

Mrs. Roosevelt 100

Dewson

June 8, 1923

Honorable James A. Farley
The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

I wrote you about Mrs. Pat Nagle of Oklahoma who did valiant work for Al Smith in Oklahoma in 1918. To my mind, she did the most of any woman in the State, by far. Mrs. Nagle wants to be one of the first assistants in the Office of the Collector of Internal Revenue in Oklahoma City. She is the kind of woman that it is well worth while allying with the Democratic party because her husband was an exceedingly powerful and well known Socialist.

I judge that that means that he held about the views of Senator George Norris. Mrs. Pat Nagle has a name to conjure with and we should hold her in the party.

I enclose a copy of a letter written by Senator Thomas and one by Una Lee Roberts, Assistant Secretary of State, to Senator Gore and his answer. I think it would be very desirable if you mixed into this a little. Evidently Senator Gore is not unwilling, although not enthusiastic.

Sincerely yours,

LAD:HA

Miss Mary W. Dewson

(Dictated but not read)

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R. A. Sneed
Secretary

Una Lee Roberts
Assistant

Department of State
State of Oklahoma
Oklahoma City

June 3, 1933

Miss Mary Dewson,
171 West 12th Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Miss Dewson:

Replying to your letter of May 3rd relative to Mrs. Nagle has been delayed as I have been making every effort to get some expression from Senators Gore and Thomas relative to the matter. The reply from Senator Thomas came promptly enough as you will note from the date on the letter which I am enclosing herein, but I was not so fortunate in hearing from Senator Gore. I have had a number of replies from a friend who acted as a contact man for me and it seems that Senator Gore was under the impression Mrs. Nagle worked against him in the last campaign and in favor of his opponent Mr. Wrightsman. I have gotten word back to Senator Gore that this was not a fact, but could not communicate with him regarding the matter myself until following receipt of his letter of May 26, which I am enclosing herein. I also am enclosing a copy of my reply to Senator Gore and a copy of General Sneed's reply to Senator Thomas, both of which are self-explanatory.

I do not know that these letters from the Senators will be sufficiently impressive to help you in making your pleas with Mr. Farley, but at any rate I am sending them to you for the information you may obtain therefrom, and in the hopes that eventually we may be able to work the thing out in Mrs. Nagle's favor. I have greatly appreciated your courtesy in helping me with Mrs. Nagle and she also appreciates your willingness to communicate with Mr. Farley in her behalf. I trust we may be able to work the thing out so that Mrs. Nagle may be placed satisfactorily.

With my cordial good wishes and best regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Una Lee Roberts

C O P Y

UNITED STATES SENATE

COMMITTEE ON APPROPRIATIONS

May 13, 1935

General R. A. Sneed,
Secretary of State,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

My dear General Sneed:

I have your good letter of a few days ago, and assure you that it will be a pleasure to help Mrs. Nagle, and, in the event I can find the position she is applying for or one she will accept, I shall be glad to interest myself with the Secretary of Labor.

I know of Mrs. Nagle's ability, and influence, and hope we may retain her interest in our Party, and to do this, the Party should now show its appreciation of her past services.

With every good wish and kindest regards, I am

Sincerely your friend,

(signed) Elmer Thomas

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C O P Y

R. A. Sneed
Secretary
Una Lee Roberts
Assistant

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA CITY

June 3, 1933

Honorable J. Elmer Thomas,
Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I have neglected for some time to reply to your letter of May 13 relative to Mrs. Nagle, but I want to express my appreciation to you for your courtesy in the matter and to further advise that the position Mrs. Nagle would like to have is not one under the Secretary of Labor, Miss Perkins, but she wants one of the first assistants places in the office of the Collector of Internal Revenue in Oklahoma City. She would be glad to have a place under Miss Perkins if there were such a one available in this City, but it is impossible for her to accept any employment outside of her home town due to the fact ~~that~~ she is home-keeper for her son who is a young practicing physician here.

If there is anything you can do towards helping her in this respect I shall greatly appreciate it.

Very truly yours,

(R. A. Sneed)

RAS:CJ

SECRETARY OF STATE

C O P Y

H. A. Sneed
Secretary
Una Lee Roberts
Assistant

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
STATE OF OKLAHOMA
OKLAHOMA CITY

June 1, 1933

Honorable Thomas P. Gore,
United States Senate Office Bldg.,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Senator:

I have your nice letter of the 26th relative to Mrs. Nagle and assure you your delay in acknowledging my letter was perfectly satisfactory as I did not expect you to reply as promptly as you usually make a practice of doing, due to the fact you probably have so many similar letters to answer.

I note your willingness to take Mrs. Nagle's application up with the Collector when he has been appointed and also that you cannot make any definite promise as to what particular position would be available. I think I can appreciate the fact you quite likely have a number of requests before you and the selection of a certain few from the number would make your task quite difficult. I believe, too, in my previous correspondence I failed to give you information which would be necessary for you to have before making any definite decision with respect to her; also, as regards my own standing relative to your last campaign, but I took it for granted you would know we had both supported you. I would not otherwise have had the effrontery to ask a favor, but I did feel you ought to know the reason so far as the women in Oklahoma City are concerned.

You will recall several years ago a number of women undertook to get up a petition known as the "Women's Amendment" permitting women to have all the privileges relating to office holding which men now enjoy under our Constitution, and a number of us went to Tulsa to enlist the support of Mr. Wrightsman, as we had supported his candidacy in a previous campaign. He gave us to understand quite definitely that he could not do anything towards assisting us in the matter and we all threw our support to you in this last election, not because we had in mind any specific service you had rendered the women in general, but because at any rate we had not been rebuffed by you. In addition to this Mrs. Nagle had a personal cause for grievance against Mr. Wrightsman due to his business dealings with her son, and being the good friend to her I am, this also influenced me.

I am telling you this since you have been good enough to take the matter up, because I think it is fair for you to know the stand both of us took in the last campaign. Of course, however, just any position in the Internal Revenue Department would not be of any particular credit to women unless it was a place of responsibility and an honor to hold. I do not believe her sons would permit her to accept just a mere clerks place in the Department. They are very proud of their father's name in Oklahoma and I am certain they would not care to have her accept a place which would not reflect honor upon the name, nor would I feel that any recognition had been given to the women of Oklahoma by throwing them a mere bagatelle.

I know from experience you are swamped with requests similar to this and upon consultation with Mrs. Nagle I find she feels as I do, and does not wish to embarrass or handicap you in regard to your selection of appointees, but it does seem the women are entitled to some position which would be an honor for a woman to fill and Mrs. Nagle is the only woman I know of who went out of the State and campaigned for President Roosevelt. I think you and she were the only ones who left the State during the campaign, and if it is possible to do anything in her behalf both she and I will appreciate it. I am certain you would lose nothing in the loyalty and support you would be given through her sons and the appreciation of women of the State.

Very sincerely yours,

(Una Lee Roberts)

ULR:CJ

C O P Y

UNITED STATES SENATE

Committee on Inter-oceanic Canals
Washington, D. C.

Thomas P. Gore, Okla., Chairman

May 28, 1933

Miss Una Lee Roberts,
Assistant Secretary of State,
State Capitol,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

My dear Miss Roberts:

Please pardon my delay in acknowledging your letter in re Mrs. Nagle. I share your wish that the women of Oklahoma should be accorded due recognition. I shall be very glad to take up the matter of Mrs. Nagle's application when the Collector has been appointed. It might be possible to arrange for her to be connected with that office though I could not give any definite assurances or make any definite promise in advance, as you will appreciate, nor could I venture an opinion as to what particular position, if any, would be available. Those details will have to be taken up at a later time. I am glad you called my attention to the matter at this time.

With best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

T. P. Gore

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Washington
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Miss Perkins Parolun
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Mr Guggy Parolun

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MRS. LYMAN A. COTTEN
EAST FRANKLIN STREET
CHAPEL HILL
NORTH CAROLINA

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June 6, 1933

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

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

On Friday afternoon, June 2nd, when you so kindly saw me at Mr. Farley's request, you asked me if I was upon Miss Dewson's "preferred list". I answered rather doubtfully. Upon looking over a letter from Miss Dewson, dated May 24th, I presume I should have answered in the affirmative as Miss Dewson says: "Although I have not had personal correspondence with you, I had understood from Mrs. O'Berry that you were one of the four whom the Democratic women of North Carolina are backing for appointment. In fact, before receiving your letter I had written again to Mr. Farley mentioning your name."

With my grateful thanks for your kindness in receiving me, believe me

Sincerely yours,

Shirley H. Cotten

Mrs. Lyman A. Cotten

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United States Senate

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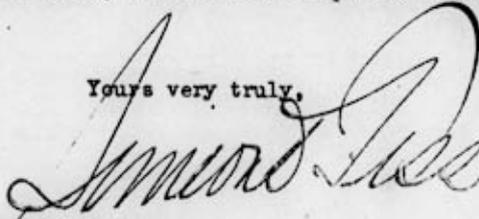
June 7, 1933

My dear Miss Maher:

Receipt is hereby acknowledged of your communication of June fifth, opposing Senator Reed's motion to take the license feature out of the industrial recovery bill.

I shall vote to remove this feature. If this feature, as well as certain other items which, if enacted, would be hurtful both to labor and management, are not removed from the bill, I shall feel compelled to vote against it.

Yours very truly,



Miss Amy G. Maher, President,
Toledo Consumers' League,
Toledo, Ohio.

COPY

E. J. WESTERHOUSE, C. E.
350 Alta Vista Avenue
South Pasadena, California

CHRONOLOGICAL DATA

- 1875 Date of birth, May 5 - at Concordia, Missouri
- 1896 Graduated from Missouri University.
- 1897 City Attorney of Wellington, Missouri.
- 1898 Served with 2nd Volunteer Engineers, U. S. Army, for duration of the Spanish-American War.
- 1899-1901 In charge of Topographical Surveys, Department of Havana, Cuba
- 1902 Chief of party on railroad location, Mexican Central Railways.
- 1903-1908 District Engineer, Philippine Government. In responsible charge of design and construction of all public works. Total expenditures approximately \$1,000,000.
- 1909-1911 Division Engineer, Philippine Government. General supervision over all public works, approximate expenditure \$2,500,000.
- 1912-1914 Chief Constructing Engineer, Bureau of Public Works, Philippine Government. Responsible direction of all public works, approximate expenditures \$15,000,000.
- 1915-1917 Director of Public Works, Philippine Government, Responsibility involved design and construction of all public works for the insular government with an approximate expenditure of \$20,000,000.
- 1918-1922 General Manager of the Philippine Government Railways, a system of 825 miles of road-bed, employing approximately 3000 men, and with an average annual income and expenditure of \$6,000,000.
- 1923-1932 Engaged in private practice on engineering construction in Southern California. Work accomplished approximated in value \$3,000,000.
- Note: In addition to my administrative duties, under the Wilson administration I served as a member of the Personnel Efficiency Committee and of the Standardization Committee. was President of the Manila Hotel Company and a Director of the Philippine National Bank.

E. J. WESTERHOUSE

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E. J. WESTERHOUSE, C. E.
330 Alta Vista Avenue
South Pasadena, California

REFERENCES

Honorable Francis Burton Harrison. Address: Teaninich, Ainess, Scotland
Former Governor-General of the Philippines. (In his book on
the Philippines he credits me with having eradicated graft in
the Railroad Administration).

Honorable Charles C. Yeater. Address: Sedalia, Missouri.
Former Vice-Governor and later Acting Governor General of the
Philippines. He is familiar with my work under the Wilson
administration.

E. W. Wilson. Address: % Pacific National Bank, San Francisco, California
Manager of the Philippine National Bank at the time I was a
Director of the same institution and familiar with my record
in the Philippines.

James L. Lytel. Address: 1006 Securities Bldg., Seattle, Washington.
A nationally known engineer familiar with my qualifications as
an engineer and office executive.

Morgan Adams. Address: 626 South Spring St., Los Angeles, California.
President of the Mortgage Guarantee Company, which provided
the major financing for the larger Los Angeles buildings.

Honorable Isidore B. Dockweiler. Address: Van Nuys Building, Los
Angeles, California
He is familiar with my professional standing in Southern California.

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June 12, 1933

Dear Mrs. Ross,-

As you and Sue know I have little inclination toward trying to increase the organization of the Democratic women - I cannot be induced to live in Washington. I have not decided even whether I want to go down say every fortnight for a couple of days. But Mr. Farley says take until fall to think it over.

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Now as to Sue. Of course if I came on the latter basis there would be a real responsibility for a resident executive secretary. Sue must realize I am not over eager for the limelight and that I like to see everyone get full opportunity for their powers and the recognition that goes with it.

Why does not Sue see how it works out and if she is not satisfied she could do legal work for the Muscle Shoals project which would be developing by then.

My brevity is due to my own typing and the fact that Polly Porter has been experimenting with my Corona so that the ribbon does not work -- but the carbon does !!!

Yours,

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how I assumed
Mrs. Ross
Love
Molly*

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING
WASHINGTON, D. C.

JUN 9 1933

NELLIE TAYLOR ROSS
VICE-CHAIRMAN

TELEPHONE
NATIONAL 8364

*Lie
DeWitt*

June 8, 1933

Dear Molly:

A Virginia woman, (lady, as we Southerners say) has come to me with an idea that I think may be worth something. She has been keenly interested in the experiment of the women's camp in New York and feels that she would like to see a similar experiment in Virginia.

There is, as you know, already in the possession of the government and not being used for anything at this time, President Hoover's old vacation camp on the Rapidan, which might be utilized for this purpose at very little expense.

Katherine Cahill of Norfolk, Virginia, who has been supervisor of Norfolk's Sixteen Playgrounds, passed this idea on to her sister who lives here, who came to me with it. I know of no wiser course to take than to pass it on to you.

Yours,

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*Meloma -
Will you transmit
this to Mrs. Roosevelt. Please
M. W.D.*

Mrs. Roosevelt

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June 13, 1955

Honorable James A. Farley
The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

Please read the enclosed letter from Mrs. Woodward. Will it be possible for you to take up with the Congressmen the value of appointing to post offices women who assisted in the campaign?

I have asked Mrs. Woodward to submit a list of six of a dozen women who were her best workers. I said it would increase their chances to have a shorter list.

Very sincerely yours,

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Miss Mary W. Dawson

- Mrs. Mary Dabney Morgan Applicant for position Greenwood, Mississippi
as postmaster
- Leflore County Chairman, Women's Division, raised funds in Leflore County after unsuccessful effort by the men.
- Mrs. Minnie L. Beall Applicant for position Lexington, Mississippi
as postmaster
- Holmes County Chairman, Women's Division
- Mrs. Thomas H. Wilson Applicant for position Newton, Miss
as Postmaster
- One of our most competent women leaders - has the endorsement of the worthwhile women and men Democrats in her home town and county.
- Mrs. Virginia Brady Duckworth Applicant for position Prentiss, Miss.
as Postmaster
- Present postmaster at Prentiss. She deserves to be reappointed. Is the sister of Hon. T. Brady, Jr., of Brookhaven, Miss., outstanding lawyer and Democrat who stumped the state for Al Smith in 1928 and was most helpful to the party. Mr. Farley knows Mr. Brady personally. He has made liberal contributions to the Campaign Fund.
- Mrs. William Kendall Applicant for position Natchez, Miss
as postmaster
- Rendered valuable aid in keeping a Roosevelt majority in the Mississippi delegation at the Chicago Convention. I recommended her to Congressman Ellzey and to Mr. Farley. Mr. Ellzey's campaign manager at Natchez has received a temporary appointment. I hope something can yet be done about this.
- Mrs. Robert Burns Applicant for position Brandon, Miss
as postmaster
- Mrs. Emma M. Therrell " Florence, Miss.
- Present postmaster- has held office for a number of years, is and has always been a loyal Democrat. I urged upon Congressman Ellzey her reappointment and phoned and wrote Mr. Farley with reference to my recommendation of her. Mr. Ellzey recommended a Mr. Berry of Florence, and I think he has been advised that he will receive the appointment upon the resignation of Mrs. Therrell. Congressman Ellzey's state campaign manager, Mr. Gandy, recommended a Mr. Ross for postmaster, and I understand Congressman Ellzey expected to have him appointed. I sent Mr. Farley and the Congressman photostatic copy of the endorsement Mr. Ross received by the Republican Committee of his county in May, 1932, so Mr. Ross was not appointed; but instead of Mr. Ellzey co-operating with me by reappointing Mrs. Therrell, he submitted the name of Mr. Berry.
- Miss Louise Ralston Applicant for position Coahoma, Miss
as postmaster
- Mrs. Mabel Cunningham " Booneville, Miss
- Mrs. Carrie C. Gedric " Charleston, Miss
- Mrs. J. Glover Wilkins " Brooksville, Miss
- I am particularly eager for her to receive the appointment. She is a loyal Democrat - a leader in her community and can do a great deal for us in state Democratic campaigns.

Mrs. Roosevelt 100

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Women's Division

June 15, 1935

Mr. Joseph C. O'Mahoney
First Assistant Postmaster
U. S. Post Office Department
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. O'Mahoney:

I cannot wait until you have a personal discussion with Mr. Thom. I believe when you explain to Mr. Thom that no one helped us more in the National Campaign than Mrs. McGowan he will agree that she must have a federal appointment and, unfortunately, being in his district, it will have to come out of his quota. It may be some consolation to him that she has perfectly splendid endorsements from the people of Canton.

I do not see what additional information I can give you. I took this up with Mrs. Roosevelt and she suggested that I ask you to consult the material that I have already sent you. I am sorry that you are going to have trouble about this for I know that Mr. Thom has said that he resents any federal interference in his district. But, if every congressman took this attitude, where would the National Campaign Committee be?

Many thanks for clearing up the Yakima postmaster-ship business. I really was pretty sick about it.

Faithfully yours,

Miss Mary W. Deason

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June 13, 1955

Honorable James A. Farley
The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

Mrs. Harriet Spann writes as follows" I have just been elected president of the American Association of University Women and also of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Reno for the coming year and for that reason and until we can elect a Democratic Governor in Nevada would like to stay awhile, there. If I could get a position in Nevada it would be splendid."

In Mrs. Spann's original list of positions which she desired (copy of which is enclosed) you will see that she really desired some Spanish speaking appointment in the foreign service, either consular or secretarial. Now, however, she seems to think she would rather stay in Nevada. She lists some jobs in the United States. She would be smart enough to fill any kind of a job.

See enclosed letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Mary R. Dawson

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Washington, D. C.

Office Register of Wills
Second Deputy Register - \$3200

Office of Recorder of Deeds
Second Deputy Recorder - \$2900

Hubana

Assistant Trade Commission - \$5000

Montevideo, Uruguay - \$3800

Caracas, Uruguay - \$3800

Or one of the unassigned trade commissioners Madrid \$5000 to
\$3800 for any Spanish speaking country.

Director of Education

Washington, D. C.

Junior High School principal - \$3500

Have a M. A. Degree in Spanish, History and English which I believe
would fit me for this position. Have had ten years experience in
teaching and hold a life certificate from California, Arizona and
a M. A.

  If none of these positions are available I should like something in
Boulder Dam or any where in Nevada as I must get a position.

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Mrs. Remond

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Women's Division

June 13, 1955

Honorable James A. Farley
The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

I wrote you a terrible blast on June 6th about your giving the Yakima postmastership to a man when the one position our excellent woman leader in Washington, Mrs. Elsie Gardner Picking, asked was the Yakima postmastership for Mrs. Splawn, a real Democratic leader. It will be a very popular appointment.

Now Joe O'Mahoney writes that the position has not been filled because it will not be open until December. So I am sure you will fix it for Mrs. Splawn.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Mary W. Dewson

Sorry to have torn the air!

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June 19, 1933.

Dear Molly:

I talked this morning with Jim and he says that Mrs. Pyke has not been promised the Internal Revenue commissioner-ship. In fact, Senator Bulkley, who felt he had to be for her, has been told she cannot have it and is quite willing to have Jim say that.

Mrs. McGowan is slated for the postmastership and Jim said to wait until he got straightened around a little bit better. Sue White, if she assumes more of a position, will be given \$5,000 in the autumn. He will keep your first list in mind and will send me, at intervals so that I can forward them to you, the names of the women as they are taken care of. This is the best I can do for the minute.

Much love, and I hope you will get a good rest.

Affectionately,

Miss Mary Dewson
Castine
Maine

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY

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Women's Division

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

June 20, 1933

Mrs. Malvina Thompson Scheider
The White House
Washington D. C.

Dear Malvina:

I have received a reply to my letter to Mrs. Jennings, National Committeewoman of South Carolina, in regard to a legal appointment for Mrs. Fannie B. Wilson whose appointment Senator Byrnes is urging. Mrs. Jennings says that while Miss Wilson never really contributed anything to either of the last two campaigns, she, Mrs. Jennings, is willing to have Miss Wilson recognized. *After she is.*

You will remember that I said it would be all right for Miss Wilson to be recognized after Mrs. Jennings had been recognized.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary W. Dewson

Miss Mary W. Dewson

Mrs. Jennings is in bed sick over the digestive pit. Can't say I blame her tho I never should take to the bed !!

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

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June 29, 1935

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Attached is Miss Dewson's revised and
up to date list of patronage requests which she said you
wished to have July 1st.

Very sincerely yours,

Naniet Allen

Mrs. Roosevelt

PATRONAGE RE-POSTED - REVISED LIST - June 18, 1933

by

Mrs. Ross, Vice-Chairman, National Dem. Committee

Miss Dewson, Director Women's Division of the Dem Nat'l Campaign Committee and head of the women's work in the pre-convention campaign.

CLASS A - IMPERATIVE RECOGNITION

To be placed on the Staff of the Women's Division of the National Democratic Committee:

1. Tennessee	Sue White;	Ex. Director	\$5000
2. Iowa	Mrs. June Fickel;	Field Sec'y	2400
3. Indiana	Mrs. A. P. Flynn	" "	2400
4. No. Carolina	Mrs. Thomas O'Berry	" "	2400

Alternative Possibilities

1.1. Tennessee	Sue White:	Legal work for Muscle Shoals Development either Wash or Tennessee
2. Iowa	Mrs. June Fickel:	Husband administrative job in Dept of Agriculture
3. No. Carolina	Mrs. O'Berry:	Postmaster at Goldsboro or some important job.
6. California	Mrs. E. J. Westerhouse:	Husband engineer in charge of Boulder Dam
6. Massachusetts	Mary Wards	Immigration Commissioner at Boston
1. Iowa	Sue White	Ex. Director
2. Iowa	Mrs. June Fickel	Field Sec'y

(2. Mrs. Fickel, 4. Mrs. O'Berry, 6. Mrs. Westerhouse will give their time to the Party if their husbands are given remunerative enough jobs.)

