STEPHEN EARLY

1934 - 1944
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 27, 1934.

CONFIDENTIAL

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The photographs made at the Birthday Dinner this year are given to each member of the "gang" with the understanding that each of the pictures shall be safeguarded against duplication; that they become your own very private and personal possessions and shall be protected as such for ever more.

It is respectfully requested that none of these photographs be exhibited or that their existence be discovered by any outsider.

These photographs belong to the "gang" and to the "gang" alone. Should they escape from your care or keeping, dire punishment will be imposed.

Be warned! Be careful, or be banished to the regions where the faithless, false, fraudulent, deceitful, treacherous, unscrupulous and perfidious felonies abide.

That is all.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House.
MEMO FOR MRS. SCHEIDER:

I sincerely hope that Mrs. Roosevelt will not let herself become involved in the controversy with Havas. Valentine Thomson will involve her if possible.

For Mrs. Roosevelt's information, the Havas controversy may become an international incident. The State Department, The President, French Ambassador and Havas Agency already are parties to this controversy.

I am returning Valentine Thomson's note of June twenty-first to Mrs. Roosevelt.

It is not possible for the President, certainly until he gets back from the Hawaiian cruise, to see Valentine Thomson. I hope Mrs. Roosevelt will indefinitely defer any meeting with Mr. Lemercier.

STEPHEN EARLY
E.R.

Cannot possibly see her until after I get back.

F.D.R.
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I am enclosing herewith the note about Havas that you asked me to send you. I am so anxious to end this misunderstanding...

My telephone number is: Wickersham 2-4100 and Mr. Lemercier's is Eldorado 5-4344 but, as this is the office of Havas, you may prefer to telephone me...

I would immediately come in touch with him.

I have a motor at my disposal, so could go anytime that is convenient for you. I shall be at home working all the time and shall await your message.

A bientot, j'espère.

Croyez a ma bien sincère amitié

[Signature]

PARK LANE

June 31, 1934
TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

From
The White House
Washington

August 28, 1934.

HON. STEPHEN T. EARLY
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

MANY HAPPY RETURNS OF THE DAY WE ALL THOUGHT OF YOU AT
NAN'S PARTY LAST NIGHT AND SO ALL JOIN IN SIGNING THIS
BEST WISHES FOR MANY HAPPY YEARS TO COME

MRS. JAMES ROOSEVELT
F. D. R. and E. R.
NAN
MARION
MOLLY
MISSY
GUS
EARL MILLER AND TOMMY
July 13, 1936

Dear Steve:

I meant to tell you last night when I telephoned that Ruth Bryan Owen wants very much to stay over here through September and October, and work in the campaign. Her regular leave would require her to go back about the first of September.

She can not very well afford to stay two months without pay. She thought possibly Franklin could arrange with Secretary Hull for her to be given some kind of a small job as an excuse and extend her leave in the State Department. This would leave her free to cover the state which Franklin suggested she cover and which will take practically two months to cover.

It would not be as good if she started out now besides the fact that she is really tired out and will have to take six weeks rest. She has offered to take her own car and do the campaigning in that.

I know there are probably a number of difficulties about this and that is why I am suggesting that you talk to Mr. Hull to find out what can be done. We really need her as a speaker.

I hope you get things straightened out in
department of Justice satisfactorily.

I am enclosing to you a copy of the memo which I wrote primarily for Charlie Michelson. However, we want your reaction and answers very much.

Cordially yours,
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

In acknowledging your memorandum of July sixteenth, I find myself in a position where it is impossible for me, at the present time, to give definite answers to the questions you ask.

Since the President left Washington, I have been able to spend but one day in New York headquarters. I have been tied by the drought, inter-departmental squabbles, callers and telephone calls to the office here ever since. It has not been possible to get away. However, I plan to return to New York and spend two days there this week -- Thursday and Friday -- if possible.

The Republican National Committee and the campaign headquarters of that Party have been organized for some time. More than two months ago they set up a publicity staff, including radio, speakers' bureau, press, pamphlet publications, news reel, press photograph, correspondence and advertising. Since London was nominated these bureaus have been supplemented by additional workers. A new director for publicity has been named. They had the money to do this even before Fletcher was retired. The Hamilton regime has brought additional finances.

