

My dear Ambassador Daniels:

Thank you very much for the November number of the American Foreign Service Journal.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. Josephus Daniels
Ambassador to Mexico
Mexico, D. F., Mex.
My dear Mr. Ambassador:

I am giving this note of introduction to Miss Marion Lapa, whom I have known for a number of years.

I shall deeply appreciate any kindness or courtesy which can be shown her.

Very cordially yours,

[Signature]

Honorable Josephus Daniels
Embassy of the U. S. of America
Mexico City