The \$2400 would be used for travelling in this case

CLASS B VERY IMPORTANT RECOGNITION

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| 1. California | Mrs. Carroll Stewart | Federal Land Office in California |
| 2. Connecticut | Mrs. Fannie Dixon Welch | |
| 3. Montana | Mrs. Edith R. Batten: | Federal Land Office in Billings |
| 4. Nevada | Mrs. Harriet Spann: | At first Mrs. Spann wished a job in the foreign service where her knowledge of Spanish would help. But having just been elected president of the American Association of University women and of the Business and Professional Women's Club of Reno she would like to stay on there until the election of a Democratic Governor. She is an exceedingly able professor in the University. |
| 5. North Carolina | Mrs. Palmer Jerman: | Assistant to Collector of Internal Revenue |
| 6. Ohio | Mrs. Josephine McGowan: | P. O., Canton |
| 7. Rhode Island | Senator O'Neil: | Assistant in Narcotic Bureau |
| 8. Tennessee | Mrs. Lyon Childress: | |
| 9. Utah: | Mrs. Burton Massar: | Any position in the foreign service. Is equipped for foreign service in languages and foreign experience. Would fill secretaryship superbly. |
| 10. Wyoming | Lucy Taliaferro:
(Mrs. Taliaferro's
one request.) | Research in Home Economics Department of Federal Trade Department. |
| 11. Maine | Mrs. Lettie Ware Hecker:
(Mrs. Donahue's chief
request.) | State Director Federal Employment Service |
| 12. Washington | Mrs. Margaret Splawn
(Mrs. Picking's one
request) | P. O. Yakima |
| 13. Washington | Mrs. Marie A. Proctor | Husband as Immigration Commissioner |
| 14. New Mexico | Mrs. Lillyan D. Reginson: | Federal Position in New Mexico |

CLASS BCLASS CWANT DESIRABLE RECOGNITION

1. Alabama	Mrs. A. Y. Malone	Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue
3. Georgia	Miss Stella Akin	Special Assistant Attorney General
6. Iowa	Mrs. Flora Cotton Etter:	Director of Information, Dept. of Agriculture
6. Mississippi	Mrs. Ellen S. Woodward:	(Some Executive Position)
7. Missouri	Mrs. Kittie Griesser:	Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue
8. Oklahoma	Mrs. D. A. McDougal	Husband's application in Mr. Farley's files
9. Oregon	Mrs. Rosemary Schenck:	P. O. Toledo
10. Pennsylvania	Carl Weston: (Mrs. Casper Whitney's one request)	Retain present position as writer of briefs for Supreme Court
11. Maine	Gilbert S. Leach: (Miss Dewson's one personal request)	P. O., Castine
12. Sp. Carolina	Mrs. Maria C. Jennings	Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue
13. Tennessee	Mrs. Phoebe Oulie:	Good job in aviation as Director of Aeronautic Development or Research
14. Tennessee	Mrs. Bess T. Anthony:	Deputy Collector Internal Revenue
15. Texas	Mrs. R. F. Lindsay:	Since she cannot be Internal Revenue Col- lector why not something under the Farm Administration or anything the men will let her have in finance or agriculture.
16. Texas	Mrs. Lloyd Fletcher	Legal position for her husband
17. Texas	Mrs. Margie Neal	Special Agent for women and girls in Dept. of Vocational Education.
18. West Virginia	Mrs. J. C. Burchinal:	
19. Arkansas	Mrs. J. W. Rheas:	Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue or job with Farm Credits Bureau.
20. Virginia	Sarah Lee Fain:	Recorder of Deeds, Recorder of Wills Register and Clerk of Probate Court, Chief Examiner of Civil Service.
21. California	Mrs. Hancock Banning:	Minister to Guatemala
22. Idaho	Mrs. Teresa M. Graham:	Member Joint Intl Boundaries Commission
23. Idaho	Mrs. Reese Hattabaugh:	Appointment for son in Customs Office Seattle

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CLASS C (cont'd)

24. Oklahoma

Mrs. Pat Eagle

Internal Revenue Collector at
Oklahoma City

25. Tennessee

Mrs. W. O. Hudson:

position for husband as Field Represen-
tative of Federal Loan Bank of Louisville
Kentucky for that district.

CLASS D NORTH OF LEADER RECOGNITION

(Post Offices)

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|-----------------|----------------------------|-------------------------------|
| 1. California | Mrs. Nancy Ray Guire: | Colton |
| 2. Michigan, | Mrs. Nell Barden: | Boyno |
| 3. Ohio | Mrs. Jane Brandowicz Carey | Sidney |
| 4. Pennsylvania | Mrs. George A. Leuer: | Port Allegheny (or something) |
| 5. Pennsylvania | Mr. J. M. Gallagher | Wayne (account of wife) |
| 6. Pennsylvania | Miss Janet O'Hara: | Dunmore |
| 7. Pennsylvania | Miss Catherine Gates: | South Fork |
| 8. Pennsylvania | Mrs. Mary Callon: | Cresson |
| 9. Wisconsin | Mrs. Tom Morrissey: | Elkhorn |
| 10. Illinois | Fern Watson: | Mt. Vernon |
| 11. Kansas | Mrs. Hugo Orlopp: | Atchison |

Miscellaneous Offices

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|------------------|-----------------------------|--|
| 12. Pennsylvania | Miss Anna I. Winecoff: | Office Manager |
| 13. New York | Jo Coffins: | \$1800 job at Ellis Island |
| 14. California | Mrs. Edna Bushman | Deputy Revenue Collector at San Jose |
| 15. Kansas | Mrs. Bernice Jay: | Field Agent Department of Justice |
| 16. Illinois | Mary Ann Reynolds (colored) | Attendant in rest room in any public building |
| 17. Indiana | Mrs. Jos. R. Riggs: | Husband in Department of Agriculture. |
| 18. New York | Meta Fay | |
| 19. So. Carolina | Miss Ernestine Bateman | Special Agent in the Department of Labor at \$2000 |

Has been appointed

Supplementary recommendations on which Mrs. Ross and Miss Dawson did not agree

Mrs. Ross Recommends:

- Class B Minnesota,
- Class D Porto Rico

Mrs. Hodge(?)

Mrs. Whittesore - Commissioner of Education at Porto Rico

Miss Dawson Recommends:

- Class C, Missouri

Mrs. Thornton Brown: Chief of Service Record and Retirement Division in Civil Service Commission.

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STATE leaders whose requests for patronage are endorsed because of work done by those leaders

I. California - Mrs. M. J. Westerhouse

1. Miss Ruth Lockett: Secretarial position at Washington or California as clerk in RYC.
2. Mrs. B. I. Davis: Personnel work Immigration Department in California
3. Miss May Ellough: Secretarial in California
4. Mrs. Frank O. Haas: Husband as Dist. Supervisor of Narcotics.

Mrs. Ross recommends also California Democrats of previous record.

1. Mrs. Edythe Tate Thompson: California: job in U.S. Dept of Labor
2. Mrs. O. P. Hanna: Clerical in Southern California
3. Mrs. Robert Erwin: Internal Revenue Collector
4. Mrs. Antonet Tregassa: is an architect in San Diego.

II. Georgia - Mrs. Edgar Alexander

1. Mrs. E. M. Boykin: job in U. S. Employees Compensation Commission

III. Idaho - Mrs. F. E. Johnnes

1. Adaline E. Johnnes: job in Children's Bureau if not under Civil Service
2. Mrs. Daisy Moody: P. O. at Sand Point

* IV. Kansas - Mrs. Harrison Parkman

For post office or some job following county vice-chairmen

Post offices above fourth class

1. Mrs. J. B. Riseley Stockton
2. Mrs. C. E. Hanlon Caney
3. Mrs. Etta Ford Argonia
4. Mrs. W. C. Harding Ottawa
5. Mrs. Hugo Orlepp Atchison
6. Mrs. Ruth Daniels Oswego

Government positions in Washington or in some Federal office in Wichita

1. Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark: Topeka
2. Mrs. Mary P. Hogue, Topeka
3. Miss Ann Laughlin Hays

* See attached last page for up to date list

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4. Miss Helen Fleming Larned
5. Mrs. J. W. Berley Mildred
6. Mrs. J. Cooper King Wichita
7. Mrs. Mary Gallagher Kansas City - federal work in clerical line in Kansas City, Kansas or Missouri
8. Miss Laura French Majoria
9. Mrs. H. F. Todd Meade
10. Mrs. Effie Byers Hays
11. Mrs. Margaret Grandle Pittsburg
12. Mrs. H. W. Peterson Parsons
13. Miss Margaret Quinn Salina
14. Mrs. Ida Mackey Belleville
15. Mrs. Vernon Harlan Arkansas City
16. Mrs. Tillie Stanhope Luraka
17. Miss Adel Gallo Concordia
18. Mrs. Bert Belvern Bentle Has husband well qualified for some federal position

V. Indiana - Mrs. A. C. Flynn

For first recognition

1. Mrs. Mary Arnold Peru
2. Miss Florence Smith Laporte

For Postmistresses

1. Mrs. Slaybaugh Lafayette
2. Mrs. Florence Gardner Medaryville
3. Mrs. Daisy Masters Lebanon

Iowa - See Attached list

VI. Maine - Mrs. Donahue

1. Helen V. Hanson: is lawyer, wants legal or clerical job.
2. Mrs. Evelyn Ward: good job Dept. Home Economics
3. Josephine Flaherty: now U.S. Dept of Commerce - transfer and promotion
4. Mrs. Ruth Tris * Cutler: Collector of Customs for Cutler. Is Backed by Helen Hanson & Co.

Following post offices

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| 5. Mrs. Marjorie Davis Woolley | Bridgeton |
| 6. Mrs. Charlotte Bucks | Bucksfield |
| 7. Edith Bradbury | E. Brownfield |

VI. Maryland - Mrs. Menefee

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| 1. Mrs. Huse Opie Annans | Division of Inquiries D. C. Juvenile Court |
| 2. Margaret M. Mouser | Clerk Federal Farm Loan or R. F. C.
at \$1800 to \$2500 |

VII. Massachusetts - Miss Dewson

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|---|---|
| 1. George Aeyes, Quincy
(Personal request of
Miss Dewson) | Store-keeper of Customs Department, Boston
(Promotion) |
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Mississippi - list Attached

VIII. Montana - Mrs. Battey

Following Post Offices

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| 1. Mrs. P. J. Cruikshanks | Bozeman |
| 2. Mrs. R. M. Byrnes | Geysar |
| 3. Mrs. Lewis Outarie | Head Point |

IX. Nebraska - Mrs. Ryan

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------------------|
| 1. Mrs. Lulu S. Nolford | State Director of Employment Service |
| 2. Mrs. Elizabeth Jenkinson | Work with farm people |
| 3. Mrs. W. D. Oldham | Federal Employment Service at Omaha |
| 4. Mrs. Mom Holfrish | Field work Children's Bureau |
| 5. Mrs. Ruth Pavlots | Secretarial, publicity |

Following post Offices

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| 6. Mrs. E. O. Weber | Wahoo |
| 7. Mrs. Lulu E. Tomley | Kenesaw |

X. Nevada - Mrs. Spann

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| 1. Mrs. Mary G. Boss | Register and Receiver, Federal Land Office
at Carson City |
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II. North Carolina - Mrs. O'Barry

1. Mrs. Lulu Martin Scott: Assistant Employment Sec. Labor Dept.
2. Mrs. Lyman Cottens: good job but not so excited as Civil Service Commissioner
3. Mr. Harvey Bonays: Asst. Director Unemployment of No. Carolina
4. Mrs. Frank B. Mebands: Some foreign service

III. North Dakota - Miss Dougherty

1. Irene H. Dougherty (sister): job application on file with Mr. Farley

XIV. Tennessee

Mrs. Childress - following Post Offices

1. Mrs. Julia St. John: Bristol
2. Mrs. Mat. H. Copenhavers: Johnson City
3. Mrs. J. C. Roberts: Sayrna
4. Mrs. M. C. Williams: Kingston
5. Mrs. A. L. Beasley: Lexington
6. Mrs. Fred Harrison: White Pine

Miss White

7. Mrs. Lou Lusky: Deputy Collector of Internal Revenue at Nashville
8. Mrs. Edward E. Eslick

XV. Texas - Mrs. Pennybacker

1. Mrs. Cecil Sherman: P. O. at Sherman

XVI. Utah - Mrs. Russer

1. Mrs. Lucile Greenwood: P. O. at Richfield
2. Mrs. Teresa Taylor: P. O. at Garfield

XVII. Washington - Mrs. Picking

1. Mrs. Emma Davis: P.O. at College Point (suburb of Seattle)

XIX. Wisconsin - Mrs. Bowler

She has filed a list with Mr. Farley

IX. Wyoming - Mrs. Ross

1. Flo La Chapelle: research at Washington

Following Post Offices

2. Mrs. Inez Davidson: Hulett
3. Mrs. J. R. Engle: Gray Bull
4. Mrs. Claude Henry: Midwest
5. Mrs. R. I. Volckaers: Cody
6. Mrs. June Crosswell: Glen Rock

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<u>TOTAL</u>	<u>Both</u>	<u>Ross</u>	<u>Dewson</u>
Class A	8		
Class B	14	1	
Class C	25		1
Class D	<u>19</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>
	64	2	1

California	4	4	
Georgia	1		
Idaho	1		
Indiana	5		
Kansas	24		
Maine	7		
Maryland	2		
Massachusetts	1		
Montana	3		
Nebraska	7		
Nevada	1		
North Carolina	4		
North Dakota	1		
Tennessee	8		
Texas	1		
Utah	2		
Washington	1		
Wisconsin	(7)		
Wyoming	<u>6</u>		

79 + Wisconsin

Iowa - Recommended by Mrs. June Fickel for Post Office Appointments

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| 1. Mrs. T. A. Nabers | Ft. Madison |
| 2. Mrs. Dixie Cornell Gebhardt | Knoxville |
| 3. Mrs. Florence White | Riceville |
| 4. Mrs. Hazel Graves | Stanton |
| 5. Mrs. Ida McCue | Silver City |
| 6. Mrs. A. J. Belt | Glenwood |
| 7. Miss Lyda Henry | Carson |
| 8. Miss T. B. Moroney | Waukon |
| 9. Mrs. Nellie Thomas | Bussie |

Mrs. Fickel also recommends Dr. Mecca Varney, (address at present 33 Echo Ave.
for a federal position New Rochelle, New York)

KANSAS WOMEN RECOMMENDATIONS FOR APPOINTMENT June 27, 1933

(Corrected list of Mrs. Parkman's recommendations)

Those to receive first recognition

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|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1. Mrs. J. W. Barley | Mildred |
| 2. Mrs. Georgia Neese Clark | 625 Buchanan, Topeka |
| 3. Miss Helen Fleming | Larned |
| 4. Miss Lela Hackney | Wellington |
| 5. Mrs. R. F. Todd | Meade |
| 6. Mrs. J. Cooper King | 803 Nims Avenue, Wichita |

Those to receive second recognition (substitutes for Mrs. King should she be taken care of locally)

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| 7. Mrs. Erna Corey | Lawrence |
| 8. Miss Laura French | Emporia |
| 9. Miss Mary Hallock | 1734 Laurel, Topeka |

Other recommendations

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|----------------------------|---------------|
| 10. Mrs. Bessie Cole | Ottawa |
| 11. Mrs. Ruth Daniels | Oswego |
| 12. Miss Gladys Ferree | Emporia |
| 13. Mrs. Etta Ford | Argonia |
| 14. Mrs. May C. Giger | Independence |
| 15. Mrs. Mary Gallagher | Kansas City |
| 16. Mrs. Margaret Grandle | Pittsburg |
| 17. Mrs. C. E. Hanlon | Caney |
| 18. Mrs. Mary P. Hogue | Topeka |
| 19. Mrs. B. E. Helvern | Beattie |
| 20. Mrs. Vernon Harlan | Arkansas City |
| 21. Mrs. W. C. Harding | Ottawa |
| 22. Miss Anne Laughlin | Hays |
| 23. Mrs. Ida Mackey | Belleville |
| 24. Miss Mary McLindon | Williamsburg |
| 25. Miss Adel Mallo | Concordia |
| 26. Mrs. Hugo Orlopp | Atchison |
| 27. Mrs. Edith Renn Porter | Wellington |
| 28. Mrs. H. W. Peterson | Parsons |
| 29. Miss Margaret Quinn | Salina |
| 30. Miss Kathleen Ryan | Lincoln |
| 31. Miss Ada Smith | Salina |
| 32. Mrs. Tillie Stanhope | Eureka |
| 33. Miss Mary Woolverton | Abilene |

Mississippi - Women recommended for postoffices by Mrs. Eden S. Woodward, National Committeewoman

1. Mrs. Mary Dabney Morgan	Greenwood
Mrs. Minnie L. Beall	Lexington
Mrs. Thomas H. Wilson	Newton
Mrs. Virginia Brady Duckworth	Prentiss
Mrs. William Kendall	Natchez
Mrs. Robert Burns	Brandon
Mrs. Emma M. Therrell	Florence
Miss Louise Ralston	Coshoma
Miss Mabel Cunningham	Booneville
Mrs. Carrie C. Fedric	Charleston
Mrs. J. Glover Wilkins	Brookeville
Mrs. Ida Eastland Ormond	Forest
Miss Marguerite Crittenden	Greenville
Mrs. Margaret Rhodes	Horn Lake
Mrs. Lillian Doyle	Hamburg
Mrs. Hermine Dinkins Walker	Senatobia
Miss Helene Clarke	Holcomb
Mrs. Lillian Doyle	Jackson
Mrs. J. Allison Hardy	Columbus

Recommended for other than postoffices:

Mrs. Lovick P. Haley: Jackson	Position in Washington or Mississippi-filing, stenographic etc.
Miss Mai Whitehead: Jackson	Mississippi job-public stenographer at present
Mrs. D. H. Foresman: Meridan	Washington, or elsewhere-secretarial
Miss Sadie McKnight: Charleston	position in Washington or Miss.

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July 5, 1933

Dear Molly:

I agree with you. It is better not to join this organization.

Affectionately,

Miss Mary W. Dewson
Castine
Maine

S:S

July 5, 1933

Honorable James A. Farley
The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

In answer to your letter of June 26th what to do about the selfish congressmen who prefer to build up a personal machine rather than the party organization, well, I should be practical and divide patronage. Why follow a dumb rule.

Take for instance in Maine. Mrs. Donahue, National Committeewoman, visited me yesterday. She is pretty superior for a Maine Democrat and she sure did hold Maine at Chicago when Marbury was trying to get the delegates over to Smith on the second vote. I can't forget vital things like that, rules or no rules. Roosevelt owes her husband the Federal attorneyship.

The Al Smith bunch can't forget either. I am sorry my Congressman Utterback, who is sincere and decent although of small calibre is run by Mr. Murray of Bangor. Murray and John Clifford of Lewiston are the kind that Maine Republicans. It is not as though there are no respected Democrats in State. Take for example Maybie, the Mayor of Eastport. I had a long talk with him coming back from Chicago. He is a bright, decent chap. Murray al. ignore him because he is not their sort.

How much did Murray, Clifford, Carl Moran, Brann and Utterback the November elections after they had been swept in in September by sentiment?

Mr. Farley -2

July 5, 1935

I shall watch what you do with keen interest and don't forget these four women:

1. Mrs. Lottie Ware Meader: State Director Federal Employment Service. Is very energetic, capable and a good administrator.
2. Helen Hanson, a lawyer: Appraiser for the Home Loan Service for her county.
3. Evelyn Ward: Some job in Home Economics Work, Agricultural dept. Is a college graduate.
4. Your colleague, Mary W. Dewson and her one request for the postmastership of Castine,

Very sincerely yours,

MED:HA

Miss Mary W. Dewson

copy

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
National Press Building
Washington

James A. Farley
Chairman

June 28, 1933.

Miss Mary W. Dewson,
171 West 12th Street,
New York City.

Dear Miss Dewson:

I have yours of the 26th relative to the appointment of Postmasters in Kansas and Maine.

The whole trouble about the matter is that it is a selfish game and every Congressman is endeavoring to set up his own personal organization. Due to the rule that has been followed, I know that there are a lot of people who are entitled to consideration but who are not going to get it.

If you can show me a way out of it, I will be very glad to help.

I am anxious to see you when you return and I will discuss it all with you then.

Sincerely yours,

JA

July 5, 1933

Honorable James A. Farley
The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

If Mrs. Thornton Brown of Missouri is not eligible for the Chief of the Service Record and Retirement Division of the Civil Service please put your mind on finding her this kind of a job.

Jim, I feel strongly about appointing Mrs. Brown. She deserves it and can fill the job. It's a matter of conscience with me.

Very sincerely yours,

MWD:HA

Miss Mary W. Dawson

MWD

copy - for Mrs. Roosevelt

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National Press Building
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Chairman

June 27, 1933.

Miss Mary W. Dewson,
171 West 12th St.,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Dewson:

Referring further to yours of May 22: I find that the position of Chief of the Service Record and Retirement Division in the Civil Service Commission, for which Mrs. Thornton Brown of Joplin, Missouri, is an applicant, is within the competitive classified civil service and, therefore, favorable action cannot be taken. I am, however, keeping her file before me.

Yours truly,

J. A. F.

JAF-JM

file
Dues Street Conn

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Mrs. Roosevelt

July 6, 1933

Honorable James A. Farley
The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

Daisy Woody wants the postmastership
at Sand point, Idaho.

We were in direct contact with her dur-
ing the campaign and I should very much like to see her
get a job.

Very sincerely yours,

MB:RA

Miss Mary W. Denson

FILE UNDER ↗

Mrs. Roosevelt

July 6, 1933

Honorable Frances Perkins
Secretary
U. S. Department of Labor
Washington, D. C.

Dear Frances:

Can't you fit Mrs. Mary Anne Reynolds
(colored) in somewhere? It need not be in Chicago.

I enclose copies of her letter and refer-
ences—also a picture which she wants returned.

Please let me know whether there is a
chance or not.

Yours,

MWD:HA

Miss Mary W. Dawson

Douglas 0410

"Vincennes Hotel"
36th Vincennes Ave.
Chicago, Illinois

June 24, 1933

My dear Miss Dewson:

I received your letter on Tuesday last. I had been South to bury my Mother. I have been confined to my home for the past 2 years, nursing my Mother. Prior to this I was employed by the South Park System as a protection to young women and girls who frequent the bathing beaches in great numbers.

I have worked in all branches of the Y. W. C. A. Instructing and helping girls and women to find employment where working conditions were the best. I served 4 yrs. as Policewoman under Mayor Dever and Geo. L. Brennan and also as a special Investigator out of the Corporation Council's office.

My work primarily all of my life has been Social Service assisting women and girls with their problems. Mrs. Ed. W. Beais, who was our 1st Cook Co. Woman Commissioner is sending you a letter this week and also Mr. Wm. L. O'Connell. Mr. O'Connell has managed successful Senatorial mayoralty, gubernatorial campaigns. Miss Dewson, I would be so very very glad if you could place me in some branch of the Service. I have worked hard for 24 years for the Dem. cause and I am due some consideration. I was assistant Mgr. of the Nat. Colored Dem office in St. Louis, Mo 4 yrs. ago with Dr. Wm J. Thompkins and 7 yrs ago I had the same position at the Auditorium Hotel for John W. Davis. I am the only colo woman in America who has had this particular honor. I am a member of the Ill Woman's Dem. Club and also the Woman's City Club. The photo I am sending you, is one of myself in the Nat. Dem office at St. Louis Mo 4 yrs ago.

Enclosed also is a few of my endorsements. I am sure you can find a nook somewhere for me. I will take whatever you and Mr. Farley give me. Please return the photo. It is the only one I have.

Thanking you in advance I am
Very sincerely

MARY A. REYNOLDS

My new address is the
"Vincennes Hotel"
36th Vincennes Ave

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Very sincerely

MARI A. REYNOLDS

My new address is the
"Vincennes Hotel"
36th Vincennes Ave

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THOMAS QUINN BEEBLY
AND ASSOCIATES
PUBLICITY

Telephone State 4665

231 South LaSalle Street - - - Chicago

March 7, 1933

Mrs. Mary Ann Reynolds
4647 South Parkway
Chicago, Illinois

My dear Mrs. Reynolds,

It gives me a good deal of satisfaction to testify to the excellent work you did as director of women's activities in the Colored Voters Bureau of the National Democratic Party at western headquarters in the presidential campaign of 1924.

I had numerous opportunities to observe that work and its progress under your supervision, and I recall the compliments that were paid your efficiency and organizing ability by other officers of the headquarters. You have a very pleasant way of getting on well with the public and your associates, as I know from observing your methods in your Bureau during that campaign and in your public and professional work since then.

If at any time I can be of any special service in connection with your work please let me know. I have such definite recollections of your loyalty to a cause and your tirelessness in working for that cause, that I would be glad to help any enterprise in which you are interested.