We knew all of this and yet it was decided, principally because of financial and other reasons known to you, to postpone our organization. My understanding today is that Charlie Michaelson, with only a very small staff, has been compelled to authorize expenditures, despite the fact that he does not yet know what funds will be available to him in the future and has none on hand now.

We are at the decided disadvantage of being, in a broad way, still unorganized. One cause for this condition is the fact that many of those in charge of important campaign work are either on vacations or have not yet reported for duty. I understand, for example, that Forbes Morgan will not return to the United States until the twenty-sixth of July. He is the Treasurer. I understand that money questions will not be decided until he returns.

Meanwhile, those who are working, are laboring without competent staffs and consequently are personally overloaded. Under the circumstances, in my opinion, those now on the job are doing surprisingly well.
I was not present at the meeting in Washington when the
President announced the steering Committee plan. Personally I do not
think the plan is entirely practicable or workable. My reasons for
feeling this way are that those named as members of this Committee are
not likely to be associated together in one place. Hence they are not
likely to work with satisfactory efficiency. They will be travelling about
the country from time to time and when meetings of the Committee are
necessary the probabilities are that the members will be so widely sep-
parated that such meetings will be difficult if not impossible.

The works assigned to such a Committee seem to me to be of
such a nature that the members of the Committee should always be available
and ready to meet. Otherwise there will be inefficiency and delay. Re-
sponsibility cannot be definitely fixed. The labors of the Committee
members should be as continuous as are the problems arising and requiring
their attention.

For example — Henry Suydam, a designated member of the Com-
mittee, is now in the process of being covered into Civil Service; to act
as an Executive assistant to the Attorney General. No naturally will be
in Washington. As a Civil Service employee I doubt the wisdom of his
direct participation in a political campaign organization.

As for me, unless I leave Washington and let McIntyre carry the
whole burden, certainly too heavy for one man to shoulder, I must divide
my time between New York and Washington. When the President is away, I
have found by experience on many occasions, it is absolutely necessary for
one secretary to be on the job. Otherwise the telegraph wires and radio
facilities would be taxed to capacity, carrying problems and work to the
President. There would be little rest for him. There are only two of us.
When Mac is with the President I must be here, and vice versa.

I have always refrained from touching the President with daily
recitations of the chores attended to without bother to him by this office.
I do not know that he has an understanding of the volume of work done by
those in this office.

I know you will not interpret what I have said as indicating in
any way an unwillingness on my part to do any and all things expected or
wanted of me. Should it be desired, I should be perfectly willing to go
to New York and stay there for the duration of the campaign. I am willing
to "shuttle" back and forth. I am willing to stay here. I do believe,
however, that divided time and divided jobs do not give the best results.
I also feel that if I should go to New York to remain there until November,
I should resign my present post. I say this because I believe it would pro-
vide the opposition with a legitimate criticism if men working in the New York
headquarters regularly should remain on the Government's payroll.
It is my understanding that other members of the Committee also will be away from New York from time to time. Under the present arrangement Charlie Michelson is spending a day or two each week in Washington. Jim Farley will be in and out of New York. The President will be in Washington and campaigning through the country. Stanley High, so far as I know, is about the only one in a position to spend most of his time in New York. I suspect that he, in his Good Neighbor League work and with the other organizations he will have charge of, will be obliged to do some traveling.

If all this is to be, how can the Committee plan work? Where will the Committee be when it is needed -- how can there be any continuity of its labor?

As I see it, the better plan would be to give the Director of Publicity authority as broad as his responsibilities; to let him place men who will be regularly in New York in charge of radio, preparation of speeches, movies, pamphlets, news releases, speakers, etc. Those in charge of the various departments would constitute the committee. They would be responsible to the Director of Publicity, to the Chairman of the National Committee, and to the President. They would be regularly on the job and subject to call day or night. Some such plan as this, I believe, would be more practicable, more workable, useful and efficient.

As you know, Claude Bowers, the Ambassador to Spain, will be here early in August for the duration of the campaign. I am told that neither he nor Miss Bowers is in good health. For that reason, as well as because of his past experience in campaign headquarters, it would seem better to give him a desk in the hotel, than to have him traveling the country as a speaker. Moreover, Bowers is an expert publicity man. He comes from and knows the Middle West. I believe we need someone in headquarters who understands the problem of the Middle West. Bowers at one time was Charlie Michelson's chief. Michelson has a very high regard for Bowers personally and his judgment on publicity questions and would be disposed, I believe, to consider him as a chief rather than an equal. Bowers and Michelson would make an excellent team, one balancing the other.