Sincerely yours,

(signed)

THOMAS QUINN BEEBLY

TQB:ms

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BOARD OF EDUCATION
City of Chicago

Mrs. W. S. Hefferan
6831 Harvard Ave.
Telephone Wentworth 1470

March 13, 1953.

Dr. Wm. J. Tompkins,
18 Paseo Street,
Kansas City, Mo.

My dear Dr. Tompkins:

Mrs. Mary Ann Reynolds is seeking
an appointment to the bureau of labor, and she is one of our
energetic, civic minded colored women and would give effici-
ent service to whatever office she might be appointed. I
recommend her highly for a position on the bureau of labor.

Very cordially yours,

(Signed)

HELEN S. HEFFERAN

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DAVIS POLK WARDWELL GARDINER & REED
(Stetson Jennings & Russell)

15 Broad Street
New York

March 28, 1933

To Whom It May Concern:

I understand Miss Mary Ann Reynolds,
of Chicago, Illinois, desires a position in the
Department of Labor. I trust it will be possible
to give her application consideration.

(signed) JOHN W. DAVIS

C O P Y

MRS. EDWARD W. BEMIS
1.73 Lawrence Ave

June 21, 1933.

Miss Mary Dewson
Nat'l Democratic Headqts.
Biltmore Hotel
New York City.

My dear Miss Dewson-

I am very glad to write you in endorsement of Mrs. Mary Reynolds, Vincennes Hotel, Chicago.

I have known Mrs. Reynolds for some fifteen years, in connection with the Woman's City Club, the Democratic Club, and in her editorial connections with Mr. Tompkins, Editor of a Democratic newspaper for our colored population.

She is a good business woman, is capable in office work, has a good approach, and is "on the square" in all that she does. I hope that you can place her in the Dept. of Labor, which is her desire.

You may place me through my late husband, Edward W. Bemis, a friend of all advance legislation.

I am in Democratic politics here, having served as County Committeewoman for Chicago, etc., etc. — and I can speak with some assurance of Mrs. Reynold's capacity to serve.

Wishing you all success,

Very truly,

ANNIE S. BEMIS

(Mrs. E. W. Bemis)

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file
Miss Denson
100 Mrs. Roosevelt

EXTRACTS FROM LETTER TO MISS DENSON FROM MRS. LLOYD FLETCHER, AMARILLO, TEXAS

This part of Texas is "plenty sore" at the Texas patronage leaders in Washington. I did not dream the sentiment is as it is. The newspapers all over the Panhandle are having plenty to say about the handling of the jobs, and the bad feature of it is they resent it so highly that it is causing dissatisfaction. For instance, the county chairman of one of the nearby counties told me yesterday that he had collected the quota for his county, but that he had become so disgusted with the way things were handled from the National Chairman down, in regard to any fair recognition for those who had worked and organized and collected money for the party, that he had returned all contributions to those who had donated and told them they might as well keep their money rather than let it be used to continue Republicans in office and jobs and see all appointments go to the Ft. Worth and Dallas part of our district.

I am sorry to see this feeling exist for you know how hard my husband and I worked to organize these 53 counties and have even a Panhandle County Chairman Organization, which is, I imagine, one of the first of its kind and can prove a firm political power. A good appointment out of the Panhandle would be the best thing that could happen to cure this dissatisfied feeling which is getting stronger all the time.

Mr. Eastus has our sincere compliments in winning the United States Attorneyship for this District of Texas. And we wish him all success. He told my husband recently that President Roosevelt had promised him this particular place long before the Inauguration, and told me it had cost him over \$8000 to get it. Had we know all this, Lloyd would not even have tried to get the appointment. I do not think those above remarks show good politics—just my own personal opinion. I do think yet, that from a standpoint of work for the party, such as organizing Roosevelt Clubs, crystallizing sentiment for Roosevelt, collecting both votes and money, that my husband was in the lead. but you know what was done here, and we just did not have the senators for that appointment. Be that as it may, I am going to try and overcome this feeling that exists in the Panhandle and I believe I can. I have worked too long for the party, and given too much time to this section of the country in overcoming disturbing conditions for the welfare of the party to let this thing gain too much headway.

It seems that my husband has an excellent change in the legal department of the R. F. C. That is, he has been given every encouragement and I hope it is sincere. Personally, I would rather see him placed in the legal department of this new Industrial Recovery department than anywhere—especially, if it is under the supervision of Hon. Donald Richberg. So far as I am concerned, I can think of nothing I would rather see him have than this. I never make a campaign speech or talk before any kind of a political affair that I do not turn the pages of Mr. Richberg's book, TALKS OF THE MIGHTY, and always find inspiration there. I have never met Mr. Richberg, but have long admired his political philosophy, that a government should be operated for the best good of all people. I think that is our President's idea too, and is why I am so strong for him.

If you have the opportunity, I do hope you say a word for my husband. I think that if he is given the opportunity of a legal appointment that he can easily prove the appointment was not wrong. and it would do more than anything to make a better feeling politically in this section.

June 22, 1933

Mrs. Roosevelt

July 5, 1933

Honorable James A. Farley
The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

I sincerely hope you will put Dr. Mecca
M. Varney in the Congressional Library. She campaigned
for us in Maine and was also helpful in Iowa.

Moreover she has had her Spanish War
veteran's pension cut (husband a chaplain) and she real-
ly is hard up.

I think she would be good at it. She is
intellectual and humanly balanced.

Very sincerely yours,

MAD:HA

Miss Mary W. Dawson

July 5, 1933

Dr. Mecca M. Varney
33 Echo Avenue
New Rochelle, New York

Dear Dr. Varney:

Thank you for your letter of
June 27th.

I am doing all I can.

Very sincerely yours,

M.B.H.

Miss Mary W. Dawson

EDUCATION CAMPS FOR JOBLESS URGED

Writers of Booklet Suggest Work Centres to Develop 'Constructive Thought.'

BEST WAY TO CURB REVOLT

Youth Must Be Taught to Face Issues Clearly Before 'Emotions Take the Helm,' They Hold.

Arguing that the habits of thinking among the unemployed on social and economic questions can hardly be considered altogether satisfactory by those in authority, Os-good Nichols and Comstock Glaser suggest in "Work Camps for America," a new John Day pamphlet, some possible means for turning such thought "now mostly destructive" into "constructive channels."

"Herein lies an important challenge, and one which has been neglected almost entirely by our formal educational institutions—that of pointing the way to the reconstruction of our civilization," they write.

"The thinking of these young men can be directed toward the political, economic and social problems that confront the country, with the end in view of reaching conclusions on the issues about which the battles of the future will be fought.

"For it is not only that these men will live in a changed world; some of them are to be leaders responsible for bringing about that change.

"Now is the time for constructive thought on which to base future concerted action—not after the battle cry has been shouted, for then it will be too late. Emotions take the helm and clear thinking is cast overboard."

They suggest that unemployed teachers be procured for the work camps to form informal discussion groups.

"The educational program should be arranged primarily with the idea of fitting the individual to live better in the world of tomorrow," they add.

Unless the internal life of the civilian conservation corps camps is worked out with great care, the authors say, bad results are possible.

"These results," they continue, "have already had their forerunners in filling their initial quota and in the already large numbers of deserters."

They recommend, on the basis of experience in Germany, that the work camps be composed of the youth of both sexes, saying that "experience has shown that the morale in the mixed German camps is much higher than in those in which there are only men."

Alan Dinehart to MARRU

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33 Echo Avenue
New Rochelle
New York

June 27, 1935

Miss Mary W. Dewson
Hotel Biltmore
New York City

Dear Miss Dewson:

Your kind letter of June 26 has been received. In reply I would say that my field is naturally Education and that my research has been in Social Science. It was my hope in undertaking my Doctor's Degree in Paris, to find some social and political suggestions in the writings of the Children of the French Revolution. I had perceived that our people were without a "system of ideas" with which to meet the changing conditions. Indeed they scarcely realized that they were the children of the world war.

To guide the thinking of the people, to outline a social philosophy for today, to present new formulae to replace the old slogans seemed to me the first duty.

For instance the following is far better food for thought than the ordinary communistic theories:

Love for principle,
Order for base,
Progress for aim.

I am enclosing a clipping that reveals others are also absorbed in the nation's intellectual needs.

More than this I cannot indicate for I know almost nothing about the present appointments under the new legislation. I teach and lecture. I would try very hard to do administrative work.

I shall be so glad for your help and I regret that circumstances have compelled me to ask for a post.

Very sincerely,

(signed)

MECCA M. VARNLEY

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY

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WOMEN'S DIVISION
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

Cestmi Me
July 30. 43

Dear Eleanor,-

What is the news about our ladies?
Mrs. Bannister was not on the list but I am delighted
she is appointed Asso. Treasurer. I had written about
her and spoken to Jim.

Mrs. McGowan of Ohio is now Secy. of the
Minimum Wage Com. of Ohio. Stella Akin took
the Spec. Asso. to the Atty Gen. Helen Hanson has
had a state job offered her. So they are set.
I told you Mrs. Waterhouse is cared for.

My present greatest anxieties are
Mary Ward, Massachusetts.
Mrs. O'Berry, No. Car.

Mrs. June Fickel, Iowa (husband in Farm field)

Mrs. Phoebe Oulie, Tenn, aviation

Mrs. Thornton Brown, Mo. in charge of some service, and
preferably travelling, speaking
organizing.

I wish Mrs. Brown could work for the NIRA
publicity campaign. She would be superb. Can you
fix it? It is for too short a time but I am getting
a little nervous, and anything would be better than nothing.
My notes are here. Their greatest worldly

ambition is to have tea with you in the White House!!
I have promised in due course. They are horrified to know
I kept you waiting outside the Senate. You see I had to
relate in detail every minute of my visit there. In so
doing I remembered this less majestic act of mine and
told it to illustrate how much I am like Woodrow
Wilson and Louis Howe - the men of one track minds.
Wasn't that the limit! I really hate to have you Mrs. Pres.
It absorbs you too much for your friends satisfaction.
Mo G.

What did Franklin say about Marie Obenshain
as the Rep. member of the Tariff Commission?

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August 2, 1933

Dear Molly:

I had a talk with Jim before I left and I think things are going to come along alright. I told him Mrs. Gregory and Mrs. Cotton were not to be considered until a regular list of people had been attended to. Is that all right?

He is getting a number of endorsements for Sue White for Juvenile Court Judge in Washington. Franklin will make a recess appointment some time. Do you think she would rather have it than stay where she is?

What do you know about Lucy C. Timberlake of Charleston, West Virginia and what about Ruth Lockett? Franklin is not making any recommendations to the Congressional Library so if you think she ought to go there, you will have to write to Mr. Putnam direct. Mr. Farley thought that you wanted her somewhere in the White and that a salary is necessary and there are no vacancies on the White House staff now.

It was grand to see you. Much love.

Affectionately

Miss Mary W. Dewson
Castine
Maine

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J. J. O'Connor Golden

July 8, 1933

Honorable James A. Farley
The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

The reason we want Ruth Lockett in Washington is because she is a great girl to keep interested in the Party and she wants to come.

From January, 1932 to November 8th she worked every minute for us without pay. She contributed her Packard and lots of minor expenses. She organized the Young Democrats— was vice president for California. Her family are flattened and she'd like a job.

Comptroller O'Connor and McAdoo and her Congressman, Hoeppe, are interested. If they get her a job in California, ok, but I thought the Congressional Library would be grand for her as she is literary, too.

Yours,

Mally

MWD:BA

Miss Mary W. Dewson

o/s

Wilson

July 14, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FARLEY:

With reference to our conversation to-day about Miss Ruth Lockett:

I do hope that she can be placed somewhere on the White House staff. She is an excellent secretary and has a wonderful background as her record shows. She is a college graduate with a fine personality, exceedingly interested in the Administration, and one of my most loyal workers in California. She is young, charming, vivacious, and would make an excellent appearance on any occasion.

I do hope that she can be placed somewhere on the executive staff of the White House.

J. F. T. O'Connor

JFTO/C

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August 3, 1933

Dear Molly:

Dewson

Mary ward is to be made Immigration Commissione according to my last talk with Jim.

Mrs. Fickle's husband is to get what he wants and all the other people mentioned are to be given positions. I hope to goodness it goes through O.K. Jim's sister-in-law has just died so I can not hound him just now but I will see him when I get back to Washington on the tenth to see what has happened.

I would love to have your nieces to tea as soon as I get back to Washington.

Mary Obenhauer was also to be O.Kayed.

Jean Whittemore is wanted to be Commissioner of Education by everybody except the person now holding the position. That being the case, I told Jim we would have no objection. Mrs. Cook is to be given a position, also Mr. Horton.

I can assure you that being "Mrs." President is a busy life but some day we will all be peaceful again and enjoy our life.

Affectionately

Miss Mary W. Dewson
Castine
Maine

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LETTER OF EFFIGENE WINGO ATTACHEI

August 4, 1933

Dear Molly:

What do you know about Mrs. Wingo
and would you be will in. to recommend her?

affectionately

Miss Mary W. Leason
Castine
Maine

June 15, 1933

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Dear Mollie:

Do you know this woman? Did
she ever do any work?

Very sincerely,

Miss Molly Dewson
171 West 12th St.

Enclosing
letter from Mrs. Rose Downey
St. Louis Mo.

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August 5, 1933

Dear Molly:

I am asking Mr. Alice Hamilton whom I admire just as much as you do, to spend a night here as Franklin says he would be very much interested in seeing her.

I am also enclosing a letter which has come to me and I would like to know if you know of her and of her work.

Very sincerely yours

Miss Mary W. Dewson
Castine
Maine

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WOMEN'S DIVISION
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July

Castine Me
July 26. 43

Dear Eleanor

Dr. Alec Hamilton of the Harvard
Medical School and Jane Addams
friend and colleague is just back from
Germany after ten weeks of detailed
study. She has a story Franklin
would be deeply interested to hear.
Can't you arrange it?

Do you think her as remarkable
and admirable a woman as I do?

Love,
Mo. H.

Dear Eleanor:

The next time you go to Los Angeles, do see that devoted crowd.

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4547 Marmion Way, Los Angeles,
August 8, 1933.

FILE UNDER

Miss Mary W. Dewson
Democratic National Headquarters
Hotel Biltmore, New York City.

My dear Miss Dewson:

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At the suggestion of leading Democratic women of Southern California I am reporting to you our experiences in connection with the recent visit of Secretary Dern and a number of governors.

The Women's Democratic League, oldest incorporated political organization in this part of the state, had planned a luncheon at the Deauville Club in Santa Monica for Saturday, July 29, and when it was announced that the visiting governors would be entertained at luncheon at the nearby Jonathan club an effort was made to secure Secretary Dern and one or two of the governors for brief appearances at our gathering. Mrs. Lucien Miner, president of the League, and Senator McAdoo invited Secretary Dern.

Heading the Citizens' Committee for the entertainment of the distinguished visitors were Mr Edward Dickson and Miss Grace Stoermer, both Republicans. When their reception committee was first announced it had not one Democratic leader on the list. Later a few names of Democrats were added and Mr Dockweiler was chosen as program chairman for the Jonathan Club luncheon.

As publicity chairman of the League I sent out brief announcements in which it was set forth that Secretary Dern had been invited to speak. When our plans had advanced I followed up the preliminary publicity with definite news regarding the arrangements for the midsummer assembly of Democrats. After the first short notices absolutely nothing appeared in the newspapers. Even the Hearst publications ignored us. When a week had passed and the date of our entertainment was only a few days off a man who said he was secretary of the Citizens' Committee called me up and asked me how I dared to send out misleading and incorrect publicity about the visiting group. He said that he would see that nothing reached the press, or rather that nothing was published. He stressed the fact that Secretary Dern would not have a moment for the Democratic organization. Later we received a telegram of regrets from the Secretary on the plea that he had a previous engagement.

Because Mrs. Willoughby Rodman, chairman of our luncheon committee, and Mrs. Esther Lea, chairman of the League's executive board, entered protests regarding the attitude toward our organization it was arranged that the wives of the visiting governors should come to the Deauville Club for a reception between noon and one o'clock, before they were to appear at the Jonathan Club, a few hundred yards distant, for the official luncheon. Mrs. John D. Fredericks, wife of a former Republican Congressman, and Miss Stoermer had charge of the visiting women.

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WOMEN'S DIVISION
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

Boston Ma.
August 8. 1933

Dear Eleanor -

I can't help being an old Puritan at heart
altho life has worn me down so that most of the time I slip
by in a political camp as "practical."

1). Since Porto Rico - you see I happen to sympathize with Porto
Rico - has been handed a Gore I was trying to spare them from a
Whittemore. You know the Porto Ricans protect his appointment
and want a Porto Rican Com. of Education. Do you know what
a good job your cousin did in P.R.?

But having said very little say I yield the floor permanently.

2). Since Frances Perkins says that all the Commissioners of
Immigration could be abolished with no loss to the Service. it
makes my heart sick that they are not abolished.

Are they continuing them just to give a job to Mary Ward?
Is there nothing else? All the jobs Fechner suggested she might
have to give Julia O'Connor Parker, Mr. Curleys aid, the Commission-
ship of Immigration, Joe O'Mahoney writes are impossible, filled or civil service
viz: Fed. Board for Vocational Education - women number 36000

All members Home Loan Bank Board	- - -	Vacancy but abolished by Executive Order
Int. Rev. Agent at Boston	36,200	All filled
Int. Rev. Supervisor of Collections at Boston	35,600	filled
Naturalization Bureau at Boston	35,600	Civil Service no vacancy
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If nothing can be arranged for Mary Ward and after her Julia
O'Connor I should rather see them go without, than make a job like

the figure head of an Immigration Commission when the permanent
clerks can attend to all the work any Commission ever did.

Perhaps the wisest thing about the Roosevelts is that
they do not get disgusted when their executives bark
the top off their minds. You certainly do not muzzle us.

I am pleased about Marie Obenauer. I think she will
make a swell Republican member of the Tariff Com.
She does not agree with my tariff convictions but she is
exceedingly well informed on this subject and will be a
great credit to women.

I shall be so glad to see Mrs. Fieble husband set.

Wasn't it great France Perkins appointed Mrs.
Meador head of Re-employment in Maine. Mrs.
Donehue is tickled to bits. And they think Mrs.
Meador exceedingly promising.

My very best
Mo K

Oh my wishes are on the vague horizon.
Just a pipe dream.

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~~Diary~~
L. Dawson

August 15, 1933

Dear Molly:

Your letter of the 5th has just reached me, and I will know about each of the women on your list on Wednesday, I hope, and about Sue White and Levinia Engle. I do not wonder that you feel discouraged. It takes a lot of energy to put across the women we would like to have.

Affectionately,

Miss Mary E. Dawson
Castine
Maine

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MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

Castro, Mo.
Aug. 5. 1933

Dear Eleanor -

It was great to hear from you about patronage for it is a long time since your mind has been working for us girls. To answer your letter:

1. We are advised by the No. Car. women that they are against any appointment for Mrs. Gregory at any time. She has not done a stroke of work etc. It is a long but clear cut story.
2. Mrs. Hyman Cotten is 3rd on the No. Car. list. No. 1. Mrs. Jerman I think got her in the last Rev. No. 2 Mrs. O'Berry is not yet settled. No. 4. Mrs. Jas Scott of the young Dems. has refused Frances Perkins offer for a \$2400 job in the D.C. as too small.
3. Mrs. Lucy Timbalata of W. Va. is one of those terrible black eyed, egotistical prima donnas that no one can have human relations with. I side tracked her by putting her on the Natl. States list but as no one was willing to pay her expenses to hear her she did nothing.
4. Ruth Lockett is a smart young college girl, whose rather well to do family has been hit and so she wants the adventure of a job. Of course she ought to have one as founder and vice pres. of the So. Calif. Young Dems. and one I started for FDR in Jan 1932 ^{working for} She could be a secretary. Knows stenography. I have tried to get everyone to take her but no luck. I don't remember having her in mind for the White House. But I ought not to mention her when so many other leaders are

and who has
worked steadily
ever since

Still with out jobs. viz.

Very broad Area
Mrs. S. Perry No. Car.
Mrs. Fisher - husband
Mr. Stewart Cal.
Mrs. Welch Conn.
Mrs. Betty Kent.
Mrs. Spencer Nev.
Mrs. O'Neil R.I.
Mrs. Moore Utah
Mrs. Helen Wash.
Mrs. Procter Wash
Mrs. Robinson D. Ver. ✓

As to the time of 18 others. I can't trace out
important ones June 29, 1911. But I can help to say

that since then I have been appointed.

For Robert Johnson. No. Car. (Not by Jim but by myself)
Mrs. Westerman - Calif. (Not by Jim but by myself)
Mrs. M. Gorman - by the Gov. of Ohio
Mrs. Atkin - Ga. S.A.F.
Mrs. Gordon - Maine (Not by Jim but by Frances Perkins)

One certainly needs a sense of humor. Jim

has ample records about each woman. He has been
told at least five times that Mrs. Gregory is false. He knew

the days are passing and sends me letters like this and
saying the places I suggest are filled altho they were not always
when suggested. It is not suggest a specific place either
happens. I have sat at this desk literally the entire day
with this sudden confidence for it will never end until the
jobs are parcelled out. The Jim who certainly is worth
his weight in gold for the way he stumps me along who
about Mrs. Gregory and wants to put Mrs. Whitmore over

with Jim
with
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the defenceless Porto Rican as Commissioner of Education!

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Sure I think Sue White would like to be the Juvenile Court Judge. What was the matter with that Democratic Social worker who was trained for the place and backed by Mr. Brandeis? Everyone like Clara Beyer thinks this woman of whom we have spoken before would be the best in sight. The trouble was that Costello (?) wanted to appoint some incompetent Catholic and so the matter dragged along. Then the word was started that Mr. Brandeis' candidate was a Republican (quite untrue) then that Mabel Willbrand was also backing her (which was damning). If FDR does not appoint the choice of the local social workers I think Sue would be the best of any politician.

At the same moment Sue and Lavinia Sagle both want to be on the U. S. Parole Board. I think that would be a swell place for Lavinia. Both say if ~~the~~ I stand in the way of the other I withdraw. It is rumored Cummings wants a lawyer woman. Social service is a profession of itself and why a lawyer? L. Sagle is a social worker. She has had a lot of experience in this line.

I sound discouraged but I have just had a cold with temperature beaten by a quart so I have not my usual resistance to untoward circumstances.

Try how very best to you

Molly

In the war we used to say it took as much energy to buy a sewing machine or even a tooth brush as it did to collar and throw a weeks real work at home. That's why I believe in decentralized - highly developed organization.

There are lots of things I have written you about I would refer to have answers about.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING
WASHINGTON



JAMES A. FARLEY
CHAIRMAN

August 1, 1933

Miss Mary W. Dawson
Castine,
Maine

Dear Molly:

I have your letter of July 25th with
reference to Mrs. Whittemore.

I have not done anything about her
appointment as yet but everybody there recommended
her for Commissioner of Education. I am waiting
for Secretary of War Dern as he names such positions.

*Except the Porto Ricans.
Have you read the
protests in the Tribune*

Sincerely yours,

JAF:MEI

*Eleanor - I told Jim he had
better speak to you before he
appointed Whittemore.
Dern*

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING

WASHINGTON



JAMES A. FARLEY
CHAIRMAN

July 22, 1933.

Miss Mary W. Dewson
171 W. 12th St.
New York City

Dear Mary:

I have received your letter of July 17th relative to Mr. and Mrs. McGowan. It is perfectly allright with me if they come to Washington for I will be glad to explain the situation in detail to them.

The next time I see you I will go over the entire patronage situation with you and then I am sure you will know what I am up against. The condition in the different states is terrible, and I am frank to confess I do not know how it is going to be rectified. I am retaining my sense of humor, however, and am not going to be disturbed about it, but will continue to do the best I know how.