During the one day I spent at headquarters, there was an apparent confusion about the place. This was not entirely surprising. Virtually all the employees were new. Neither the information desk, messenger boys or other workers about the place knew who was who, nor where they could be found. I found the "Nabib" working hard to overcome these troubles. I know he will soon correct them and have a smoothly working office organization. Most of the employees were so new that they did not know one another.

I did find, however, that there was a willingness to do an atmosphere of courtesy and an attitude on the part of all which measured up to every expectation.
Speaking of attitude, I found a marked change in Charlie McLemore. He apparently is entirely willing to cooperate. He invited and welcomed suggestions. He seemed to understand the conditions responsible for the lack of help and organization. His attitude was anything but critical. I believe that Charlie now, since the President has spoken to him regarding the kind of campaign and press he wants, will bend his every energy to see that he gets it and that he will do things the way the President wants them done.

Very frankly, I did not feel this way about Charlie several months ago. Then Charlie seemed to want to run the campaign in his own way, to play a lone hand. Others in headquarters with whom I talked very confidentially, told me that they had noticed the same difference in Charlie's attitude. What they said confirmed my own impression. Eddie Robson was among those I talked to.

I have written in detail and in general terms because I am not now in a position to otherwise answer your questions. I think that Mr. Farley, Mr. McLemore and Miss Dawson will be better able to give you specific answers because they know how many people are working on campaign speeches, handing out new releases, making contacts with newspapers, etc. I do know that, at this time, you will not be satisfied with their answers. They are working, as I said, with skeleton staffs as compared to those doing similar work in Republican headquarters. I suspect that some of the work you mentioned, just now is not being done at all for the reason that men have not been taken on or given that work to do.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
Eastport, Maine.
(By pouch arriving July 27th or 28th).
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
July 20, 1936

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I went to the State Department this morning and had a conference with Secretary Hull as you requested in your note of July sixteenth.

I am now in receipt of a written memorandum from the Secretary, concurred in by the Council of the State Department -- insofar as the legal questions are involved -- and by other of the Secretary's advisors.

The facts set forth in this memorandum are briefly as follows:

(1) Mrs. Owen's leave expires September three. It cannot lawfully be extended with salary.

(2) Probably the only way her time in the United States could be prolonged at all would be by ordering her to the Department for consultation in relation to the affairs of her post. This, undoubtedly, would lead to a press attack if, acting under such orders, she participated in the campaign as a speaker.

(3) Under the Danish law, and there is no question about it, Mrs. Owen's marriage automatically makes her a full-fledged citizen and subject of Denmark, hence obligating her to be loyal to that country.

(4) "I would not be frank," the Secretary said, "if I did not express the opinion that if Mrs. Owen should go on the stump the chances are that the press of the country, already overwhelmingly hostile, would launch an attack upon both Mrs. Owen and the President."

(5) "I do not think it would be permissible for any person," the Secretary continued, "to request the Government of Denmark to give her the option of retaining a single citizenship in this country and releasing her from citizenship in Denmark."

Secretary Hull said the Department would have been glad, had it been afforded the opportunity to have given Mrs. Owen its advice regarding citizenship and loyalty as affected by marriage, had such advice been requested or the Department known that she contemplated marriage. The Department had no advance notice of her plans of matrimony and was surprised when she married.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Eastport, Maine.
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The children have read, with so much interest, your book, "A Trip to Washington with Bobby and Betty," and have asked me to express their thanks and appreciation for your kindness in sending it to them, in which Steve and I join very sincerely.

They have already visited some of the places...
I much appreciate your note, but now I find I have the complete time to make with them due to their renewed interest in their home town.

Thank you again!

Very sincerely,
Aline Early
January 13, 1938

Dear Steve:

We are having the President's birthday dinner on the 29th of January this year at 7:30 here in the White House.

I thought instead of making speeches at the dinner this year, it would be amusing if each person would come either in costume or with something to present to the President as a reminder of some special incident, and the President will be asked to guess what the incident is. The other guests may join in the contest and we will all keep score. If the President has a perfect score, he will be given a prize. Of course if you prefer making a speech describing your incident, or to write something to be read, or in some way to act out the incident, that will be fine. The ladies as usual will leave the gentlemen free after dinner for their usual entertainment.