*Very nice fellow. Jim
MCKay*

Sincerely,

JAF:MCD

*ER. On July 31
Mrs. M. McGowan was
sworn in to an Ohio job.*

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August 15, 1933

Dear Molly:

As I told you, I asked Secretary Ickes about the Register of the General Land Office, and he says if Franklin wishes to do it he can ask for the resignation, but Franklin's policy has been, where people have four-year appointments, not to ask them to resign, but as soon as the term expires to put in a Democrat. He will do this for Mrs. Bettey when the present incumbent resigns, even if it should be before the term expires. She will have to have the confirmation of the Senate.

Sincerely,
~~Respectfully,~~

Miss Mary W. Dewson
Castine
Maine



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

August 14, 1933.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have looked into the matter raised by Mary W. Deswon, whose letter I am returning to you. A vacancy can be created in the office in which she is interested. Customarily, in the event of such vacancies, the Democratic Senators, if there are such, nominate successors, but in this particular case I have no doubt that if the President should indicate to me that he would like a certain person appointed, the matter could be taken care of without difficulty.

If I can be of any further service in this matter, please let me know.

Sincerely yours,

Harold G. Parker

Secretary of the Interior.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House.

Enclosure.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

August 3, 1935

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Eleanor:

Would Franklin consider requesting
the resignation of the Register of the General Land
Office at Billings, Montana. (See enclosed letter)

I am asking you for if Franklin
does not wish to and I knew it, I could be scamb-
ling around for something else.

Affectionately,

Molly
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Office of the Commissioner

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
GENERAL LAND OFFICE
Washington

July 24, 1935.

Honl Joseph C. O'Mahoney,
First Assistant Postmaster General,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Joe:

I have your letter of July 20th, with reference to
Mrs. Edith R. Battey.

I know Mrs. Battey personally. I was very closely associated with her during the 1928 campaign, and I am sure she is entitled to the best that can be obtained for her. However, the situation is that all employes of the Billings office are under the civil service except the Register. The term of the Register at Billings will expire December 20, 1935. This appointment as you know comes under the patronage which belongs to the Senators. Since the appointment of the Register is at the pleasure of the President, I see no reason why, if a change is desired, it cannot be made by the President through the Secretary of the Interior requesting the resignation of the present Register and a new Register can be appointed. If the civil service situation can be overcome, there will not only be a position open to Mrs. Battey, but thousands of others.

Sincerely,

Fred W. Johnson

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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

Castro Ms.
Aug. 18, 1933

Dear Eleanor -

Yes it does take energy and patience to put across the women we want. I wonder how any one but an old woman can have the patience and then ~~they~~^{she} might not have the energy.

The wearisome thing is that our only aim is to get some of the workers in instead of the drones. If we cared one whoop about the candidates themselves, and if we were playing personal politics, you could see why we might expect resistance or inertia. It's a funny business.

Well I'm glad about Bentley for it's a disinterested appointment - and the children should not be made the goat.

With great affection

Wale
Love &uding you a copy for letter from Mrs. Brandeis on Bentley ..

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August 19, 1933.

Dear Molly:

Hewson

Jim tells me that everyone in Porto Rico wants Mrs. Whittemore as commissioner of education except the man who now fills the place. How do you know that the people as a whole do not want her? Some one who was in Porto Rico last year told me that she was very popular and well received wherever she went.

I do not know anything about Gore. I do know that young T.R. did a good job. What makes you feel that Gore will not?

Frances Perkins tells me that they are only abolishing the Immigration Commissioners here and there, that Boston may be abolished but has not been abolished as yet.

I will take up the question all over again of both Mary Ward and Julia O'Connor Parker.

Go right ahead blowing off whenever you feel like it. I much prefer it to not knowing what actually is on your mind.

Much love,

Dewson

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yes

Castine, Me.
August 21, 1933

Dear Jim,-

You know, Jim, you have told me atleast bi-monthly since November to leave my short list of women workers for the national ticket to you and that you would look after them. So I have not done anything for any of them except nag you which I must have done so pleasantly you have hardly noticed it!!!

So nothing has been done for Mary Ann Reynolds (colored) of Illinois, except of course to encourage her by correspondence while waiting for you to act.

It appears she is better than the attendant class and could serve as clerk in a state employment office. Therefore I wrote to Secy Perkins enclosing picture and history. I wish that you would telephone Miss Perkins about her.

Well, yes, Jim, I have done a little on my own hook for as I saw the jobs being filled and the women on the side lines I have advised them to get after their state leaders and I have followed up their efforts with letters when ever they made an opening.

Sincerely yours,

Dear Eleanor -

This is in answer to a letter from Jim asking if I have done anything for my colored friend? Really these boys are too wonderful. What in heck was I supposed to do? None of the cabinet are indebted to me but Frances Perkins and she did give me Mrs. Maudie of Maine. Moreover she has dozens of her list under the civil service.

Love M. H.

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Dewson

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY



JAMES A. FARLEY
CHAIRMAN

August 29, 1933

Miss Mary Dewson
Democratic National Committee
331 Madison Avenue
New York, New York

Dear Molly:

I have your letter of August 24 relative to
Mrs. A. Y. Malone and Mrs. Marie Jennings.

I am keeping their names before me and shall
take care of them if it is possible.) This is very
negative.

Sincerely,

JAF 3 Sept 1. 1933

Dear Eleanor-

I have just written Jim that I do not think these
two Southern states, Alabama & So. Car. should be allowed
to get away with out one job for women. Mrs. Malone worked
hard to get the delegates at Chicago for F.D.R.
I wanted them to be Asso. Coll. of Int. Res. but
they could be in Farm Loan - Home Owners Loan Cooperative. Let the
men decide which. - My best -
M. M.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
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WOMEN'S DIVISION
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

Mrs Roosevelt
Costume No.
Aug. 31. 1933

Dear Eleanor,

My knowledge of Porto Rico sentiment is limited to articles in the Tribune. The natives believe that they could produce a good Commissioner of education, better than any of the 200 Americans there - so this correspondent says. That may or may not be true but not having a high opinion of Mrs. Whittemore I lean to the natives.

Of course you know that the Assoc. for Cultural Relations with Latin America has imbued us intelligencia with distaste for any but high quality representatives of the U.S.A. in these countries.

Lavinia Swale writes August 29:

Mrs. Henry Dooley has been in Washington for ten days as you know. I saw her when she came and yesterday gave a luncheon for her to meet Katherine Lenroot and a group of newspaper women. She told them something of the problem of the under-privileged children of the Island, a rather heart breaking story. When we get to it we must see that Puerto Rico gets a break from the Children's Bureau. Mrs. Dooley is a fine intelligent woman and speaks our language. I hope she gets her appointment and I believe that her visit has put it over. Jean had her lipped until she came to Washington and put up a fight.

- As to Mr. Gore I have only two doubts.
1. Is he efficient? The way the medallion campaign was run was the joke of the head quarters staff.
 2. Is he a heavy drinker in addition?

And what did you think of using cock-fighting to draw tourists as the main plank in the Gore platform.
But Eleanor, dear, Porto Rico is not a main issue with me.

*My last Mother.
let it ride.*

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE

HOTEL BILTMORE

NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

August 30, 1933.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Vall-Kill Cottage,
Hyde Park, N.Y.

JL

Dear Eleanor,

I am sending you copy of these letters because you are backing Mrs. Jacobs so she says. It is long winded but it shows how I've been trying to make the women feel that some one cares.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Dewson
(Miss Mary W. Dewson)

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
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Women's Organization
For
National Prohibition Reform
485 Madison Ave.
N.Y.C.

August 14, 1933.

Dear Mary Dewson;

After 20 years of civic and political activity, without hope or desire of reward of any kind, I am now forced by circumstances to try to secure an appointment with the administration. Since early April, I have been trying to select and get a suitable place but so far without success. I have the endorsements and active interest of Mrs. Roosevelt, Attorney General Cummings, our two Senators, Congressmen, Democratic Committeeman and many others, but the selection I had has now been filled by someone else, so I must designate another job here.

Will you tell me frankly, if it would be advisable for me to ask him, (Mr. Farley) to find a place for me, and leave it to him to do? This has been done, in other cases, I hear when there is sufficient reason. Or can you suggest other places? With all the new legislation being put into effect, perhaps there would be something worth while, within Alabama. But I have little chance for any consideration at the hands of our uncompromisingly dry Governor, as I have just finished conducting our most strenuous repeal campaign here. Our Democratic Committee-woman is bone-dry, so did everything she could against repeal... and the W.O.N.P.R. was the only group of women working for the Democratic plank etc. And incidentally, the Republicans, though greatly outnumbered, of course, made inroads on our majority, which was finally about 29,000, but it was really a hard battle.

Do you know anything about the following places, if they are filled, by recent appointment, or now held by "hold-overs" etc. Assistant Director of Federal Employment Stabilization Board; Register of the Treasury; Commissioner of Labor Statistics; Chief of Passport; Commissioner of Customs; Assistant Director of Education, Bureau of Indian Affairs; Assistant Director of Bureau of the Census; U.S. Employment service, supervising director; or something like the Federal Emergency Relief. I am persona grata with all labor groups in Alabama. My learnings are, to be of service to labor, especially women and children, for I know more about that sort of thing, and prison reform than anything else. Of course you know I was a pre-convention supporter of the President, and campaigned for him and for Gov. Cox, in 1920.

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I realize I am imposing on your kindness, but I hope to be forgiven because my need is so acute, and I am apparently not able to intelligently help myself. I shall be eternally grateful to you for any advice you are willing to give me.

With Highest regard,

Sincerely ,

Mrs. Solon Jacobs
3300-Altamont Road
Birmingham, Ala.

August 30, 1933

Hon. James J. Farley
Biltmore Hotel,

Dear Jim,

Mrs Solon Jacobs is a very smart woman. She has personality like Emily Newell Blair. Is a good talker too.

She is one of our nationally known Democrats. Of course while Engle, May Ward, Mrs Thornton Brown, Mrs A.R. Flynn, Sue White Fanny Dixon Welch, Harreit Spann, Mrs Edith Battey, Mrs Woodward, Mrs Robinson Phoebe Oulie Mrs. R.F. Linday, Sarah Lee Fain, Mrs Teresa Graham, Mrs. Pat Nagle, Mrs Carroll Stewart Mrs. Burton Nusser, Julia O'Conner Parker, Mrs Lulu Walford and a few others are waiting for jobs I would not want to see her take a chance from them. But she is a grand Democrat and would have gladly worked for us in the campaign if we had been paying salaries. She was too poor to go free.

I thought my letter to her would give you an idea of how i've been spending the summer!

Best Wishes.

Sincerely yours,

(Miss Mary W. Dewson)

P.S. Jim I have a perfect idea Mrs Jacobs could hold her own on the Radio Board with ANY men. I think Lavinia Engle could too but I expect hourly to hear y u have her on the Federal Parole Board.

I know y u want to help the girls. Just give either of these girls a chance.

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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

September 12, 1955

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

Dear Eleanor:

I wrote Harry Hopkins trying to get
a chance for some of our women without avail. When
I get sort of up and coming I like to have you know
it so I enclose a copy of my letter.

The same old sixpence named

Mr. Roosevelt
September 12, 1933

Mr. Harry L. Hopkins
Administrator
Federal Emergency Relief Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

Don't you think it a bit provincial to think that all women politicians are like Mrs. Knapp, late Secretary of State of New York or some of the milder examples of inefficiency I might quote?

I have met social workers--so-called--from various necks of the woods who would not be any more expert than some women I should like to suggest to you and nowhere near so shrewd and capable, and far less eager to see the New Deal through than some of those who did not wait for it to be laid in their laps, but got out and worked like demons to elect Roosevelt.

For example, the second most able and active Democratic woman in Indiana is Mrs. Mary Arnold of Peru. She writes:

"I am a graduate of high school with some college training but not a college graduate. I have taught school and for 6 years took care of the attendance and welfare work in the Peru Public Schools. I've also done considerable work in the Anti-Tuberculosis Society in our county.

"I am at present a member of the Miami County Board of Children's Guardians under appointment of our local Circuit Court. I was recently appointed by the Governor of our state a member of the State Board of Charities or as it is now termed the State Welfare Board."

Is there nothing in your set up that you can let me

Mr. Hopkins - 2

September 12, 1933

make a recommendation for?

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Mary W. Dewson

A. N. Pursley, Chairman
Mrs. Mary Arnold, Vice Chairman

Parker Dunham, Secretary
Fred Bechdolt, Treasurer

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Fifth Congressional District
DEMOCRATIC CENTRAL COMMITTEE

Peru, Indiana

September 1, 1933

Miss Mary Dewson,
Hotel Biltmore,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Dewson:

In a recent letter you made a request for my training, experience and qualifications and I shall be candid in giving them.

I am a graduate of high school with some college training but not a college graduate. I have taught school and for 6 years took care of the attendance and welfare work in the Peru Public Schools. I've also done considerable work in the Anti-Tuberculosis Society in our county.

I am at present a member of the Miami County Board of Children's Guardians under appointment of our local Circuit Court. I was recently appointed by the Governor of our state a member of the State Board of Charities or as it is now termed the State Welfare Board. I do not have a technical knowledge of law or medicine, but I believe I could hold any position that the average intelligent man could hold.

As to my political activities I have been an active worker in Democratic politics of the state ever since the advent of women's suffrage. For the past ten years I have been a member of the State Committee as Vice-Chairman of the Fifth Indiana District.

I attended the Democratic National Convention of 1924 as a delegate from my district, was elected delegated-at-large from the State of Indiana to the Democratic National Convention in 1928, and in 1932 I attended the national convention in Chicago as an alternate delegate-at-large for the State of Indiana.

My county is now safely in the Democratic column and my district is represented by a Democratic Congressman.

I have never held a political position other than in the organization.

If you care to investigate my qualifications or political activities, I would be pleased to have you consult Mr. Thomas D. Taggart of French Lick, Indiana or Mrs. Samuel M. Raiston of Indianapolis, Indiana, our national committeeman and vice-committeewoman respectively; or R. Earl Peters, our state chairman, or Mrs. A. F. Flynn, our state vice-chairman.

It occurs to me that I might be able to meet you in Washington D. C. sometime at your convenience.

Assuring you that I appreciate your interest in my behalf I remain

Very sincerely yours,

MHA:AA

(signed) Mrs. Mary B. Arnold

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August 30, 1933

Dear Molly:

Hewson

Franklin told Jim that he had decided Fay Bentley is the best person for the Children's Court Judge, and Franklin is going to talk to Jim about it again. No one has been appointed thus far.

Lavinia must get Sanford Bates' O.K., as he is the head of the President's Commission. I am writing to her to do so.

The reason why women have been given no appointments in South America is that the status of women is such there that, while Franklin might appoint them and they would be received, they would be quite useless as representatives because of the different attitude toward women in those countries. Therefore, Franklin did not feel that he could appoint any women, and he says he could have told us this two months ago if we had asked him.

Much love.

Affectionately,

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE
HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

August 18, 1933

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

Dear Eleanor:

Attorney General Cummings has two positions in his hands that ought to be filled by women:

Member of Federal Board of Parole--Lavinia Engle
Judge of D.C. Children's Court--Fay Bentley.

He is planning, they say, to put men in both places and I do not believe anyone but you will have influence enough with him to make him appoint these two women who are better qualified than any man he will find. I am sure Jim could not influence him.

Also, National Committeewoman Menefee of Maryland wants to put a personal friend of hers, Mrs. Hume Opie Annan as Director of the Department of Inquiries of the D. C. Juvenile Court.

Mrs. Annan has no social work training, nor has she done any active Democratic work. Mrs. Menefee has asked nothing for herself, and, although to my mind her political effectiveness is very limited, I suppose her office gives her the right to some personal patronage. Certainly the men take it. I only wish that where the children are concerned, qualified persons could be appointed. This appointment will not be made until after the Juvenile Court Judge.

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Mrs. Roosevelt -2

August 18, 1933

Can you get in touch with Attorney General

Cummings?

Affectionately,

Molly

P.S.

Mrs. Menefee has secured a job for her second nominee in the

R. F. C. at Washington.

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NEW YORK CITY

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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

Costume No. 1

Aug 21, 1933

Dear Eleanor -

Jim writes that all the little Latin America ministers have been assigned. But only a few days ago there was a list in the papers of the unfilled positions in the Diplomatic Service and these were left and some other undesirable ones.

Is Franklin really opposed to women who are well equipped in these places?

I hoped to see Mrs. Hancock Banning of Cuba minister to Guatemala or Honduras and Mrs. Heyman Cotton of No. Car. to some other little dump.

Is there no chance?

Affec
Molly.

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MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

Costume M.

Aug. 21. 1933

Dear Eleanor:-

You wrote Aug. 15 that Aug. 16 you hoped to know about Lavinia Single and Sue White and the others on our list. Not a word since! Did nothing happen? Not even about Fay Bentley?

I am like the Jewish Wailing Wall and the wails come thicker and thicker as the Forgotten Women see their chances lessen and press closer to the wall.

Poor old Jim! I think he has tried but he undertook too much.

But we have one or two more ^{appointments}. My pet Mrs. Tho. O'Berry of N. Carolina was given a state job and I actually landed a P. O. for Mrs. Tom Morrissey of Elkhorn Wisconsin. She does not count for much but its about my first foot office.

Thanks for the word about Mrs. Battey. I have relayed it to her.

Affectionately your old scout
Mokey.

July 14, 1933

Honorable Frances Perkins
Secretary
U. S. Department of Labor
Washington, D. C.

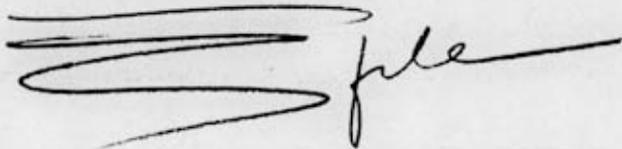
Dear Frances:

Here is another letter of endorsement
for Miss Mary Ann Reynolds of Chicago, Illinois whom
you will remember I am recommending for a position in
the Labor Department.

Very sincerely yours,

AND:HA

Miss Mary W. Dawson

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "M. Dawson", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

July 10, 1933

Mr. William L. O'Connell
2399 Archer Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

Dear Mr. O'Connell:

Thank you for your letter of
July 6th about Miss Mary Ann Reynolds of Chicago,
Illinois.

I am doing everything I can for
Miss Reynolds and I hope she receives the position
she desires.

Very sincerely yours,

LWD:HA

Miss Mary W. Dewson

COPY

WILLIAM L. O'CONNELL
2399 Archer Avenue
Chicago, Illinois

July 6th, 1933.

Miss Mary W. Dewson, Director, Women's Division,
Democratic National Campaign Committee
Hotel Biltmore
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Miss Dewson:-

This is to advise you that I have known Miss Mary Ann Reynolds, 4847 South Parkway, Chicago, for the past twenty years, during which time Miss Reynolds has been a hard working Democrat always interested and giving her time to the cause of Democracy. .

Miss Reynolds has worked under me on several different occasions and has shown a high order of intelligence and tact in contacting people during campaigns. She is a woman of ability, integrity and dependability, and I am sure will fill any position to which she may be assigned in a thoroughly efficient and satisfactory manner.

Yours very truly,

(signed)

WILLIAM L. O'CONNELL

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NEW YORK CITY

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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

September 8, 1933

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Eleanor:

I thought you would like to see Mrs.
Stewart's letter. I should think Franklin would
boil to have "cAdoo so mean and ungenerous.

Affectionately,

J. P.

C O P Y

CARROLL L. STEWART
214 N. Rampart Blvd.
Los Angeles, Calif.

Miss Mary W. Dewson,
Hotel Biltmore,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Miss Dewson:-

It seems so good to hear from you again.

I am appending the information you asked for.

Lucretia Del Valle Grady is here with her father who is very ill - perhaps his last illness. She asked me to give you her fondest love and to tell you to continue your interest in Carroll Stewart.

Of course you hear from Grace. Too bad she is not well. I am very glad her husband is placed.

The friends of Roosevelt have had a rocky road in California. Only the magnificent achievements of our President has consoled us. Not a single woman has had recognition, and until Ed. Forney got " Prohibition Director", and the lovely thing done for Justus Wardell, nothing came to the men. We still do not know what Wardell can do but if he has any patronage the group will be taken care of. He has been here the past few days during which we gave him a fine DEMOCRATIC LUNCHEON CLUB reception. He gave us little information on which to base our hopes, assuring us that he did not know, at this time, himself. His Advisory Board for California is headed by Mr. H.H.Cotton, one of the other group. The latter has been getting all the publicity up to Mr. Wardell's arrival recently.

In no Department appointments, so far, have any consideration been given to our group. The Home Owners Loan Cor. headed by Mr. Butler, has placed about one hundred people, all of whom are from the other group, that is, the Garner group. Mr. C. M. Brown, a very good friend of mine, is securing some recommendations from them for me to Mr. McAdoo. I have been told that I can expect nothing from Mr. Elliot, but that I might get McAdoo's endorsement for an appointment by the President. Mr. Brown still suggests the Land Office.

After the sweeping order regarding Civil Service and the thirty year Service retirement - the place which I would prefer, and for which I would be qualified to administer, is Snyder's in San Francisco, or the Immigration Office in San Pedro. Snyder has charge of Civil Service in San Francisco.

I have never made application to Senator McAdoo, chiefly, because I have been in doubt as to what is available, and also, because until right now, I have not had sufficient support from his friends to make it worth while to apply. I will wait one more week for developments of the Wardell program and if it does not offer possibilities, I will apply. Will send you, for your information, whatever I write him.

Would greatly appreciate any suggestions you can offer regarding procedure or positions available.

With kindest personal regards and deep appreciation for your dear friendship, I am

Very sincerely,
(signed) Carroll L. Stewart

POLITICAL RECORD OF CARROLL L. STEWART

Native of Missouri: Widow of John Henry Stewart.
Residence: 21 No. Rampart Blvd. Los Angeles, Calif.

Alternate - Baltimore Convention, 1921
Active in both WILSON CAMPAIGNS
Active in SENATOR PHELAN'S CAMPAIGNS
Woman's Campaign Manager for Cox-Roosevelt Campaign, So. Cal. 1920
Chairman, So. California Women for Woodrow Willson Foundation
Chairman, Speakers Bureau, Thos. Lee Woolwine for Governor
Organizer for McAdoo for President, Kern and San Diego Co's 192
Organizer for McAdoo for President, Kern and San Diego Co's 1924
Chairman Organization Committee, So. Cal. for Davis in 192
Member of Senatorial Committee for W. J. Pearson, 1924
Chairman of Woman's Campaign, Justus Wardell, for Governor, 1926
Member of Elliott for Senator Committee thru Women's Dem. League
Member of Executive Committee, Walsh for President, 1928 Primaries
Chairman Organization for Smith-Robinson, 1928
Chairman Campaign Committee, Milton K. Young for Governor, 1928
President Women's Democratic League, two terms, and of Executive Board
for one term - a member of their executive Committee ever since.
Member of Los Angeles County Central Committee since 1920 and
several times an officer therein. Member at present time.
Member of State Democratic Committee four terms, also at present.
Recognized on most of the parties Committees.
Delegate on the defeated Roosevelt Primary Ticket.
Director on Roosevelt-Garner Clubs thru the Campaign
Campaign Manager for Thomas F. Ford's successful campaign for
Congress in 1932 (1 th District)

As President of many Women's Clubs, has wide acquaintance and great
influence throughout the entire State of California.

REFERENCES: Any leading Democrat, man or woman, in Southern California

Ms. Carroll L. Stewart
214 North Rampart Boulevard
Los Angeles, California

My training, Experience and Qualifications are as follows:

Educated in Lindenwood College, St. Charles, Missouri.