We are hoping very much that you will be able to come and are looking forward to a happy evening.

Very sincerely yours,

S:DD

Mr. Stephen T. Early
7704 Morningside Drive
Wash D.C.
January 12, 1940

Memorandum for Mr. Early

Dear Steve:

We are planning the birthday party for the President, as usual, for January 30, at 7:30 p.m.

I am not asking anyone to do anything special in the way of entertainment, but I hope very much if you can think of anything to do as a stunt you will let me know.

Looking forward to seeing you that evening, I am

Sincerely,

E.R.

Same to

Mr. McIntyre
Miss Durand
Miss LeHand
Miss Tully
Golden Beach, Fla
February 20, 1940

Dear Steve: Early

Mrs. Roosevelt says she will surely be on hand to go to church on the morning of March 4th.

Mrs. Roosevelt does not plan to leave here until some time on the 3rd, and will not be in until the evening, so she thinks it better to ask Mr. and Mrs. Wilson and Dr. and Mrs. Peabody to come on Sunday, arriving in the afternoon, to spend Monday. If this is done, the Cabinet will probably have to ask them to the dinner on the 4th. She is sure the President would want to ask Dr. and Mrs. Peabody.

Mrs. R. will ask the Knights and Mr. and Mrs. Cox to come over here before she leaves.

The house here is really grand and we are fairly private. However we have only been here for less than a day, so when the stampede will begin, I don't know. I am not optimistic enough to think that there won't be any.

Greetings,
MRS FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT =
365 OCEAN BLVD GOLDENBEACH FLO =

AT THE PRESIDENT'S REQUEST AM ARRANGING FOR REPETITION THIS YEAR OF ANNUAL MARCH FOURTH SERVICE AT STJOHNS. THE PRESIDENT ASKS I WRITE DOCTOR AND MRS WILSON HYDEPARK, ADVISING THEY ARE EXPECTED AT THE WHITEHOUSE FOR WEEKEND MARCH SECOND. HE SAID NOTHING ABOUT SIMILAR INVITATION TO DOCTOR AND MRS PEABODY. SHOULD I INVITE THEM? SPOKE TO MALVINA RE SERVICES ALSO RE IMPORTANCE YOU SEEING GOVERNOR MRS COX, ALSO MR MRS JOHN KNIGHT. HOPE YOU HAVE GRAND VACATION =

STEPHEN EARLY SECRETARY TO THE PRESIDENT =
July 12, 1940

Dear Steve:

I have your letter about Mrs. Elizabeth Von Hesse. I very definitely told Mrs. Von Hesse - and I am asking Mr. Magee to send you a copy of the letter which I sent back for file - that she had to buy any of the photographs she wanted from Harris and Ewing at $1.50 each.

When Mrs. Roosevelt returned them to me she did not say that she particularly wanted any herself, and because she is so busy I thought that sometime later we could order a whole set for Mrs. Roosevelt if she wants them.

I think the only thing for Mr. Crim to do is to write Mrs. Von Hesse that she will have to order these photographs direct from Harris and Ewing, and I am writing to Mr. Crim to tell him this.

Mrs. Roosevelt says that she would not want you to give Mrs. Von Hesse permission to use any photograph which you have any reason for refusing, so you can say anything you like to her direct or through Mr. Crim. She is writing a book on her stay at the White House, which she has promised to submit to Mrs. Roosevelt before she gives it to a publisher, and thought I think she is taking advantage of Mrs. Roosevelt's good nature, she is not to be given any favors which you would not give to anyone else.

Sincerely,
Mr. Magee

Please send copy of former letter to Mrs. Von Hesse, to Mr. Early

Came 7/13/40
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 9, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR MISS MALVINA THOMPSON:

Dear Tommy:

Mr. Crim today has received a long letter from Mrs. Elisabeth von Hesse, dated July seventh, and sent from Oak Hall Hotel, Tryon, North Carolina. Mrs. von Hesse says that she received a recent letter from Mrs. Roosevelt in which were enclosed several photographs of some of the things she is writing about. In my letter to Mrs. Roosevelt of June 29th, I said with reference to these photographs:

"Mr. May of Harris & Ewing, presents these to you, without charge. If they are turned over to someone else, a charge of $1.50 each will be made by Harris & Ewing," etc.