During my Father's illness I served as his private Secretary in his law office for two years. Read law during that period. Assumed charge of his estate which involved considerable legal work. Among other things, I drew up the contracts, and managed the drilling of an Oil Well in Oklahoma which was successfully done to the satisfaction of all concerned.

After the passing of my husband, I assumed the management of his Merchandizing Brokerage business which dealt with the Wholesale Grocery Trade. Was successful in the operation of this business and sold out advantageously.

As a result of the above work, I have provided a comfortable living for my Mother and myself up to the coming of the depression which has seriously affected my financial condition, necessitating my seeking an income.

During the War I was a Field Worker, detailed to supervise UNITS and inspect all their Surgical Dressings, knitting and Sewing. I took the Home Nursing Course and devoted five days a week to WAR WORK.

I have been the President of innumerable Clubs and have participated in the leadership of every Democratic Campaign since 1920, always as a volunteer worker, and have had the pleasure of managing several successful political campaigns. I refer to this for the purpose of indicating my Executive experience.

While my activity has not centered around any particular line of endeavor, yet it has covered a wide range of general experience, with the results that I am entirely familiar with business, accounting practice, and legal procedure.

I am accustomed to meeting the general public and as a Student of human nature, have been more than successful in my contacts with outstanding people.

Without wishing to appear egotistical, I wish to say that I believe I have the ability to fill any position that is not purely technical.

Respectfully Submitted.

(signed) Carroll L. Stewart

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JAMES A. FARLEY
CHAIRMAN

September 25, 1933

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

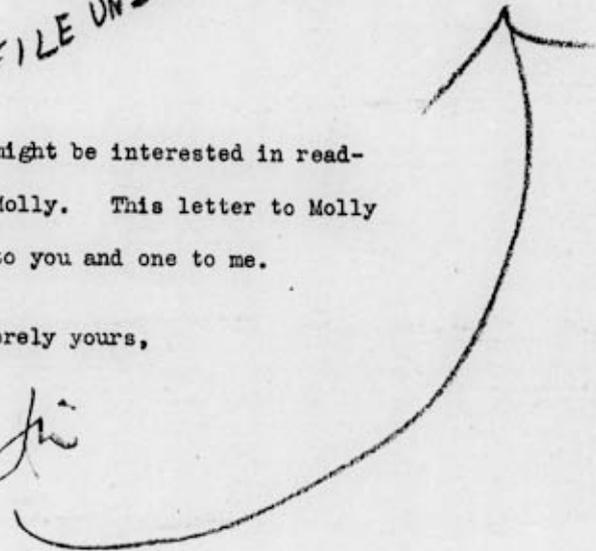
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I thought you might be interested in reading a copy of my letter to Molly. This letter to Molly will, of course, bring one to you and one to me.

Sincerely yours,

JAF

JAF:MC



September 25, 1933

Miss Mary W. Dawson

Castine, Maine

Dear Molly:

I am sure you were very happy when you read the papers about Mary Ward's appointment. This is one more off your list.

Sincerely,

JAF:MC

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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

September 27, 1933

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

Dear Eleanor:

I am enclosing copy of a letter from
Lavinia Engle. I am sending it to you instead of to Jim
Farley because only the President could get Lavinia this
job, I think. Of course, Jim is willing.

I believe Lavinia would be very good in-
deed on the Board and a wholesome factor.

My love,

Molly

copy

HOUSE OF DELEGATES

Civil Service Reform Committee
Lavinia Engle
Chairman

September 13th

Dear Mollie:

I have your letter about Sanford Bates and I also had a note from Mrs. Roosevelt and a phone message from Malvina to the effect that the President had told her to tell me to get in touch with Bates. I know him fairly well and he is an old friend of Jim Hepbron of the Baltimore Criminal Justice Committee and of Paul Beisser of the Child Welfare League. So they went to see him. He was in conference (although they had an appointment) so they talked to the Secretary. She had the file of letters from the Attorney General's office and seemed to be familiar with the matter. Yesterday they got Bates on the phone. He said that he could not see them but would discuss it on the phone.

The telephone conversation as repeated to me was to the effect that Mr. Bates knew me and that I am qualified person and that my professional qualifications were eminently satisfactory apart from my political recommendations. But that the appointment would not be made "for quite a long time". He repeated this "quite a long time".

Both Mr. Hepbron and Mr. Beisser got the impression that either Mr. Bates has a candidate of his own for the appointment or that he did not want any changes made. I do not know whether the Board goes out at a specified time or not but I shall try to find out. I understood from all of those who talked with me earlier in the summer that the appointment would be made soon and that Mrs. Bassett, of whom they were afraid, had been east in June in regard to it.

The three members of the Parole Board are all indefinite appointments and the Department was told early in the summer that all three would be out by fall and a new board appointed. They are now told, by Mr. Bates, that it is quite indefinite as to when they will be changed. The Board has not been outstanding and in fact has not been considered very good by the experts in the field. But, they were all either recommended by or approved by Mr. Bates during the last administration and are in a measure his people. I believe that he would try to keep them in if he thought it could be done. Bates is a good man but very cagey and an able politician himself. I imagine that information as to what will be done has to come from the President or Attorney General.

Yours,

(signed) Lavinia

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WOMEN'S DIVISION
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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

September 28, 1933

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

Dear Eleanor:

As you are back from vacation I am going
to send you some of the letters.

You know there was a big snow plough
scandal in Idaho that rent the Democratic party.

Love

Marilyn
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copy

Mrs. Teresa M. Graham
Villa Glendalough
Coeur d'Alene, Idaho

September 11th, 1933

Miss Mary Dawson
Democratic N.C. Committee
Hotel Biltmore
New York City.

My dear Miss Dawson:

Just returned from a week in Vancouver B.C. and will now answer yours of Aug. 16. re-"Joint Commission". The important men both Rep. and Dem. of this section felt the Joint Commission would be most suitable for me—hence my going after it.

Our former senator Fred T. Dubois was on this commission for many years and consequently we knew much about it. John P. Gray, my neighbour, leading republican who supported Roosevelt by word of mouth and votes—considered one of the best dining lawyers in the United States started me out for this position by sending personal letters to his many friends in my behalf. He contacted "Cadoo, Borah, Frank Walker, Bruce Kramer, Senator Foye, Thatcher of Nevada and others.

While I had the endorsement of Arthur Hullen, Hall Cummings, Borah, Dean, Dill and others these endorsements they tell me are being held intact for me to apply on any other position we may find suitable, so that is that.

Now for yours of August 31, re-Mrs. Moody; The game of politics has never before been played in Idaho on such a scale. We have one of the best business governors—C. Ben Ross, the State can honestly boast of—and because he has refused to keep democratic crooks in office and his appointments have not met with popular approval—the old would be leaders are causing the Governor all kinds of trouble. They are making ready to defeat him in the primaries next year, however, if he wins the primaries no one in the State can defeat him, because of his splendid administration.

Now Compton White has returned from Washington and is looking after his own fences for next year and seemingly does not know at the moment which side will have the greatest strength for him.

The pressure is so strong against Mrs. Moody by the men who are working against the Governor that Compton who claims to have all the Post-offices in his pocket would not commit himself when last I talked with him but reading between the lines I felt his trend was with the men.

This treatment of Mrs. Moody is too disgusting for words and I think Farley should go over their heads and name her. Pope is working with this crowd and against the Governor. I am trying to keep out of the mess but dont know how successful for I will not stand their work.

I had a letter today from Mrs. C. Ben Ross re- Mrs. Pearl Dillingham, she says, Governor Ross give her a place in the State House (I think) and that she is 100% efficient. As she has already a position I think it nothing but fair to take care of some of the rest of us before all the places or proportion that the state of Idaho could expect to get with the federal government are filled.

I will be glad to see Mrs. Dillingham placed to another and better position later on—but not at the expense of those who have carried the burden of the years. This is a strictly confidential letter—you cannot know conditions unless I write them.

Always my love and best wishes to you, my dear.

Sincerely

(signed) Teresa A. Graham

Mrs. Renault

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September 26, 1933

Honorable James A. Farley
The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

Enclosed is list of some fourteen federal ap-
pointments for the men of Tennessee.

Name me a women worker, Jim!

The name I should prefer is Thobe Oude to a good
job in aviation, not an honorary one. Thobe is broke and her
aeroplane which she put at our service without costing us a cent
has been taken from her I understand.

She is as well equipped as any man for a regular
job.

Sincerely,

Miss Mary W. Dawson

TENNESSEE MEN (Washington Appointments)

Cordell Hull, — Secretary of State	15,000
W. D. Webb, — Member Home Loan Bank Board	10,000
Sam E. Whitaker, —Spec. Asst. to Attorney General	7,500
Robert M. Gates, --Press Relations, Department of Justice*	?
Bryon Tatum,--Spec. Asst. to Attorney General	6,000
Geo. F. Fonger,--Asst. to Export in Charge of Hogs & Corn. Dept. of Agriculture	5,600
Ewin L. Davis,--Federal Trade Commissioner	10,000
Harcourt N. Morgan,--Member Board, Tenn. Valley Authority	10,000
Paul N. Treanor,--Press, N.H. A.*	?
Carlile Bolton-Smith,--Spec. Asst. to Gen. Counsel, Agricul.	7,000
Ed A. Albright,--Minister to Finland	10,000
The late Denton McMillan's wife, Civil Service Commission	8,000
Lewis Roper, Board of Parole -----refused to accept	
? ? , Ass. to Solicitor in P. O. Dept.	?

*Don't know salary

Mrs. Roosevelt

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September 26, 1933

Mr. James A. Farley
The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

September 21st you wrote you would speak to the "Boss" about Lavinia's angle. Mrs. Roosevelt has already. Talk to her too.

I hear Lewis Pope of Tennessee was just appointed to the Parole Board but dramatically refused.

Why was he preferred to Lavinia? She qualifies as an expert. Evidently Sanford Bates will accept a straight politician. Why did we have to get his especial o.k. for Lavinia, if he takes what is given him from above?

I can ask you another Jim, but this will do for this time.

Sincerely,

Miss Mary W. Dawson

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October 5, 1933

My dear Miss Dewson:

Should Mrs. Roosevelt make
any effort to get a job for Miss Dell?

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Miss Mary W. Dewson
331 Madison avenue
New York City

Enclosing letter from Nellie Taylor Ross
recommending Miss Jessie Dell

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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

September 5, 1933

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

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M. W. Dewson

Dear Eleanor:

Would Franklin be interested in this
letter? I've sent it to Jim,—see enclosed.

M. W. Dewson

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September 6, 1933

Honorable James A. Farley
The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

Of course you know I consider our bunch
in Oregon are solely after what they can get out of it.
When they are smart enough to combine with an able ad-
ministration or even a fair one, it goes.

Sincerely,

Miss Mary W. Dawson

C O D Y

B. A. GREEN
Attorney and Counselor
Suite 1005 Corbett Building
Portland, Oregon

Fred Ross
R.K. Powell

August 22, 1935

Associates

Miss Mary W. Dewson
% Hotel Biltmore
New York City, N.Y.

Dear Miss Dewson:

You will recall at the early part of this year we had exchange of correspondence relative to the support of Frances Perkins for the position of Secretary of Labor, and it is for this reason I take the liberty of writing you at this time.

Personally, I have no complaint to make as to Miss Perkins in the handling of the Department of Labor. She has carried out the very things that I had hoped that she would do. But what alarms me is the appointments being made in the State of Oregon with matters coming within her jurisdiction. Specifically, the Federal Reemployment Program in the State of Oregon is under the direction of a retired lumber baron who has appointed as his aid a man who has been charged as being in the services of the utilities and in fact was defeated for the office of City Commissioner. We may go on and point out that the appointments throughout the State are of similar kind. The same condition prevails to the Public Works Project. On the National Industrial Recovery Regional Board, again we find a lumber baron named as Chairman. It is true that he is a Democrat but I hold that men or women to fill these positions should be selected for service and not to satisfy political preferment. On the local National Industrial Recovery Board we find the Chairman of the Board selecting the Chief Counsel of the Southern Pacific Railroad for the one to sell the plan to the employers. The Southern Pacific Railroad officials in this city have compelled their employes to withdraw their applications for membership in the bonafied unions and to sign yellow dog contracts.

How can there be any accomplishment for the general welfare if we find appointing powers selecting people of this type to administer legislation whereby the President of the United States hopes to relieve conditions now confronting the American people? Something must be done and I write this to you in the hope you may reach Miss Perkins and inform her of the conditions prevailing in this district.

Sincerely yours,

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(signed) Fred Ross

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*Dear James -
S. J. H. H.
want to
I really wanted
to talk with Franklin
before took this on
Office
M. H.*

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October 5, 1933

Mr. James A. Farley
Chairman, Democratic National Committee
Hotel Baltimore
New York City

Dear Mr. Farley:

As a matter of record I am rehearsing the gist of the conversation yesterday between you, Mrs. Roosevelt and me, and if I am in any way in error, please write me.

You asked me to be Director of the Women's Division of the Democratic National Committee at a salary of \$7500 a year, \$625 a month, with the understanding that I am free to take off time at my own expense.

I am to have offices both in the Biltmore, New York City and in the Washington Headquarters with the understanding that my work will be done chiefly from New York. When in Washington, I shall be paid a per diem of \$5, as well as whenever I travel, and of course, my travelling expenses.

My main duty is to build up the organization of the women, not to speak in behalf of the Party.

My staff was tentatively outlined as follows:

Assistant Director: Mrs. Maybelle Fickel

Field Organizers:

District 1. Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania and Delaware
(Miss Dewson from headquarters)

(10)

District 2: Maryland, Virginia, North Carolina, Florida, Tennessee (5)
(Mrs. Thomas O'Berry)

District 3: Ohio, Indiana, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin, Kentucky
West Virginia (7)
(Mrs. A. P. Flynn)

District 4: Iowa, Minnesota, North Dakota, South Dakota, Nebraska (5)
(Mrs. Fickel from Headquarters)

District 5: Missouri, Kansas, Colorado, Oklahoma, Texas, New Mexico (6)
(Mrs. Harrison Parkman)

District 6: Arizona, Utah, Nevada, Wyoming, Idaho (5)
(Mrs. James H. Wolfe)

District 7: Washington, Oregon, California, Montana (4)
Mrs. Elsie Gardner Picking)

District 8: South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Mississippi,
Louisiana, Arkansas (6)
No assignment

New York Secretary-stenographer Harriet Allen

New York Typist

District of Columbia Stenographer)
District of Columbia Stenographer) The Present Staff
District of Columbia Filing Clerk)

No allowance made for mimeographing as this will be done by the general staff of the Democratic National Committee.

The Women's Division will rely on the Democratic National Committee for publicity, speech-drafting, etc.

Salary Budget:

Mary W. Dewson	\$7500
Maybelle Fickel	4000
Mrs. A. P. Flynn (half time)	2000
Mrs. Elsie G. Picking (half time)	2000
Harriet Allen	1820
Mrs. Speck (?)	1560
Mrs. Jones (?)	1560
Miss Vincent (?)	1560
Typist	1040
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Travelling expenses, and per diem for the staff I can not pretend to estimate until the work develops.

I also submitted a list of key women by states whom I believe are prepared to cooperate with us and those whom I think will if they are appointed to positions.

This list is submitted with another suggesting which of these women should be given District of Columbia posts and which posts with the N. R. A.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Mary W. Dewson

N/ B. — Mr. Farley

October 5, 1955

I want to go over the list of women to have jobs in the District of Columbia more carefully. I will give them to you Saturday morning.

The following women I would like to see get positions in the N. R. A.:

Massachusetts:	Julia O'Connor Parker	She is a labor woman and was Curley's candidate for Immigration Commissioner. Miss Perkins has nothing for her.
Rhode Island:	Senator O'Neill	She wanted to be Assistant Narcotic Commissioner.
North Carolina:	Mrs. James H. Scott	She has turned down positions she considered too small for her ranking.
Tennessee:	Mrs. Lyon Childress	
Kentucky:	Mrs. Davis A. Howerton	1932-3 President of the Kentucky Federation of Democratic Women's Clubs Maysfield, Kentucky
West Virginia:	Mrs. Burchinal	
Nebraska:	Mrs. Jenkinson	If the A.A.A. will not place her, where she would be very valuable.
Missouri:	Mrs. Thornton Lee Brown	
Oklahoma:	Mrs. Pat Nagle	
Texas:	Mrs. R. F. Lindsay:	If we have not succeeded in getting the A.A.A. to place her.
New Mexico:	Mrs. Lillyan D. Robinson	
Idaho:	Mrs. Teresa M. Graham	If you do not make the arrangement about the International Boundary Commission
South Carolina:	Mrs. L. C. Jennings	
Alabama:	Mrs. A. Y. Malone	

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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

Oct. 21. 1933

Dear Franklin -

If you will celebrate my
appointment with the recognition
of these fifteen women as you proposed
it will mean a NEW DEAL for the
women workers - and give me a great
send off.

Sincerely,

Molly Dewson

FIFTEEN WOMEN DEMOCRATIC LEADERS SUBMITTED AT THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST

AS THE MOST VALUABLE TO REWARD WITH IMPORTANT POSITIONS

Listed According to Desirability of Appointment

(Short Notes on each appended)

BY MARY W. DEWSON

October 23, 1933

1. Tenn. Sue White ----- Counsel for Tennessee Valley Authority at \$7500
2. Md. Lavinia Engle ----- Member Board of Parole, \$7500
3. Ala. Patty Ruffner Jacobs --- Federal Radio Commissioner, \$10,000
4. Roosevelt
Republicans Marie L. Obenauer ----- Republican Member of U.S. Tariff Commission, \$11,000
5. Nev. Mrs. Harriet Spann) (Ass. Supt. Bureau of Education
) ---- (or
6. Neb. Lulu S. Wolford) (Principal of D. C. High School
7. Tenn. Phoebe Omlie ----- Division Chief in Aeronautics Branch
8. Minn. Anna Dickie Olesen)
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9. Okla. Mrs. Pat Nagle) --- Some \$5000 job in the A. A. A.
)
10. Neb. Elizabeth Jenkinson)
11. R. I. Isabelle A. O'Neill ---- Deputy Commissioner Bureau of Narcotics, \$6,500
12. Cal. Carrell Stewart ----- Some business job at about \$4000
13. S. C. Mrs. L. C. Jennings)
)
14. Ala. Mrs. A. Y. Malone) --- M.R.A. propaganda job as agreed to
) by Gen. Johnson and Mr. Farley at
about \$4000
15. W. Va. Mrs. J.C. Burchinal)

SHORT NOTES ON WHY THESE WOMEN SHOULD BE APPOINTED

1. Sue White: Party Position----National position and acquaintance requires recognition
Women's Division--Will be my Tennessee key woman
Qualifications----Was practicing Tenn. lawyer with long previous experience as Tenn. court reporter. Could take charge of all claims, etc.
2. Lavinia Engle: Party Position----Was Ritchie's right hand woman. Member of the Legislature. Charge of our Speakers' Bureau in Campaign.
Women's Division--Will be my key woman in Md. and public representative.
Qualifications----Bates wrote me "very high opinion of her qualifications".
Secretary of Md. League of Women Voters for years.
Very bright, active and informed.
The present Board is made up of men appointed by Hoover on the nomination of Mr. Bates. The women's point of view would be valuable on this Board.
3. Patty Ruffner Jacobs: Party Position----Widely known, speaker and public citizen.
Women's Division--Will be very useful as public representative
Qualifications----She will work pleasantly, but is the only woman I believe could hold her own on the Board.
4. Marie L. Obenauer: Party Position----Although one of the prominent women Republicans she helped me in the campaign, wrote leaflets, etc.
Women's Division--She will stand for recognition of Roosevelt Republican supporters
Qualifications----She is a tariff expert with a brilliant record now in your files.
5. Harriet G. Spann: Party Position----Was National Committeewoman and is most prominent woman Democrat in Nevada. She was very valuable to me in the campaign.
Women's Division--Will be my key woman in Nevada
Qualifications----Educator, Taught in University of Nevada. Pres. Association of University Women of Reno. Very bright, capable woman.

6. Lulu S. Wolford: Party Position----One of Nebraska's leading Democrats
Women's Division--I need her, as organization of Nebraska is weak.
Qualifications----Been Ass't. Supt. of Dept. of Education of Nebraska.
I don't know her but apparently a go-getter, youngish and attractive.
7. Phoebe Omlie: Party Position----Made successful "Victory Fliers" flight in your campaign, loaning her airplane.
Women's Division--Useful for publicity
Qualifications----Good flier. Won the Air Derby against men.
One of the half dozen qualified women airplane mechanics.
Has been in one branch or another of the business for years, and wide aeronautics acquaintance.
Has real horse sense. Is modest.
Very easy to work with.
8. Anna Dickie Olesen: Party Position----Our third best woman speaker. Superb in the farm belt.
Women's Division--Positively must have her happy and working for us.
Qualifications----The A.A.A. needs her to put over their program. She is a farmer's daughter and they love her.
9. Mrs. Pat Nagle: Party Position----Courage to help in 1928 in Oklahoma. Got out a news sheet on Smith to the tenant farmers, with whom her husband had predominant influence which she shares.
Women's Division--I want one woman I can rely on in Oklahoma
Qualifications----Knows tenant farmer problems. Has served with distinction on the State Affairs Board, exposing graft. A real fighter. The one woman I took a shine to in the Middle West in 1928
10. Elizabeth Jenkinson Party Position----Second of Nebraska's leading Democrats Strong among the farmers. W.C.T.U., etc
Women's Division--With her and Miss Wolford I might get something going in Nebraska
Qualifications----Is recognized leader among the farmers. I judge she is quite a party. I have never seen her.

11. Isabelle A. O'Neill: Party Position----National Committeewoman. State Senator. Deputy Leader. Member of Steering Com. Cooperated in Campaign Women's Division--Will be my key woman
Qualifications----In 1926 put through commission to survey drug addiction. She wrote its report. Assisted in drafting the present law. She lectures, writes reference articles, also assists in prosecutions of violations in Federal and District Courts. She considers R.I.'s hospitalization, occupational therapy and parole system models.
12. Mrs. Carroll Stewart: Party Position----The party's first wheel horse in So. Calif. Since she was Alternate at the Baltimore Convention in 1912. McAdoo is thumbs down on her but she was one of your leading pre-convention workers. During the Campaign she managed Congressman Ford's Campaign. Women's Division--I want some practical politician in So. Calif. who considers me her friend.
Qualifications----Business experience; law office; drawing contracts; managed drilling oil well, Oklahoma; ran merchandizing brokerage business with whole sale grocery trade. Made enough to retire and support herself and mother until the depression. President of many clubs, etc.
13. Mrs. L. C. Jennings: Party Position----National Committeewoman and Receptionist on salary at your National Campaign Headquarters. Women's Division--Will be my key woman
Qualifications----Important leader in the Federation of Women's Clubs in the South, etc.
14. Mrs. A. Y. Malone: Party Position----National Committeewoman. Pre-convention leader in getting delegates at Chicago. Women's Division--Will be my key woman
Qualifications----Judge Fitts says she is wisest woman in Ala. Long career of leadership in suffrage, League of Women Voters, Liberty Loans, fight vs. convict leasing, limiting hours of women's work, art, music. Repeal, etc. For years owned and managed interior decorating business.

15. Mrs. J. C. Burchinal

Party Position----National Committeewoman

Women's Division--I do not think she is very able
but we cannot ignore W. Va. The
State Vice Chairwoman is equally in-
effective but she has been given an
institutional job at home, and there
is no one I know in the State who is
better.

Qualifications----Just another busy woman citizen
with varied experience.

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October 10, 1933

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

Dear Eleanor:

You write "Which of our women would you suggest to take the place of Mrs. Wright with the understanding that she do organizing work for us as one of our regional people."

I do not know who Mrs. Wright is. I certainly want to talk about the combination of narcotic work and anyone who is ^{to be} one of our regional people.