I do not think it is quite fair to Harris & Ewing to let Mrs. von Hesse use the photographs I sent to Mrs. Roosevelt. Harris & Ewing offered to give a 50% reduction, if Mrs. Roosevelt and Mrs. von Hesse wanted them to make the complete list of photographs -- a list made out by Mrs. von Hesse. In her note of June 22nd, Mrs. Roosevelt said that she would like copies -- glossy prints for herself and would pay half of the cost. It was because of Mrs. Roosevelt's desire for the photographs that Harris & Ewing were willing to make them at the 50% reduced cost.

In the list Mr. Crim received today from Mrs. von Hesse, she asks for a picture which hitherto has not been allowed to be either photographed or published. Other writers and magazines and new agencies have asked for this picture, without success. I wonder, therefore, if it is Mrs. Roosevelt's wish that an exception be made in the case of Mrs. von Hesse.

The picture calls for the Rose suite showing the bed where Queen Elizabeth slept.

I see no objection to the other photographs requested by Mrs. von Hesse in the list she has just sent Mr. Crim.

Mrs. von Hesse says that she has written the order direct to Harris & Ewing. They tell me that they have not, as yet, received any direct word from Mrs. von Hesse.

I have told Mr. Crim not to permit any pictures to be made until I hear from you that Mrs. Roosevelt wants these pictures made and wishes copies of each for herself.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
MEMORANDUM FOR MISS THOMPSON:

Dear Tommy:

Mrs. Roosevelt spoke to me this morning about her desire to get small radio sets for some of the bedrooms in the White House -- or all of them -- and possibly a larger Cabinet radio. I have talked to Mr. Butcher of the Columbia Broadcasting System and he will send Miss Hall to see Mrs. Roosevelt.

Miss Hall is a very dependable and reliable person and I am sure that she will be able to work out the radio problem with Mrs. Roosevelt and get the radio instruments at a great saving as compared to what would have to be paid if they were bought commercially.

I am writing this memorandum in order that you may know Miss Hall's mission when she calls to see Mrs. Roosevelt.

STEVE EARLY
January 15, 1941

Dear Steve:

I am planning as usual to have a birthday party for the President on January 30 at 7:30 p.m.

We both hope very much that you can be with us.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Stephen J. Early

DD
October 6, 1941.

Dear Steve:

You were so good and so helpful about Hall, and I am very appreciative of your kindness in coming to the services, and for the beautiful flowers.

The kindness of my friends means so much at this time.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Stephen Early
The White House
Washington, D. C.
February 14, 1942

Memorandum for Mr. Early:
Steve:

Will you handle, please?

E.H.

Bertram De M. Cruger
The British War Relief Society Inc. of the U.S.A.
51 Berkeley Sq. London.
Jan. 5, 1942

PLF/mlt
March 31, 1942

Memo. for Mr. Early

Dear Steve:

Is it advisable for me to go?

E.R.

Canadian Minister
March 17, asks
Mrs. R. to attend
Canadian National
Exhibition
May 27, 1942

Memorandum for Mr. Early

Mrs. Roosevelt asks if you will get a letter from the President as requested by Dr. Remsen Bird in his letter of May 15, attached.

H.C.T.

Wants a letter for the Ephebian Society
Enc.
His letter to Melvyn Douglas
Melvyn Douglas' let to Miss Thompson
June 24, 1942

Mr. Early

“Give all correspondence to Steve”

E.R.

Benjamin Mitchell
777 Putnam Avenue
Brooklyn, N.Y.
10-12-42

Memorandum for Mr. Early

Is the following message all right to send:

Everyone watches the heroic Russian defense of their homeland with deepest admiration and the hope that they will be successful, and that eventually all the United Nations may join together in crushing their common enemies.

E.R.
February 23, 1943.

Dear Steve:

Both the President and I were so sorry that his absence made it impossible for us to have the usual birthday dinner.

Under separate cover I am sending you the remembrance I had planned to give you at the dinner.

Very sincerely,

Hon. Stephen T. Early
7704 Morningside Drive
Washington, D. C.
June 25, 1945

STEVE

Memorandum for Mr. Early

I think this is Republican stuff. The National Committee should watch.

E.R.

[Handwritten note: Pamphlet by C. Mote sent by Harold Nadeau]
June 17th, 1943

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I enclose a copy of a pamphlet published and edited by Carl H. Mote of Indianapolis. On page eight it contains one of the most vicious attacks upon you which I have ever seen.

I thought you might like to see what the line of the "subversive" element is at the present time.

Sincerely yours,

Harold Nadeau

Mr. Mote, by the way, is planning to run for the U.S. Senate from Indiana next year.
July 30, 1943

Memorandum for Mr. Early

Dear Steve:

Of course the story about Mrs. Roosevelt going to any hotel anywhere and demanding accommodations for four Negro women is just plain bunk.

She certainly knows this country too well and has too much sense to even think of doing anything like that.

I have heard this story over and over again, as allegedly happening in every state in the South and in Washington, D.C. It was brought up in Mrs. Roosevelt's press conference and she denied it emphatically.

I do not know what more anyone can do.

M.C.T.
July 30, 1943

Memorandum for Mr. Early

Dear Steve:

The enclosed paragraph is taken from a letter written by Mrs. David Honeyman, 1728 S.W. Prospect Drive, Portland, Oregon, to Mrs. Roottigeri

Mrs. Roosevelt asks if you will have someone listen to the man.

W.C.T.

P.S. There is enclosed another paragraph from Mrs. Honeyman's letter, with clippings, which Mrs. Roosevelt wishes brought to your attention.
Dear Anna:

I tried to get you before leaving yesterday but you had gone to the Naval Hospital. I wanted to ask your mother how much caviar she wanted as I would be delighted, of course, to attend to it for her.

For some reason I didn't ask how long she is to be with you and have qualms that she may be leaving today. I fully intended to ask so that I could go out to the airport when she goes through here so do let me know if she hasn't gone. Harold Lash didn't seem to have ascertained her schedule either.

If she has left will you send this name and also the enclosed clippings on to her. The name is that of a man who spoke here at a Chamber of Commerce meeting and made what I consider was a speech of practically Fascist sabotage. Apparently he makes talks frequently and is considered a "hunsinger" by the Chamber. I forgot to tell your mother that his remarks were greeted by great applause. The point is that if he is a constant speaker at meetings I hope he can be checked on--and up. The name is

Ralph Carney
Vice-President and Sales Manager
Coleman Lamp and Stove Co.
Wichita, Kansas.

We discussed the attitude of The Oregon Journal (this was in connection with the radio station KXL matter and control of our local stations by our two Republican papers) and this article by its Washington correspondent is one more example of that attitude. You notice there is nothing about the President "scolding" Jesse Jones. And the Lawrence article I include as another indication that the opposition press is putting the whole thing as though it were all the fault of the Vice-President and implying that is the President's position.

Can't some friendly columnist do a little enlightening from the other angle? Jay Franklin--though he isn't as widely read--or Ernest Lindsey or someone.

It was nicer than I can tell you to have the time with your mother and you were a peach to let me know she was there. I got a lot out of the visit and appreciate it very much. I loved your place and it must be a joy for you to have it.

Affectionately,

[Signature]

I meant to ask your mother about Dr. Welch (?) who is head of music at Princeton and is "Consultant to Secretary Morgenthau". But I don't know on what. I had a telegram from his executive secretary who said they would be here on the 28th, for several days and I don't quite know just what to do about it. Is it war bonds?
July 26, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY EARLY:

Mrs. Roosevelt asks if the attached answer to Miss Reynolds is O.K. before mailing it.

M.C.T.

[Signature]

V.D.S.
Write letter & submit to Mr. Early before sending.

with memo asking if

Mrs. Shrew & co. ok.

Passed:

Mr. Stanton.

You may have thought you heard me say I meant to

social equality for all

but you never did. I

had not talked to never

talked to any negro college

for political purposes. I

once took when I am

instructed to do so.