Again, I am in the dark about what you have in mind for Mrs. Varney. What I would like for Mrs. Varney would be a position in the Congressional Library for which she seems to be well fitted.

Mrs. Varney is very highly educated, and has among other degrees a PhD from the University of Paris. She is also a minister. She helped us during the Campaign, but not an extra amount. She does however come from Iowa and as we have been ^{able} to get ~~the~~ recognition for women in Iowa this would make a double reason for appointing her.

I can tell you more about her because we have dozens of letters recommending her.

Faithfully yours,

Molly

We could take this up Thursday.

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October 19, 1933

My dear Miss Dewson:

I have brought your letter and its enclosures to the attention of the President and he suggests that the plan presented be taken up for consideration with Mrs. Lucille Foster McMillin, a Commissioner of the Civil Service Commission.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Mary W. Dewson
Director, Women's Division
Democratic National Committee
Hotel Biltmore
New York, New York

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August 31, 1933

Mrs Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Vall-Kill Cottage,
Hyde Park, N. Y.

Dear Eleanor,

The enclosed suggestion of Miss Connelly is interesting.

Do you think everyone is too busy to consider it now? Or do you think it would be a good time when everything is being reorganized? Would you like to put it through?

Affectionately yours,

Mary Dewson
(Miss Mary W. Dewson)

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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

August 16, 1933.

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Dear Molly:-

I am enclosing, herewith, a copy of a memorandum, in the form of a letter, from Miss Mary Connelly whom I recently met through a mutual friend in the Veterans' Bureau. Miss Connelly impressed me as a very fine, well balanced, well informed individual. This was my first contact with her. She comes from up-state New York somewhere. This is entirely an impersonal matter with her but grows out of her experience in Government service. It is a suggestion that might be worked out gradually, or all at once, and would certainly be a "feather in the cap" of whomsoever brought it about.

She addressed the letter to me so that it would not be necessary for anyone else, to whose attention it might be brought, even to acknowledge receipt of it. She is one of the many women here in Washington who feel that women have a real friend at court in this administration.

Yours, .

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MISS M. CONNELLY
COUNSELLOR AT LAW
WASHINGTON, D.C.

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

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August 14, 1935.

My dear Miss White:-

Pursuant to our conversation of recent date I am taking the opportunity of putting in writing my suggestion for the establishment of a policy in the Federal Civil Service which will insure that on every personnel board or agency dealing with the classification of positions, appointments, promotions and reductions in force there will be representation for women by women. In view of the fact that the Veterans Administration is the executive agency with which I am most familiar I will discuss the idea with reference to the present organization thereof.

At the present time all appointments are made by the Chief of personnel; all positions are classified by a board composed of a Chairman and three associate members who act after recommendation of the head of the main organization unit in which the position is located. On none of these agencies in an official position in which influence can be brought to bear, is there a woman.

In the Civil Service Commission the Classification Division and all of its staff, including the investigators sent out to the various departments to gather data concerning individual positions before it for allocation, and the Board of Appeals which hears appeals from the Classification Division, fail to include a single woman. There is now, and for some time past, has been a woman on the Civil Service Commission. That is something the women in the Government service looked forward to for a long time and it inspires a great deal of confidence. However, this one member in not in a position to exercise enough influence in the classification of positions occupied by women in so far as the rank and file are concerned because it is only the woman who has individual influence, personal or political, who manages to have a final hearing before the Commission, and that occurs many times only after the intervening steps have been taken with such difficulty and delay as to have discouraged the employee concerned, probably have earned her a reputation as an aggressor,

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and perhaps disturbed her morale to the point that she is unable to make successful final plea. Many times a slight reorganization in the interim will jockey her out of her vantage point and settle the matter.

It is my opinion that if along the line, in the various agencies which deal with these personnel matters, there were some woman it would lend great encouragement to the men on these same agencies who though personally indulging in no prejudice against women who may be competing with men, nevertheless have a certain masculine diffidence against taking a stand in favor of the woman employee against the all too-common male official who lags behind the current woman movement, and thus fails to exert his influence on the side which would bring fair dealing to the woman employee.

The positions on these personnel agencies are administrative and the qualifications for them are held by many women of long experience in the service who have thorough knowledge of the personnel policies in effect heretofore and are avid for the improvement they look forward to in the near future under the new deal.

I am sure your interest in the matter would go a long way toward accomplishing its working out. With best regards.

Very truly yours,

Mary M. Connelly
Assistant Chief, Law Division,
Veterans Administration

1700 "T" Street, N.W.

Miss Sue White,
Womens Division,
National Democratic Committee
National Press Building
Washington . D.C.

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~~WOMEN'S DIVISION~~
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November 6th
Mary Dewson

October 20, 1933

*This is what
department she is
in - ask Dewson
Monday or 5-*

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

Dear Eleanor:

Do invite Miss Elizabeth J. Newton of the Patent Office to come to tea with you with her friend. She came to see me Wednesday and they are both most appealing.

Name unknown unless Su Whit remembers.

Miss Newton is a descendent of Sir Isaac Newton and has gone in for combustion engines. I bet you don't know what they are! She wants to be Assistant Commissioner of Patents and I wager she would ornament the position intellectually as well as politically.

I do not want to put her on the list of fifteen that the President asked for, but I will bet you one hundred to one as soon as you see her you will go right out and get her made Assistant Patent Commissioner.

She also is a lawyer and equipped to practice before the Supreme Court, and has the support of Senator Bailey, Senator Reynolds, etc.

I also fell hard for her old friend from Tennessee. She is the kind of civil servant that makes a decent administration possible. What nice people there are in the world!

I loved seeing you. You always pep me up.

Faithfully yours,

Molly

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WOMEN'S DIVISION
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Oct. 20. 1933

Dear Eleanor,-

I shall be down Monday. Would it be possible
for us to see Mr. Vidal together about Phoebe Oulie?
Or maybe he has answered your letter.

My love
M. W.

Let her see me first
w/ps & coming list
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I want to talk to you about plans
of Women's Div. of N.Y.C. for future work. I have some ideas.

It sure is fun to have the hand
on the plow.

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Miss Mary Benson
Democratic Headquarters
Press Building
Washington

Respectfully,

Patton and I are working up our
current events course for this year at
the Community School, and we wondered
if you would be willing to speak to the
girls on Saturday, or the boys on
Sunday from a point of view.

Best Wishes:

October 24, 1933

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Dear Molly: DEWISON

They suggest for National Committee woman
in California a Mrs. Banning who has done very
little work but who is quite a charming person.
Do you know anything about her?

Which of our women would you suggest to
take the place of Mrs. Wright with the understanding
that she do the narcotic work and at the same time
organization work for us as one of our regional
people? What about Mrs. Varney. Tell me a
little something about her. Do you want her very
much? They do not seem to want people for the
purpose you suggest.

Affectionately,

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November 1, 1933

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

Dear Eleanor:

REPORT ON THE FIFTEEN WOMEN

THE PRESIDENT IS CONSIDERING FOR POSITIONS OF IMPORTANCE

7. TENN. PHOEBE OMLIE Enclosed is copy of letter to the President. I expect he may not see the note for some time so I am counting on you to do the follow-up work with Mr. Vidal whom Phoebe saw yesterday. She has an impressive list of cities and states which she has already helped select airport sites, etc.
8. MINN. ANNA D. OLESEN)
9. OKLA. MRS. PAT NAGLE) I saw Secretary Wallace today about giving a job to both of these women in the A.A.A. so they would be able to stir around the country and meet the discontent among the farmers. *He was interested.*
- The Gloomy Gusses say that the Democrats have definitely lost Minnesota and Iowa and that North Dakota, South Dakota and Nebraska are trembling in the balance. Well, maybe!
11. R.I. ISABELLE H. O'NEILL There is a position she can have as Deputy Commissioner, Board of Narcotics at \$5,000. in which Louis Ruppel thinks she would be useful. Next step for her to discuss with Senator Gerry her leaving Rhode Island and Mr. Farley seeing Mr. Anslinger.
13. S.C. MRS. L.H. JENNINGS Mr. Morgenthau has arranged for her.
10. NEBR. MRS. E. JENKINSON I withdraw in favor of
10. MO. MRS. THORNTON LEE BROWN N.R.A. propoganda job as agreed to by General Johnson and Mr. Farley at about \$4,000.00.

Faithfully yours,

*Molly
My love.*

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November 1, 1933

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

Dear Franklin:-

The seventh on the list of fifteen women
is Phoebe Omlie whom, I hope, Mr. Vidal will appoint as
Director to develop airports. She has worked in an
advisory capacity with various cities and states in
selecting airport sites and studying meteorological
conditions surrounding such sites.

Attached is a short history of Mrs. Omlie.

Faithfully yours,

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November 8, 1933

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Mrs. Malvina Thompson Scheider
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malvina:

Who on earth is Miss Goodykunz? You write October 27th, "Is Miss Goddykunz in the classified division?"

It is safe to send all my mail to the Biltmore, unless it is something very immediate when you could telephone to see whether I am in Washington or New York.

By the way, once in a while you write a letter in answer to something I have written to Mrs. Roosevelt and do not mention the name of the person about whom I wrote. It would be fine, Malvina, if you would put on the bottom "in re Jane Smith, or whatever, and the AAA, or whatever".

Sincerely yours,

Mary W. Dewson

Miss Mary W. Dewson

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November 9, 1933

Mrs. Malvina Thompson Scheider
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Malvina:

Miss Goodykoontz, Assistant Commissioner
of Education is not on the classified list.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary Dewson

Mary W. Dewson

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MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

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November 10, 1933

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

Dear Eleanor:

I saw Mrs. Casper Whitney the other day. She was disturbed about a certain falling-off in support of the administration.

I said, "why don't you do what you did in Chicago and put the other side of the picture". She has taken me up and will go if we think it best but she expects us to plan an itinerary.

I thought of her as going among people whom she knows.

Frankly, what do you think of my asking Mrs. Etter of Iowa and Mrs. Hodge of Minnesota if they would like to utilize her? Please drop me a line to the Biltmore?

Would she take? You really know her better than I do. She will pay her way of course.

Could you drop me a line to the Biltmore.

I loved seeing you last night and to think you have a few peaceful and beautiful moments with the dogs Molly.

11/8/33

Mrs. Whitney, Florence C.
113 E 71 St.
New York, N.Y.

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Letter to Mrs. Dawson from
above, returned to her.
Dawson with President
Wilson

"Tell Mrs. D. fine, but that
Mrs. Whitney ought to speak at
League of Women Voters and other
non-partisan meetings rather
than at Democratic meetings."

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
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WOMEN'S DIVISION
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

November 11, 1933

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

Dear Eleanor:

I wonder why you decided not to speak at the annual dinner of the Women's Democratic Educational Council of Washington. They are made up of the simpler business and professional women which is the kind you usually like to talk to.

They would have the meeting at your convenience in December or January. If they knew early enough about this they would use their Christmas savings to come. They raise more money than any other organization for the campaign or so they say.

Mrs. J. Borden Harriman and Sue White say they are all right. Their ex-president, Miss Helm, the Kentucky women say is a good, substantial woman. I like the appearance of the present president, Mrs. Kerans.

Did you have a specific reason for saying no or were you just over-whelmed by the number of people who want you to speak?

affectionately,

Mally W

MWD:SKS

Dictated but not read.

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What did I say
Can't you see
Necessary to

File

Mrs. Roosevelt

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November 14, 1933

Honorable James A. Parley
The Mayflower Hotel
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jim:

I have Mrs. Roosevelt's letter about
Mrs. Wright of the Narcotic Bureau.

If Mrs. Wright is a crank like myself
and so much interested in her particular line of en-
deavor that she is willing to go on with it, with or
without salary, I do not see why Mrs. Roosevelt's
suggestion is not practical. Mr. Anslinger undoubt-
edly told you about her.

I think we are in a very bad position to
back out with Mrs. O'Neill unless, of course, you could
get Senator Gary to give her the Collectorship of the
Port. He obviously was delighted to have her get a
Washington appointment so that he could have the Collec-
torship of the Port for another good Democrat.

Sincerely yours,

YWD:HA

Miss Mary W. Dawson



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November 17, 1933

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

Beloved Eleanor,

To my horror, I discover that your lovely letter suggesting the Christmas Party for December 21st has not been answered. Please forgive, and realize that it was due to the overwhelming concert agitation. By the way, you will be delighted to know that we made \$4250 - and 31 cents, to be accurate! Isn't that wonderful? We all think you are an angel to do this Christmas party and cannot tell you how deeply grateful we are.

Just as soon as we have all the information about the children we will send it on to you. Some packages already arrived from Schwartz - Thrilling!!! We are like children who want to peep through the keyhole! And to think that we will have some ice-cream and cake for our unemployed girls, as well as the children, is beyond our wildest dreams!

With deep gratitude,

Mary O

From *M. Halle*

100 *Jill*

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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT, our amazing First Lady, should be of special interest to college women, not only as the wife of the President, but because of her great interest in, and work for women, and for education. So I am writing this brief excerpt from an article to appear in the December *Good Housekeeping*, to tell you what I have recently learned about her.

I had been one of her severest critics, without being one of her best friends. I had agreed with many others that HER place, at any rate, was in the home; and I was worn out merely reading about where she went and what she did. Then I saw her in action for a day. I saw the incredibly exact and detailed knowledge she has of every one of the numerous things in which she is interested.

In the morning I watched her preside at a meeting of the National Women's Committee of the Conference on Human Needs, with such complete knowledge of the business of the meeting and of the personalities and problems of the individual delegates as the single-minded president of a village women's club might have. I saw her busy every moment of the afternoon in some intelligent and useful way, whenever possible in the background; and that night I heard her deliver the most heart-tearing speech I have ever listened to, a speech in which she told what she had seen of human misery in the mining towns and in the hill cabins and the farmhouses of America.

I knew then that her much photographed trips had not been for personal glory or pelasure, but rather because of her deep sympathy for and interest in every-day people, and of a genuine desire to help them. I remained in Washington for a day or two, talking with those close to her, those whom she will not permit to "defend" her. And I am convinced that we who criticize her do so in ignorance of her sincerity, her altruistic motives, and the facts.

If, for example, she is, as has been said, the President's "ear to the ground," this is a natural and not a calculated thing. It is because she can go places he can't go, see people he can't see, and because with her rare gift of articulate expression, she can bring to him as no one else can, visualizations which result in benefit to all the masses of people who make up America. If her attitude is reflected in her husband's actions, it is only as is that of any wife who has earned respect for, and faith in her views.

I am convinced, too, that if those of us who criticize her for having earned money in the ways that came to her, could see the check stubs through which that money has been dispensed, we would be disarmed. We could not know, of course, of the unbelievable number of demands upon her very small income.

If we criticize her for not sitting before the fire with the President in the evenings, we forget how little time the President has to sit before the fire with anyone. And perhaps we do not know how much more than a sit-by-the-fire wife she has been in his fight against what might have been permanent invalidism.

Times have changed since Martha Washington was in the White House, and women's jobs do not all remain within four walls. Since there is so much to be done in the outside world, it is no longer necessarily a virtue to spend all one's time in the home. But Mrs. Roosevelt has not neglected the home things. Her difference from the other first ladies lies not in what she fails to do, but in what she adds to what they have done—things, remember, that she has done ever since her children were old enough to do without her constant attention, things she did even before her husband was Governor.

Should she quit doing them now? And should we, as Newton Baker said, in urging her to take on still another job, be deprived of the services of the best-fitted woman in the country, just because she happens to be the wife of the President?

RITA S. HALLE.

IN MEMORIAM

Clementine C. Bachelier, a graduate of the class of '80, died at Clifton Springs, N. Y., on August 1, 1933. She was one of the first residents of the Barbizon and continued to live there until shortly before her death. At the time of her death she was a member of the Board of Directors of the Wellesley Club of New York, and her presence and counsel will be greatly missed.

Mrs. Arthur L. Livermore (Henrietta Wells, '87) died on October 14th at her home in Yonkers, New York. She had been active in many civic, state and national organizations; an ardent worker for suffrage and for the Republican party, a founder and first President of the Women's University Club of New York City, and a former President of the Wellesley Club of this city.

From President Pendleton's Annual letter to alumnae:
"Everyone for whom Wellesley College holds significance will understand the poignancy our recent bereavement gives to these words of greeting. Mary Frazer Smith '96 and Eleanor Acheson McCulloch Gamble '89 gave abundantly of their lives to the advancement of the College, and we appreciate more fully than ever the measure of that devotion as we begin this year without them."

*Dear Eleanor - Think this is rather nice tribute
M. H.*

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NOVEMBER 14, TUESDAY!!



ONE HUNDRED NEW MEMBERS

THE date must already be starred on your Calendar. That afternoon from four to six the Wellesley Club of New York will entertain President Pendleton, Mrs. Frost, President of the Alumnae Association, and Mrs. Coverdale, our own Alumnae Trustee. Between five and five-thirty Miss Pendleton and Mrs. Frost will give us their formal greetings. Tea will be served.

This meeting is "for members only." Each member is urged to come and bring a new member who will join at the meeting. When YOU bring one new member that afternoon, the "for members only" will become the "capacity house" Wellesley Rally it deserves.

Because so many were loathe to rush to trains at six o'clock after the October meeting, an informal buffet supper has been planned in the Solarium (85 cents, 6:30-7:30). Our honorary guests will also stay for supper. After the supper there will be bridge, backgammon and ping-pong in our own Club rooms.

Reservations for the Buffet Supper must be made *not later than the first mail Monday morning, November 13th*. Cut out and mail in the attached order or telephone your reservation to the Club office, REgent 4-5700.

COME TO THIS WELLESLEY RALLY
BRING A WELLESLEY FRIEND TO JOIN
HAVE YOUR HUSBAND OR ESCORT MEET YOU
HERE FOR SUPPER AND THE EVENING

THE Wellesley Club's New Year was October 1, 1933. On that date our new four dollar membership plan actually went into effect. It was frankly an experiment, with the underlying idea that lower dues meant more members, larger meetings, greater enthusiasm, and, we hoped, a banner Wellesley year in New York.

We have had only two weeks in which to test our experiment, and we are tremendously encouraged by the eager, loyal response so far received.

Old members are paying their dues promptly; new members are joining eagerly. Our first meeting was enjoyed by seventy members, any one of whom will tell you that she had a fine time. Actual figures show:

Old memberships paid for year 1933-1934.....	217
New Memberships paid for year 1933-1934.....	115
Patroness members	18
Gift members	8
Total income	\$1,246.00

This creates a spirit of optimism which must not be fully trusted until we are more sure of balancing our budget.

With the most careful estimates and economies we must receive \$4,000 from dues this year. Arithmetically speaking, that means 1,000 members at \$4 a year or a greater, unestimated number with our types of membership at \$2 and \$1. If you haven't already sent in your money, do it now. Each check means a step toward our goal.

A FEELING of pride swept over those gathered in the Club rooms on October 9th as they heard Max Lerner and Elizabeth Lum Drake tell of the Summer Institute. Mr. Lerner stressed the originality of this Institute, as farmer, banker, unemployed met on common ground to discuss modern economic problems. Such a completely representative cross-section of American life had never before so gathered. Later both Mr. Lerner and Mrs. Drake found themselves the center of groups asking

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Tuesday, November 14—Club Rooms

PROGRAM: Tea and Reception 4 to 6 P. M.

President Pendleton

Mrs. George H. Frost, President Wellesley College Alumnae Association

Mrs. William H. Coverdale, New York Wellesley Club Alumna Trustee.

Informal Buffet Supper, 6:30 to 7:30, Solarium, 85 cents

Bridge, Backgammon, Ping-Pong in the Club.

December—An evening program to be announced later.

Please reserve.....places for buffet supper.

Name.....

Address.....

more questions about the Summer Institute.

The Fashion Show arranged by Leonora Ormsby concluded the afternoon program on a lighter note as her models walked in and about displaying artistic creations. Between balancing a cup of tea, nibbling a sandwich, greeting old friends with a nod and a smile, listening with one ear to a philosophical comment on Economics and with the other to the price of an afternoon gown, one felt in the center of the pleasant buzz that spells "success."

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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

J. C.
November 23, 1933

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

Dear Eleanor:

Mr. F. W. McLean of Fargo, North Dakota
writes me November 21st:

"I still hope that we will win out in our Missouri River diversion project which will certainly be the means of reviving hope in the minds and hearts of all our people. I have heard nothing in regard to the matter since I came home, but feel sure--after my conference with Mrs. Roosevelt--that some action will be taken in the very near future to determine from an engineering standpoint whether or not the dam can be built at or near the location selected. It is needless to say that we do not want the diversion dam built unless it can be made secure.

"In my talk with Mrs. Roosevelt I suggested that when the board was selected that it be made up of two army engineers, one civil engineer, and two geologists. That board may be considered too large. If it is, then the board ought to be made up of one army engineer, one civil engineer, and one geologist. I am particularly insistent upon at least one geologist being a member of the commission for the reason that no thorough geological examination has ever been made of the proposed site. If opportunity arises I hope that you will impress upon the Administration quick action on this project. The examination of the dam site could be made in this season of the year much more thorough and cheaply than at any other time.

"I would be very glad to hear from you in regard to the new ideas you have to win more votes for our party in North Dakota, and you can be sure it will be received in a friendly spirit. I have no other ambition in life than the advancement of the Democratic Party as long as it retains and follows the policies inaugurated by the present Administration, and I am convinced that the welfare of our country is dependent upon the dominance of the Democratic Party.

Sincerely yours,

Molloy

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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

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Nov. 27, 1933

JLH

Dear Eleanor:-

Franklin wrote to the T.V.A. about taking Sue White on at \$6,000. Mr. Morgan saw her and Mr. Sutherland the General Counsel who says his staff is full. They were friendly and Sue would like to work with the T.V.A. She believes it would be worth \$6,000 to the T.V.A. to have her put in charge of public relations with Tennesseans. She knows all the ramifications of the power interests, the political factions without being involved with any of them, and the Tennessee public.

If that won't do how about D.C. Municipal Court judge vacancy January 22, 1934. There is a woman on the bench now.

If Franklin decides on the latter

I wish he could make it definite so
poor Mrs. Fickle would not have to wait.
They are broke and have been waiting
nine months. Bud thinks how she worked
though as it turned out of course we did not
need Iowa. She would not mind a vacation.

Have a good Thanksgiving

Affectionately

Molly

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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

Nov. 27. 1933

Dear Eleanor:

The place Havinia Engle could fill well would be member of the Mediation Board. There will be a vacancy on Dec. 31. 1933, and no other until Dec. 31. 1934.

Of course this \$12,000 job has probably been promised to some man.

But since the President is going to keep the Parole Board as it is, what other place is there for Havinia?

I still wish that rather silly, if I may say so, ^{woman} psychiatrist could be dispensed with and Havinia put in her place.

Havinia by her ability ~~and~~ her standing in the Party deserves a place and I sure do hate to have her with her wide personal acquaintances among ^{women} and ready tongue feel pretty justly aggrieved. Especially when you consider many men in office.

She is certainly much more valuable

to our Party than
Mrs. Bannister
Mrs. McMillan
Mrs. Rhea and
Mrs. Yunk.

These are all nice women but their jobs
were given them largely because of

Senator Glass
Senator Hill
Senator Robinson
Arthur Mullin

not because of their services in

Virginia
Arkansas
Tennessee and
New Mexico

Affectionately
Molly

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November 27, 1933

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

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

Dear Eleanor:

I understand that on December first, Franklin is to make a presidential appointment of the fifteen directors of the Veterans' Administration at \$5600. Before he does this, will you please ask him whether he has considered appointing some women to these positions? I know he believes that the point of view about women is an advantage in any big administrative service.

The set-up, as I understand it, is to choose nine directors from outside the service, who are either lawyers or doctors and six from inside the service who are either lawyers, doctors or rating specialists.

I would like to recommend two directors to be appointed from inside the service:

1. Miss Mary C. Connelly who is now Assistant Chief of the Law Department and who has been connected with the legal staff since 1922. She comes from Rome, New York
2. Mrs. Mary E. Beauford of Tennessee who is a rating specialist. She has been in the Bureau for 16 years. She is now in the investigation department. Her pay was reduced when Harding came into office. She is highly recommended by the powers in Tennessee.

I also recommend that among the nine from the outside, the following two lawyers be appointed:

1. Mrs. Joseph M. Howorth of Jackson, Mississippi who is in the practice of general law with her husband. If she were appointed, she would be only the second woman to receive a position of any distinction.
2. Mrs. Katherine Van Leuven of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma who has a magnificent law record which I enclose.

seemed to sympathize with
General Hines ~~told~~ Mrs. McMillin ~~that he thought~~ there should be at least three women on the Board. I am suggesting four because I realize that the territory of the United States is divided into regions and that one director comes from each.

I should prefer Mrs. Howorth to Mrs. Van Leuven for this post as she could easily qualify for it, whereas, Mrs. Van Leuven could qualify for many other legal departments.

Very sincerely yours,

Molly
Mary W. Dewson

LWD:SKS

REFERENCE DATA ON

MRS. KATHRYN VAN LEUVEN ATTORNEY
1001 Braniff Building,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.

Senior member of VAN LEUVEN & VAN LEUVEN
Attorneys at Law,
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

The only Mother & Son law partnership in the U. S. A.
Engaged in General Practice
Junior Member Kermit Van Leuven Age 26 Specializing in
Workmens Compensation.

Kathryn Van Leuven age 44, perfect health, femine type,
Member Oklahoma U. D. C.
Oklahoma Bar
Founder of Oklahoma Hospitality (a Woman's Chamber of
Commerce) having 800 members all home owners and tax payers
This organization works with Oklahoma City Chamber of
Commerce, has supervision of Crippled Childrens Work and
carries on broad charity and civic work.

Born at Fort Smith, Arkansas, of Tennessee Father and
Kentucky Mother a true daughter of the South.

Married Judge Bart Van Leuven deceased. Has One Child
Kermit now her law partner.

Admitted to practice law in 1913 has engaged continuously
in the practice of the law to date.

Public Positions Held: Assistant County, Atty. 2 years
Assistant State Reporter 3 years
(Law Editing)
Assistant Attorney General
of Oklahoma 5 years

Legal Counsel for Turman Oil Company 1 year
" " " Magnolia Petroleum Company 3 years

As Assistant County Attorney make great reputation in
handling of criminal cases pleading defendants guilty
thus saving state great expense. Had one hung jury
and did not lose a case prosecuted.

As Assistant State Reporter helped prepare the opinions
of the Oklahoma Supreme Court for publication in the
Oklahoma Reports.

As Assistant Attorney General acted during period of service
as Legal Advisor to Governor,
" " " State and County Officers
Had charge of all matters pertaining to women and
children of the state.

Served in the Bond Department, the Attorney General of
Oklahoma being the Bond Attorney for the State to pass upon
legality of all bond issues, cities, towns, school districts
etc.

In Oil Company service examined titles, briefed and tried
cases.

Kathryn Van Leuven is a leading attorney of Oklahoma, is
an efficient counselor and an efficient trial lawyer.
She is a finished public speaker

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November 28, 1933

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

Dear Eleanor:

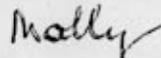
Of course, Sue White and Lavinia Engle are the two whose appointments are absolutely essential to me, personally, and to the work that I hope to do in the Woman's Division.

I am, however, enclosing the list which I submitted to Franklin at his request on October 23, 1933.

These are not all the truly important women. Mrs. O'Day and Mr. Dailey are keen to have Meta Fay have a \$5000.00 job in Washington. I will not list the others, however, as we must clear up the presidential list first.

Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Faithfully yours,



Mary W. Dewson

MWD:SKS

FIFTEEN WOMEN DEMOCRATIC LEADERS SUBMITTED AT THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST

AS THE MOST VALUABLE TO REWARD WITH IMPORTANT POSITIONS

Listed According to Desirability of Appointment

SUBMITTED BY MARY W. DENSON

October 23, 1933 REVISED TO November 28, 1933

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|-----------------------------|-----------------------------------|---|
| 1. Tenn. | Sue White | Counsel for Tennessee Valley Authority at \$6000. or D.C. Judge, Municipal Court, vacancy in Jan. 1934. |
| 2. Md. | Lavinia Engle | Member, Board of Parole, \$7500.00 -- or Member, Mediation Board, vacancy on Dec. 31, 1933. |
| 3. Ala. | Patty Ruffner Jacobs | To make the N.R.A. effective, about \$4000.00 |
| 4. Roosevelt
Republicans | Marie L. Obenauer | Withdrawn |
| 5. Nevada | Mrs. Harriet Spann | Regional Director, Subsistence Homestead Board |
| 6. Neb. | Lulu S. Wolford | Assistant Commissioner of Education, \$6500.00 |
| 7. Tenn. | Phoebe Omlie <i>Placed</i> | Division Chief in Aeronautics Branch |
| 8. Minn. | Anna Dickie Olesen | To win support for A.A.A. - \$5000.00 |
| 9. Okla. | Mrs. Pat Nagle | To win support for A.A.A. - \$4000.00 |
| 10. Neb. | Elizabeth Jenkinson | Withdrawn |
| 11. R.I. | Isabelle A. O'Neill <i>Placed</i> | Special Employee, Bureau of Narcotics, \$4600.00 |
| 12. Calif. | Carroll Stewart | Some business job at about \$4000.00 |
| 13. S. Car. | Mrs. L. C. Jennings <i>Placed</i> | Agricultural Credit Administration |
| 14. Ala. | Mrs. A. Y. Malone | To make the N.R.A. effective, about \$4000.00 |
| 15. W. Va. | Mrs. J. C. Burchinal | D.C. Principal Asst. Purchasing Officer, \$3300.00 |

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| 4. Mo. | Mrs. Thornton Lee Brown | To make the N.R.A. effective, about \$4000.00 |
| 10. N. Car. | Mrs. Lyman Cotten | D.C. Supervisor of Playgrounds, \$4600.00 |

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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

November 28, 1933

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

Dear Eleanor:

Although General Hines seemed sympathetic to the idea of having three women appointed to the Veterans' Board, in this morning's paper, the names of fourteen members of the Board were announced. The six from inside the service were appointed so Miss Connelly and Mrs. Beauford have lost their chance at promotion. Eight of the nine from outside the service were named which leaves one person *to be named*.

It occurs to Mrs. McMillin, Miss Connelly and me that General Hines may have left this one vacancy in case the women made a strong protest.

Do you care to ask Franklin whether he wishes to suggest Mrs. Howorth to General Hines?

Sincerely yours,

Mary W. Dewson

MWD:SKS

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MURRAY HILL 2-7400

November 29, 1933

J. Lee

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Warm Springs
Georgia

Dear Eleanor:

I am writing you at Warm Springs because I believe you will have a little more time.

I have a letter today, from Mrs. A. Y. Malone, National Committeewoman, for Alabama, saying how much she needs a job on account of the banking situation. She says she can expect nothing from the Senators, because she headed up the Roosevelt pre-convention campaign and worked like a Trojan, it was so important to have the Alabama votes. She put all her energies to this rather than work for Senator Slack, who was up for re-election. Although, of course, she supported him.

She sent me this little card showing what happened to Douglas Arant who would not come out for Roosevelt before the convention. He now has a fine job at Washington and she who lead the "Women for Roosevelt" forces has nothing.

Affectionately,

*And 7 OR. needed
her.*

M. G.

MWD:NTJ

CANDIDATES FOR DELEGATE

From the State at Large to the Democratic National Convention 1932

Names Marked X Have Expressed Preference for Roosevelt

- DOUGLAS ARANT
- X WM. W. BRANDON
- X L. J. BUGG
- X A. H. CARMICHAEL
- R. E. EVINS
- WOOLSEY FINNELL
- T. S. FAULK
- X WM. C. FITTS
- S. S. FLETCHER
- GEORGE M. GRANT
- FRANK GORDON
- X WM. E. JAMES
- X NORVELLE R. LEIGH
- X S. A. LYNNE
- HUGH MALLORY
- X T. D. SAMFORD
- W. P. SCREWS

Democratic Primary May 2, 1932

(Vote for Eight)

Keep This Until Election Day

(Paid Pol. Adv. by L. J. Bugg)
(Montgomery, Ala.)
(over)

Nov. 22 - 1932

THE BIRMINGHAM NEWS

ARANT IS GIVEN POST

Douglas Arant, Birmingham attorney, member of the firm of Bradley, Baldwin, All & White, has been appointed special assistant attorney general of the United States.

According to advice from Washington he will have general supervision of litigation relating to the enforcement and determination of the constitutionality of the oil code of the NRA.

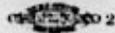
Mr. Arant has gone to Washington to assume his duties, but will not sever his connection with the Birmingham firm. He is expected to be absent about two months.

PRAISE BIRMINGHAM

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**Our Country First, Then Our Party
Leadership Under Roosevelt Means Victory!
True Democracy Takes the Public Into Its
Confidence**

**Who Do Those Who Oppose Roosevelt Favor?
A Fair Question Demands a Frank Answer**



.over)

Mrs. Scheider:

Would you write something like this?
I don't know how much to say.

100

He had another
letter from Mrs. Johns
saying he did not
favor a change
to four
yells

My dear Mr. Secretary:

I do not want to inter-
fere with your Department, but I
do want to tell you that, if a
change is made in the position
of Assistant Com. of Ed., I think
Mrs. Lulu Wolford of Nebraska is
a woman of outstanding ability,
and I would like to add my recom-
mendation to those you probably
already have for her

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY

File

WOMEN'S DIVISION
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

December 12, 1933

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

Dear Eleanor:

I am sending you a copy of the letter Jim turned over to me from Secretary Ickes about the position of Assistant Commissioner of Education; also my letter to Oscar Chapman, Assistant Secretary of the Interior.

I hope to be able to win the Secretary over to the idea of appointing Miss Lulu Wolford of Nebraska, former Assistant Superintendent of the State Board of Education.

If you have a chance to help on this, I hope very much indeed you will.

Affectionately yours,

Mary Dewson

Miss Mary W. Dewson
Director
Women's Division

MWD:HA

Let Mrs. Dewson write to Ickes

December 12, 1933

Mr. Oscar L. Chapman
Assistant Secretary
Department of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

Dear Oscar:

A lot of Mr. Farley's mail has just reached me. One contains a discouraging letter from Mr. Ickes of which I enclose a copy. It is a poor rule that does not work both ways.

Commissioner Zook replaced a Republican so why shall we be laying ourselves open to charges of playing politics any more by appointing Mrs. Lulu S. Wolford as Assistant Commissioner of Education?

The rule also works both ways in another respect. Miss Goodykuntz, if I am not mistaken, replaced a Democrat in 1920.

It is true that Mrs. Chase Going Woodhouse has an enormous number of references. I suppose almost any active adult woman could assemble an equal number. Miss Core Harris also of North Carolina spent three months in collecting an equal file for the position she wanted, so this may be the North Carolina idea of qualifying oneself for a position. In my estimation, "good wine needs no bush". Also, the women of North Carolina are opposed to the appointment of Mrs. Woodhouse and, moreover, when Mrs. Cotton gets her appointment in Washington, the North Carolina women will have been exceedingly well taken care of; whereas not a woman has been appointed from Nebraska.

I am sending ^{you} these arguments to aid and abet you in your educational work. I have every confidence in you, and the outcome.

Cordially yours,

Miss Mary W. Dewson
Director
Women's Division

copy

THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR

WASHINGTON

August 25, 1933.

My dear Jim:

Your secretary recently brought in a file with reference to Mrs. Chase Going Woodhouse, who is a candidate for Assistant Commissioner of Education.

Mrs. Woodhouse is highly recommended and has a large number of political endorsements. The present incumbent, Miss Goodykoontz, has equal, if not superior, standing among educators. She has given good service so far as I know, Commissioner Zook is satisfied with her, and I know that she has the backing of outstanding leaders in the educational field. I feel that it would be a mistake to make a change here simply for the sake of making a change and thus laying ourselves open to the charge of playing politics with a bureau which ought not to be in politics in any sense. I say this while recognizing the standing and ability of Mrs. Woodhouse.

And how
about Mr.
Zook?

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Harold L. Ickes

Secretary of the Interior

Hon. James A. Farley,
National Press Building,
Washington, D. C.

Dear -
You may
be too busy for this
but honestly it is
rotten to put Franklin
in this hole. I will
make 100% of his
supporters so mad
Naley

File

Miss Lihilli
(President La
ouganat)

December 14, 1933

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

Dear Franklin:

Do you realize what the newspaper code is doing to the child labor standards which most of your closest women assistants have worked for years to establish?

Owing to a tremendous protest, the code has been reworded to make it appear that children under 14 are ruled out of the industry, when in reality the 14 year minimum applies only to work other than delivering and selling newspapers, for which no minimum is fixed. If it goes through in this form, newspapers will not only have a free hand in employing carriers and sellers, but also will be permitted to use children of 14 to 16 in all other lines of work except mechanical and manufacturing operations--a privilege which has been granted by the codes to no other industry of this type.

Won't you consult the head of your own Children's Bureau, Grace Abbott; or the Director of her Child Labor Division, Clara Bayer before signing this code? Please!

Sincerely yours,

MWD:SKS

Mary W. Dawson

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December 19, 1933

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

Dear Eleanor:

You remember you asked me to get a job for
Mercedes Kelley. She has received a small job at \$72.00
a month and possibly can be moved up to one at the Library.

Very sincerely yours,

M. W.

MWD:SKS

Mary W. Dewson

Was it sweet to see you today !!

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WOMEN'S DIVISION
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

December 22, 1933

CONFIDENTIAL

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

Dear Eleanor:

Assistant Attorney General Sweeney has told Harry Blair he wants him as his assistant. Blair has been steadily getting all the most difficult cases and has been growing in favor. He is very much pleased indeed to have this promotion come solely on the basis of merit.

Sweeney, however, is not ready to make this promotion because Oliver, Chairman of the sub committee on appropriations, is working to get Varnum appointed to this position. This Varnum is a Democrat appointed by Hoover and is close to the little cabal of Hoover Republicans, viz: the Chief clerk Stewart and Mr. Cumming's private secretary, Carusi.

This is Peanut politics and Mr. Blair does not want to have anything to do with departmental peanut politics. However, if Assistant Attorney General Sweeney should want to make his own path easier by the alibi that Blair has White House backing, Mrs. Blair would be glad to telephone to you and have the situation all understood in advance.

I cannot tell you how pleased I am that the Blairs are very contented with the way things are working out.

Very sincerely yours,

Molly

Miss Mary W. Dewson
Director
Women's Division

EWD:HA

Do I sign this, Smily? telegram comes asking for presidential backing. It would be like mamma if FOR felt it ok to do this

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MISS MOLLY E DEWSON, DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE =

BILTMORE HOTEL =

PLEASE ARRANGE WHITE HOUSE LETTER TO SWEENEY AS PER OUR CONVERSATION =

EMILY.

Dear Eleanor

Here is the clipping from the Courier Journal
about which you are going to write
Ambassador Bingham at

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December 27, 1933.

Palm Land Plantation

Albany

Georgia - Isnt that fine
Molly

Miss Mary Dewson,
Democratic National Committee,
National Press Building,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Molly:

You will be interested in the following excerpt
from a letter from Desha Breckinridge:

"I cannot give you a worthwhile opinion as to the probability
of the Kentucky Legislature approving the Amendment. I have been so
submerged with other matters I have not made query about this. But
without ascertaining the opinion of those who will be influential
in the Legislature, I am inclined to believe there is a most ex-
cellent chance for the Legislature to approve it.

"I have been so out of touch with affairs in Kentucky I do
not know who will father and press the resolution. I assume, without
knowing, that Governor Laffoon, who was a strong supporter of Mr.
Roosevelt for the nomination, will favor it. Honorable Ben Johnson,
chairman of the state highway commission, will have quite potent
influence in the Legislature. I do not know what his attitude will
be, but I am apprehensive that he would oppose it. Yet a word
from Washington would have very decisive effect with him.

"The Courier-Journal, the editor of which is Ambassador to
the Court of St. James, is making a vicious fight against it. While
I impugn no man's motives, I strongly believe that it is due to
the fact that the Courier is apprehensive it would be a danger
to its system of using boys for delivering the Courier. If Mr.
Bingham could be brought to see the wisdom of supporting the Amend-
ment it would be of advantage."

Clara M. Beyer

Clara M. Beyer.

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Please return to Clara Berger - children's Bureau

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of exports. It reveals to the Irish themselves the injudicious and impulsive tactics of their leader.

THE CHILD LABOR LOBBY

A former North Carolina Legislature having rejected the proposed Child Labor Amendment to the Federal Constitution and The Courier-Journal having stated if the present North Carolina Legislature would be as sensible when the Child Labor lobby again opposes it. The League in North, which opposes the Amendment asks, "What is the Child Labor Lobby?"

That a legitimate question, whose answer is highly illuminative.

The Child Labor lobby, which drafted the Amendment in 1922 and pushed through Congress the resolution for its submission to the Legislature of the States, was inspired and headed by Mrs. Florence Kelley Washburny, who after her divorce from her Russian husband preferred to be called Mrs. Florence Kelley. She was an able, shrewd and tireless propagandist of Socialism, characterized by Sterling E. Remond as "the most restless, intelligent and energetic woman apostle of Marxian Socialism who ever promoted the cause in the United States."

At the close of the last century she was in Berlin, editing a Socialist paper. She was the friend and associate of Friedrich Engels and translator of his works, which not only preached Socialism, but urged violently the abolition of marriage as the main obstacle to the attainment of the Socialist ideal. Engels, by the way, was rich, and it was he who financed the publication of Marx's works.

In the promulgation of her doctrines Mrs. Kelley gave many lectures in this country. Among the organizations founded or used by her were Hull House settlement, a center of Communism and I. W. W. agitation; the League for Industrial Democracy (of which she was president) organized for the promotion of Socialism in our schools and colleges; the Women's Joint Congressional Committee, of which she was the head, which lobbied through Congress the Children's Bureau. Among Mrs. Kelley's assistant lobbyists was Owen D. Lovely, Socialist leader, and Miss Anna Louise Strong, who was American press agent for the Moscow Communists and who organized the nationalized Children's Committee for the Soviet Government. Miss Strong, after lecturing on Communism in this country, went to Russia, where she is now editor of the Moscow News.

It was this same Mrs. Kelley who, with kindred Socialist spirit, founded the National Child Labor Committee, with Socialist Lovely as secretary. It was the National Child Labor Committee which lobbied through Congress the resolution for the submission of the Child Labor Amendment, and it is the National Child Labor Committee which has done their utmost to lobby against it.

Communists were delighted by the submission of the resolution and immediately bestowed themselves to secure ratification of the Amendment by the State Legislatures. The official Communist organ, The Daily Worker, New York, proclaiming a "United-Front" fight for ratification, declared: "State Legislatures must be compelled to ratify immediately the Child Labor Amendment to the Constitution. Congress and the State Legislatures must be compelled to pass laws providing for full Government maintenance of all school children of

ment by unanimous vote in both the Senate and the House of Representatives. There is even more reason why the present Legislature should dispose of it in the same way when it is pressed upon that body for disposition.

UNIFYING RECOVERY'S MACHINERY

Formation of the National Economic Council, designed to take over the work of unifying the Federal Government's vast emergency machinery, should bring about far-reaching changes for the common good. The plan appears to be along the line of the Supreme Economic Council during the war and should end the confusion of plans, the clashing of some agencies, and duplication. The new head of the N. E. C. says: "Our purpose is to put all of the recovery programs under one unit and thus bring about coordination. One result may be the disappearance of such a council to take over all long distance planning."

William Trufant Foster, one of the better known economists in the United States, in an article in the December Atlantic Monthly — which, by the way, he highly praises the New Deal, even if not a member of the so-called Washington "brain trust"—says that "the adoption of a National Economic Plan is essential if we are to prevent another major depression. . . . Even if we recover, prosperity will breed another depression unless we adopt measures of control far more effective than any yet assumed under the N.R.A."

This is the first National Administration under which there has occurred any sort of long-distance planning, except in the Department of Commerce during the twelve years that Herbert Hoover was its Secretary and in the White House. In fact, there were no national plans at all.

While most of the recovery machinery of the Federal Government is of an emergency or temporary nature, certain it is that some department of Government must remain to guide the national economy away from pitfalls, to aid industry, finance, and agriculture, and thus help the nation to profit by the lessons of the past. This will be the successor to the N.E.C.

LET CHRISTMAS IN THE HEART SURVIVE

The Christmas season has been filled with so many opportunities for helping others less fortunate—opportunities which still remain—that it is to be hoped that the Christmas spirit remains in the hearts and consciousness of the people of this country throughout the remainder of the year. Why not celebrate Christmas every day? Why not put a similar thought into every word we speak?

The outward symbols disappear from him whose inward spirit is clear. And small gifts are the things that count.

To him who fills through all with love.

The poet then says, in effect, that he does not object to anyone's observing Christmas in any way that he desires, with or without pomp or show, but asks that he be not judged or condemned who fails in his heart the spirit of faith, hope, and charity—in other words, the advent of the eternal principles of love for one's fellow man, of peace, and of truth which the day itself symbolizes.

The opportunity soon will come in almost every city of the land for a material expression of this spiritual quality of compassion and helpfulness when the common economic open-

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Mr. James
Chairman
Hotel U.
New York

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BRAINARD PLATT

It is hard for one intimately associated with Brainard Platt nearly all his life to speak calmly of him under the shock of his sudden death. His loss is felt most poignantly by his associates who worked with him on The Courier-Journal and The Louisville Times, and who are best qualified, by the very intimacy of that association to appreciate his worth. They, as most others, understood his exceptional value in the field which he so admirably filled.

He spent the better part of his life in various capacities on The Courier-Journal. Copy-reader, City Editor, assistant to two Managing Editors, in latter years assistant to the Vice President of the organization, he was always competent wherever duty found him; always anxious in the performance of that duty; always loyal both to his colleagues and his superior; always devoted to the promotion of the ideals of the papers which he was privileged to serve.

IRLAND'S INTERNAL ROW

Intestines increase that Eamon de Valera, impulsive and emotional President of the Irish Free State, is victim to a fall. The arrow of his arch enemy, Gen. Owen O'Duffy, leader of the united force opposing the Government, has just been declared illegal by the High Court at Dublin. O'Duffy's alleged offense being that he wore a blue shirt and attempted to speak at a public meeting

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
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MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

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Jan. 4. 1934

Dear Eleanor:-

Any hope for Florence Allen?

Any hope for women on Veterans Appeal Board?

When does Fay Bantleys name for Juvenile Court go in? I dont think there will be trouble.

Walker says Johnson will appoint the Ass. State Directors of the Emergency Council if there are any. And vice versa.

Any chance for Browning on the Civil Service Commission? He is now the expert on psychology. I think he really is able.

Wife.

Molly. DEWSON

What would you think of giving the news to the Press at your Tuesday meeting about the new set up of my division? I expect Mrs. Finkle will be here by then and we could introduce her

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

HOTEL BILTMORE

NEW YORK CITY



WOMEN'S DIVISION

MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

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Jan. 11. 1934

Dear Eleanor:-

Mrs. Pyke is to see you at 10 Thursday. We had a talk today and worked out an interesting plan for organizing the Ohio women. Mr. Farley and I are going to recommend her for Collector in Cleveland!

Mrs. Anna Bickey Olson wants to see you. She goes back to Minnesota on Saturday. Please give her a minute. I will phone you for date. She is bitterly humiliated by her treatment. Jim and I are all for her being made Governor of the Virgin Islands. I hope Franklin will decide to do so. I know the Farmer-laborites are flirting with her.

There is an opening on the Mediation Board. FDR. said no one but a railroad expert. But the man who just died was not. Sen. McKellar said today Mrs. Childress would be better than the deceased. How about Lavinia Single?

Affec.
M. W. D.

DEWSON

Dear Eleanor
26 this
should happen
I should have
a piece of mind
I have not known
for months
And Mack
is with us.
100 yee

January 13, 1934

Colonel Marvin H. McIntyre
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Colonel:

Since the President thinks a broad-minded, wise and just woman would be suitable for the Veterans' Board of Appeals and that it is not necessary to have lawyers or doctors, I very much prefer to suggest no lawyer whatsoever as I have even more important women whom we have been unable to place up-to-date.

I suggest:

- Mrs. Pat S. Nagle, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma.
Former member of the State Board of Affairs.
The finest and most honest woman in Oklahoma.
She needs it badly.
- Mrs. Thornton Lee Brown, Joplin, Missouri
One of our most valued Democratic speakers
and organizers. I used her effectively this year.
She needs it very badly.
- Mrs. Carroll Lee Stewart, Los Angeles, California
Was Congressman's Ford's campaign manager in
1932 and won on a write-in-campaign. Very
able and judicial; ardent and active Pre-
Convention Roosevelt woman.
She needs it.
- Mrs. Lyon Childress, National Committeewoman, Nashville,
Tennessee.
She is very happy to be overlooked. (Hope she
will refuse it.)
She needs it badly.
- Miss Lavinia Engle, Baltimore, Maryland
I know the President is keen to place her and I
have great doubts whether she would take this job
but I should be very much relieved if she would.
I cannot locate her on the telephone this minute
but may be able to do so in the next hour.

(Since I am uncertain about Miss Engle, I add the
name of
- Mrs. E. V. Fragstein, Menomonee Falls, Wisconsin.
She is State Vice Chairwoman of Wisconsin and
has been active and enthusiastic for President
Roosevelt from the beginning and is the one good
Democratic woman from that state.

Page 2.

Colonel Marvin H. McIntyre

January 13, 1934

Mrs. Teresa Graham, Coeur d'Alene, Idaho
National Committeewoman. Loyal to the President
from the beginning.
This is the first job which I thought she could
fill on account of her years.
She is very wise and experienced woman.

(Incase Mrs. Childress is offered the position
and refuses it, I submit the name of Mrs. Graham.

If these splendid Democratic women could be taken care of in
this manner, I cannot begin to tell you the relief and satisfaction
it would be to me.

Very sincerely yours,

MWD:SKS

Mary V. Dawson

Handwritten notes: "Miss Mary W. Dewson", "File", "May 15 1934", and "100" with a large bracket.

Handwritten word: "File" with a horizontal line underneath.

998 Penn. Ave
Colton, California
January 18, 1934

Miss Mary W. Dewson
New York City

My dear Miss Dewson:-

I personally, wish to protest the appointment of Mrs. H. P. Willets and her committee as the CWA Women's Relief Committee in Colton.

Quite soon they shall have a large amount of money to spend for relief of needy women, and are now registering women. The larger number of persons registered are not the needy ones, but are mostly friends of the committee.

The Democratic women in this city (and I might say in this county and state) have never been given an opportunity to sit in a conference or to act on a committee. We should not feel so badly if the ones appointed were such that the community felt proud of, or if we felt that they were now in sympathy with the administration. The Democrats of this city carried it is community in the last election, something that had never been done before and it had been fifty years since the county had gone Democratic.

I do not believe we shall have the cooperation in the next election. I know I shall hesitate to ask the women to spend their money, time and energy to work for a Democratic Congressman when we feel as we do now.

Sincerely yours,

Janet H. Lovell
(Mrs. Janet H. Lovell)
Secretary Colton Women's Democratic
Forum

*Miss from the - [unclear]
Miss [unclear]*

941 No. 8th Street
Colton, California
January 12, 1934

Mr. John B. Elliott
Los Angeles, California

My dear Mr. Elliott:-

I desire to protest the appointment of Mrs. H. Palmer Willets as Chairman of the Women's Relief work soon to begin in Colton.

This appointment was made by Mrs. Keith, Dean of Women University of Redlands. I read a letter from Mrs. Keith addressed to Mrs. Willets stating that she was the only woman present at a meeting in San Francisco called by R. C. Branion, state administrator, for the purpose of discussing CWA and women's relief work in the state. Mrs. Keith stated that she was put in charge of such work in the south, and requested Mrs. Willets to select a committee of women to work with her in Colton. Such a committee was named.

I also protest the presence on this committee of Mrs. Gertrude Cheney, Mrs. Cheney has within a month spoken disparagingly of the Democratic Administration to me. Both Mrs. Willets and Mrs. Cheney are extremely antagonistic to the President's program and to all Democrats. Mrs. Willets remarked to a friend of mine; "This is one committee the damned Democrats will have nothing to do with," besides other uncomplimentary and disgusting comments, causing open criticism of the Administration for the selection of a woman both incompetent and of a type such as to cause welfare workers to refuse to cooperate.

The plans of this committee call for an extravagant and useless expenditure of money, not for the benefit of unfortunate women walking the streets begging for work, but for a class who have ample means of support.

An appropriation has been approved by the San Bernardino office of the CWA and is expected daily.

I beg of you to use your influence in an effort to place a proper person in charge of women's relief in Colton.

For confirmation of my charges I refer you to Mr. Fred A. Snider.

Sincerely yours,

Nancy Kay Guire
Secretary County Central Committee

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

January 19, 1934

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

Dear Eleanor:

I am sending you two letters
about Miss Lulu Wolford whom I should like very
much to see get Miss Goodykoontz's place .

There are many other letters.

Faithfully yours,

Mary

Miss Mary W. Dewson

MWD:HAK

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THE UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA
University Extension Division
Lincoln

January 16, 1934

Miss Mary W. Dewson
Director, Women's Division
Democratic National Committee
Hotel Biltmore
New York City

Dear Miss Dewson:

May I take the liberty of giving testimony in regard to the qualifications and ability of Miss Lulu S. Wolford, Director of Women's Work in the C. W. ~~A.~~ Program of our State.

At the present time I am most closely associated with Miss Wolford in putting over a joint enterprise under C.W.S. auspices, whereby approximately 200 Study Centers are being established over the State of Nebraska, giving employment as students to hundreds of Nebraska young men and women who will be taking Extension courses. This movement, which we trust will help buoy up hope in our youth and rehabilitate their morale, has a most sympathetic and devoted worker in Miss Wolford.

It has been my privilege to know Miss Wolford since the days when she was Superintendent of the Pawnee County Schools. She is a distinctly superior individual, gracious in manner, cordial, responsive, a sympathetic and cultured individual. Great have been her contributions to education in Nebraska, and it is our desire for her that opportunity may come for her to render to the nation at large the same type of splendid service which she has given to her native state.

Miss Wolford is the type of woman we feel sure you would enjoy knowing. She is the type of woman that men enjoy working with because she has an analytical mind and wants to get results, and gets them.

Respectfully submitted,

C. K. Morse,
In Charge of College
C.W.S. Instruction
University Extension Division

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Miss Mary W. Dewson
Director, Women's Division
Democratic National Committee
Hotel Biltmore
New York City

My dear Miss Dewson:

It gives me great pleasure to invite your attention to the high merits and distinguished services of Miss Lulu S. Wolford.

Miss Wolford has given her life to educational work in Nebraska, having served in positions of leadership and great responsibility. It has been my privilege, during the more than quarter century that I have been Director of the Extension Division and served as University Examiner, to have been in close touch with her respective achievements, from those of classroom teacher, superintendent of Pawnee County Schools, Assistant in the office of the State Department of Public Instruction, until now, when she is Director of Women's Work in the C. W. A. Employment of our State.

Every position which Miss Wolford has held has been filled with credit to herself and with appreciation by the public. Her sound educational philosophy, her gracious personality, and her outstanding executive ability fit her in a peculiar way for any position which she may accept for which you may be instrumental in having her called.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed) A. A. Reed
A. A. Reed, Director,
University Extension Division

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

January 24, 1934

Personal and confidential

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

Dear Eleanor:

A Mrs. Laura Cauble, a Democratic woman holding a position in the Health Department, is very much excited about Mr. T. Lee Miller, Deputy Administrator of the NRA. He is from Miller, Hornblower, Weeks and Miller and is an old line conservative. Mrs. Cauble gave me this information because she thinks Mr. Miller is undermining the New Deal.

She also gave me the information embodied in the enclosed letter to Grace Abbott.

Frankly Mrs. Cauble wants a federal position and is apparently trying to make herself useful.

What do you know about Mrs. Cauble? She seems like a good sort, but I am like Al Smith, I like to look at the record.

Affectionately yours,

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Miss Mary W. Dewson

January 24, 1934

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Miss Grace Abbott
Chief, Children's Bureau
Washington, D. C.

Dear Grace Abbott:

Mrs. Laura Cauble came here to say that she was at a meeting held at the home of Mrs. Mary E. Gregory of 7 Colonial Place, New Rochelle where they organized an Institute of Family Service. She showed a letter from Hoover favoring such an Institute.

Mrs. Cauble believes that this is the women's Hoover Campaign Committee under a new name and that she herself was asked to serve as a health expert on this Committee in order to give the Committee a flavor of non-partisanship.

Mrs. William Dick Spurburg Mrs. Cauble believes to be consorting with the various interests to kill the Tugwell Food and Drug bill and Mrs. Cauble believes she is ready to sell out the Federation on this point. She is also Secretary of the Cause and Cure organization so that you probably know her.

The immediate objective of the Institute of Family Service is to build on the land belonging to the Century of Progress with Mrs. Lilly in charge.

Mrs. Gregory states that Mr. Hoover said the money left from the Belgian fund for the Relief Fund of Children was a large sum running into the millions and that it lay in Mr. Hoover's power to use this money to establish the Institute of Family Service to act as a campaign committee.

What do you know about all this or any of it?

Very sincerely yours,

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WOMEN'S DIVISION
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

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January 29, 1934

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

Dear Eleanor:

You made such a wonderful impression on the Democratic Women's Luncheon Club of Baltimore when you received them in the White House last spring that they are desirous of meeting you again. They would like a luncheon or reception at the Democratic Women's National Club in Washington with which their Club is affiliated. preferably some time in February.

My advice to you is to say "I am too busy." This Club is not worth the gun powder to blow them up so far as winning Democratic votes. Lavinia Engle says they are only trouble makers. Will you please dictate one of your gracious letters saying that you have to spread your time a little thinner.

The address is, Mrs. Ethel R. Lorentz
President, Democratic Women's Luncheon Club of Baltimore,
7 East Eager Street, Baltimore, Maryland.

Affectionately,

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Miss Mary W. Dewson
Director
Women's Division

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

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January 19, 1934

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

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Dear Eleanor:

Important
There is one point that I am rather wondering about. This terrible Mrs. Wheelock has been lead to believe that the thing that stands between her and her appointment is your opposition.

Mrs. Pyke apparently has been told the same thing. If there is any thought of having you used as a buffer, I am not for it, but I greatly doubt that there is any such plan.

I, on the other hand, am perfectly willing to be put on the altar for the cause. I have nothing to lose that interests me.

I wish I knew more about the political situation in the various states. For example when Jim said he thought we had better go ahead and appoint Mrs. Pyke I said, "Well, if you are going to make the appointment, let me talk to her first to see if I can made some deal for a freer hand for some woman whom Mr. Julian may arrange to make vice chairwoman for down State." Then lo and behold I find that Franklin says "Is Mrs. Pyke ready to go along with Sweeney." Jim says to let the situation rest for a while.

Jim would tell me but he plain is too busy.

All I said to Mrs. Pyke was that with the understanding at which we arrived I was perfectly willing that she should be Collector of Customs. Well, I am so far as my part of the picture is concerned because with her strong opposition I could do nothing about increasing the vote getting power of the Ohio Democratic women, outside of Cleveland.

She asked me when she went to see you whether she should talk politics with you and I said that I did not see any reason why she should because

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her appointment, I understood, rested with Mr. Farley and me. I thought of course that Mr. Farley had cleared with FDR. In any case it seems to me not so good to have you dragged into this matter.

Some time soon, please straighten me out on this.

Faithfully yours,

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Miss Mary W. Dewson

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Mrs. Roosevelt

THE STORY OF MRS. JULIE , 45 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK CITY
January 19, 1934

Service to the Party

Mrs. Wheelock cast the foreign block of veterans' votes in the Legion for the past five years and each time elected a Democrat. These 60 to 63 votes she commands because she organized the foreign block of veterans and instructed them that they would have no power unless they voted as a unit. They are under the unit rule. They come from Europe to vote but she dictates that vote.

Request for Reward

She wishes to be made Minister to Yugoslavia. Louis Johnson, last year's Commander, has asked for no preferment except for Mrs. Wheelock. (He is a wealthy partner of Steptoe and Johnson, Clarksburg, West Virginia) He prefers her appointment to that of Alvin Owsley who was appointed to Roumania, but the allegation is that Owsley got his position because his Senator from Texas knew how to bring pressure on the administration because of what he knew about the purchase of the C.C.C. kits.

Mrs. Wheelock has secured the backing of her Senators and Senator Wagner told her that the Ministership to Yugoslavia was "in the bag"--she could go home and wait for it.

Senator Copeland's backing she does not consider is of much value because he voted against the economy measure in the last session.

The appointment did not come through and the present highly paid Congressional lobbyist for the veterans told Mrs. Wheelock that Mrs. Roosevelt was "irrevocably opposed" to her appointment and that the best step for her to take was to get me to work on Mrs. Roosevelt.

Additional Service to the Party.

Mrs. Wheelock claims that her foreign unit of veterans in Puerto Rico were entirely responsible for getting rid of Gore. I said "do you think this fact endears you to the President?". She said that their chief, Michael Munoz, was very loyal to the President. I asked what their attitude was to the new Governor and she said it would be favorable. I asked what their attitude was toward Boas Long of the NRA and she said she wasn't sure whether it would be favorable or not.

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January 19^y 1934

To your wife.

Mr. W. Forbes Morgan
Deputy Governor
Farm Credit Administration
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Morgan:

Thank you very much for writing to me about the splendid proportion of women in the Farm Credit Administration in St. Louis. As a woman, I am much pleased.

As the person who is responsible for winning many additional votes from Republican women in the Congressional elections this fall I should be much better satisfied if one of these 288 women had been someone whose work had been so valuable that it had come to my attention as making her a leader among the Democratic women.

I know you sympathize with me in this point of view because you also have been engaged in the business of winning elections.

With many thanks for your interest which I am sure will bear fruit before long.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Mary W. Lawson
Director
Women's Division

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I expect you will return this letter to me.

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FARM CREDIT ADMINISTRATION

Washington, D. C.

W. Forbes Morgan
Deputy Governor

January 16, 1934.

Miss Mary W. Dewson,
Director, Women's Division, Democratic
National Committee,
Hotel Biltmore,
New York, New York.

Dear Miss Dewson:

Just a note to advise you that Mr. Wood Netherland,
General Agent of the Farm Credit Administration, St. Louis,
Missouri, reports that of 761 persons in the employ of
the Farm Credit Administration in his district, approx-
imately 288 are women, many of them holding responsible
positions as department heads, etc.

I am sure you will be pleased to have this inform-
ation.

With best personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours

W. Forbes Morgan,
Deputy Governor

January 30, 1934

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Memorandum for Miss Dewson:

Do you really want this woman
to be seriously considered? If so I
will write Jim, which is all I can do.

E.R.

Let. from Mary C. Bryan
1411 N. St. N.W.
Washington

wants position of Director of Playgrounds

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

MURRAY HILL 2-7400

January 20, 1934

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

Dear Eleanor:

In regard to the letter from Mrs. Faris to you, I think your only answer must be to say that you will be glad to see that the President knows of Judge Faris' ambition to be Circuit Judge of the Court of Appeals.

You know the French idiom "tenir le moin". This seems to me Mrs. Faris' attitude regarding her family. ^{and to Park} I know nothing against her except that it is said that she can easily hold her position in the Party because most of the men politicians in Missouri are lawyers and appear from time to time before Judge Faris. However, bitter, cruel things can be said about anyone and frequently without justice.

On the other hand, she seems to me to be the type of woman whose idea of organization is to hand around cookies in the shape of donkeys at Democratic teas. (She told me about her donkey cookie cutter herself). I do not believe that she would interfere with any organization, plans, however.

She is friendly and polite although rather fatiguing ^{as} when during the Campaign she made me a three day visitation to try to get money for the Democratic campaign in Missouri, although Missouri seemed in 1932 a pretty safe state.

Affectionately yours,

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Miss Mary W. Dawson

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MRS. CHARLES BRECKINRIDGE FARIS
NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE-WOMAN OF MISSOURI
4469 WESTMINSTER PLACE, ST. LOUIS, MO.

January 13th, 1934

Telephone
JEFFERSON 7815

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Another appeal from Missouri but of a different nature to most you receive.

Thirty nine years ago I married the Prosecuting Attorney of Pemiscot County and went to live in what was then called "Swampiest Missouri" a county without a Railroad.

The honeymoon was not ended before I became aware of the fact that my husband was wedded to his profession before he married me. I happily resigned myself to being "a Law Widow" and aided and abetted him on his way to the present time.

He was a Circuit Court Judge then elected to the Supreme Court of Missouri and after serving eight years of his ten year term was called to the District Federal Court here in Saint Louis by President Wilson.

Twice since coming here and while he was getting \$7500 a year he was made very tempting offers to leave the Bench and join a Law firm but he declined because of his loyalty to the democratic party, as a republican would have succeeded him with all the patronage of the place.

He was approached by the Republican National Committee-
man who suggested he might be promoted by Mr. Coolidge but he remained true to his party and frowned on such a suggestion.

In September a year ago, Judge VanValkenburg of Kansas City, (a republican Circuit Judge) retired and Missouri sent a delegation to Washington to urge his appointment as his successor but the place was given to Nebraska.

MRS. CHARLES BRECKINRIDGE FARIS
NATIONAL DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE-WOMAN OF MISSOURI
4469 WESTMINSTER PLACE, ST. LOUIS, MO.

Telephone
JEFFERSON 7813

- Mrs. Roosevelt

I felt that was justice as Nebraska had not had a Circuit Court Judge and Court is held in Nebraska.

Saint Louis is the place of residence of the Circuit Court and has not had a resident Circuit Judge for more than twenty years. The longest term is held here and it would be a matter of economy to have a resident Judge.

My husband has given the best part of his life to his government and at a great financial sacrifice and of course his ambition has been to reach as near the top as possible in his profession and the sad part is to be turned down by the party he has been so loyal to all of his life.

The President has been very generous to the National Committee-women and I sincerely hope he remembers me and if I need to I can furnish plenty of testimony as to what I did for him before the Convention and at the Con. although Missouri had a candidate.

I know what great pressure he has brought upon him and that he can not see all the mail or telegrams but I hope he will get this message through you. I sent him the telegram (copy enclosed) but having no acknowledgement other than Mr. Farley's letter and hearing nothing further from him I have a feeling maybe he did not see it.

I am just as busy with party organization as before election keeping up the courage of the disappointed ones. Thanking you and hoping I am not intruding I am,

Sincerely yours, Anna Lu Faris

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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Washington, D.C.

Friends of my husband from Missouri, Arkansas and Nebraska have presented his qualifications for your consideration for his appointment to the vacancy on the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals. I understand the question of his age has been raised against his promotion. He is in perfect health and is carrying much heavier work than will be required on the Circuit Bench. If devotion to duty merits reward the service he has rendered his Government should be given consideration and Justice would demand his promotion. You Mr. President must know his long service has been at a financial loss to him and his family and unless he realizes his ambition to reach the highest place possible it will be a loss greater than the financial sacrifice. You have been most generous in your recognition of the services of National Committee-woman, and I do not feel I am asking too much of the administration in insisting on this appointment.

Mrs. Charles Breckinridge Faris

NATIONAL COMMITTEE-WOMAN

WESTERN UNION GIFT ORDERS SOLVE THE PERPLEXING QUESTION OF WHAT TO GIVE

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Hotel Biltmore

New York City.

James A. Farley
Chairman

October 14, 1933

Mrs. Charles B. Faris,
4469 Westminister Place,
St. Louis, Missouri.

My dear Mrs. Faris:

President Roosevelt has brought to my attention your wire to him of October 10th, relative to your desire that your husband be promoted.

You may be sure that we shall both take this matter up with Attorney General Cummings and do what we can to assist.

Faithfully yours,

(signed)

J.S. Farley

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION
MARY W. DEWSON, DIRECTOR

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February 3, 1934

Leader of Democratic Women:

We are making history today.

Our times will be headlines in the school books.

The Government is putting forth a superhuman effort to create security in a reasonable life for all of us.

How much do we know of the plans and the mechanics?

"We shall do our part" surely but how much better shall we do it if we understand and can explain to others.

I suggest that each organization of Democratic women appoint twenty-two women assigning each according to her special interest in either agriculture, industry, finance, public welfare, conservation or relief, to serve as a REPORTER for one of the new government agencies.

Call her the Reporter for the F.E.R.A. or the Reporter for the A.A.A. and so on through the attached list.

Ask each Reporter to write to the Information Service for her set-up at Washington to find out why it is needed, what are its plans and what headway it has made. If there is a local branch she can see it in action. Let her follow developments from day to day in the newspapers.

Few have encyclopedic minds but any intelligent person can be an authority on one subject.

The Reporter will give an easily understood account at meetings arranged by you. I hope she will be called on to talk at the meetings of other organizations. Perhaps she will write for the press on her subject or at least interest it to print fuller accounts.

THE RESULT. The Reporters will convince Republican women that they have always been Democrats at heart and that now is the time to act like Democrats. Now, and in the fall when the rank and file supporters of the Roosevelt administration will elect Democratic Congressmen.

Very sincerely yours,

Mary Dewson

Mary W. Dewson

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
WOMEN'S DIVISION

Mary W. Dewson, Director

February 3, 1934

County Vice Chairwoman:

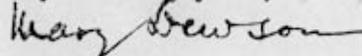
Are you interested in national Democratic news?

Will you subscribe to the snappily written "Digest" if the price is especially reduced for county vice chairwomen from \$2.00 to 50¢ a year in order to keep them closely in touch with Democratic policies and personalities?

Whether this plan of a lower price for county vice chairwomen is carried out depends on the response. Will you please answer on the enclosed postal?

Yours for congressional victories this fall.

Very sincerely yours,



Mary W. Dewson

FEDERAL EMERGENCY AGENCIES
February 3, 1934

N.E.C. National Emergency Council

Concerning Agriculture

A.A.A. Agricultural Adjustment Administration
C.C.C. Commodity Credit Corporation
F.S.R.C. Federal Surplus Relief Corporation

Concerning Industry

N.R.A. National Recovery Administration
N.L.B. National Labor Board
C.A.P. Consumers' Advisory Board

Concerning Railroads

F.C.O.T. Federal Co-ordinator of Transportation

Concerning Finance

R.F.C. Reconstruction Finance Corporation
F.C.A. Farm Credit Administration
F.D.I.C. Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation
H.O.L.C. Home Owners' Loan Corporation
F.S. & L.A. Federal Savings and Loan Associations

Concerning Public Welfare

P.W.A. Public Works Administration
P.W.E.H.C. Public Works Emergency Housing Corporation
F.S.H.C. Federal Subsistence Homestead Corporation
T.V.A. Tennessee Valley Authority
E.I.F.A. Electric Home and Farm Authority
F.A.C.A. Federal Alcohol Control Administration

Concerning Conservation

C.C.C. Civilian Conservation Corps

Concerning Relief

F.E.R.A. Federal Emergency Relief Administration
C.W.A. Civil Works Administration