We have treated our

Indians very badly

if you think so.
here no reference, complex
there you know very little
about them. They are
permanently imperceptible
we are Annual Forces,
but that does not make
our treatment of them
any more decent. We do
not put them under the
same restrictions that we
put the Negro eunuchs.
I never went to
Germany for advanced
education or lectures. I
have handled there but
never studied there.
I would not care to
do as you suggest
because I would not
think it right.
Letter from Mr. W. L. White, 56 West 12th Street, N.Y.C. re article written making reference indirectly to Elliot Roosevelt. Army Public Relations would not pass it. Has sent a copy to Mr. Early in hope this ruling will be relaxed as he likes Elliot and wants to give him the credit due him, etc.
October 12, 1943

Memorandum for Mr. Early:

Can you find out about this and let Mrs. Roosevelt know what you decide as regards the President?

M.C.T.

[Signature]

Ray Graham
Americans All - Immigrants
All, Springfield, Illinois
November 24, 1943

Referred to Mr. Early
M.C.T.

A. Lincoln Blinder
Nelson Bros. Furniture Co.
Chicago

wants to start interest in
giving a name to the present
war, following President's
suggestion a year ago
Dec. 31, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. EARLY:

Mrs. Roosevelt will take part in a broadcast inaugurating the Infantile Paralysis campaign. I understand that Miss Dorothy Lucas has made arrangements with the Blue Network for the broadcast which Mrs. Roosevelt will make with Miss Mary Pickford from the Diplomatic Room at the White House on Saturday, January 15th, from 1:45 to 2:00 p.m. She has probably told you of this but she may have expected me to notify you.

A photograph will be made of Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss Pickford, either before or after the broadcast, and Miss Lucas has been asked to handle the arrangements for this through your office.

Edith Helm

Copy for Miss Thompson
February 10, 1944

Memorandum for Mr. Early

Steve:

Could you help this man?

F.N.

J. Edward Davey
6427 16th St., Washington
April 7, 1944

MEMO FOR MR. EARLY:

I was not asked to broadcast on April 22d for the Cadet Nurses Corps. I go to a graduation meeting for them at Constitution Hall on May 13th.

On April 22d I broadcast for the State Department at 6:15 p.m. and have the Navy Wives tea from 4 to 5 p.m. and speak to the Nurses' Alumni Association of the Washington Sanitarium at 8:30 p.m.

E. K.

X Senator Thomas
Letter from Ernest H. Henrikson, Director of Speech Clinic, University of Denver, Denver Colorado. The gasoline used by Mrs. Roosevelt on her various trips.

April 11, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY EARLY:

Mrs. Roosevelt would like to have a copy of the War Department's letter.

M. C. T.
Letter from Dr. Joseph Jasen, Pacific International University,
527 West 7th Street, Los Angeles, California.

Re a "psychic" named Florence Decker whose followers are circulating word that she is private and confidential medium for the President.

etc. etc.
July 26, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY EARLY:

Mrs. Roosevelt would like to know about the transfer of Lieutenant Stewart Alsop, K.R.R.C. from British Army to the U.S. Army.

The President has correspondence on this.

M.C.T.
Letter from Harry B. Barney
504 E. C Street
Belleville, Illinois.

Asks if it is fact that President and his mother's estate own more than 500 shares of General Electric etc and that they manufacture war materials upon which they (the President and company) profit greatly.
Letter from Lee Ziegler, (Mrs) 412 Audubon Avenue, New York (37), New York.

She and husband have just become citizens. Husband is an artist. Wants to make a portrait of the President and asks for original photograph of the President which he can use for this purpose.

Mrs. Harry Siegel
33 Jay Street
Poughkeepsie, New York.

(Son killed in action May 18th, 17 years old. Want information as to circumstances.)
August 9, 1944

MEMO FOR MR. EARLY

Miss Charl Williams who was the first democratic vice-chairman and who has been with the NEA, working for federal aid to education for twenty-four years, is a very loyal Democrat.

The President has always been very kind to her and he agreed that it would be a good idea to have a two-day conference at the White House on rural education. This is planned for Oct. 4th and 5th. Miss Williams is making all the arrangements though the conference will be sponsored by a number of groups and I have told her that she should get an O.K. from you on her plans so that no mistakes will be made.

E.R.
Letter from:

Eleanor Dunmar
670 Gaba
65-41 Saunders
Forest Hills, L.I.

(Is author of forthcoming book "Handwriting of Outstanding Personalities". Wishes to publish the biographies and the handwritings of the president and Mrs. Roosevelt. Anything printed would be complimentary)
August 17, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY EARLY:

Early in May, the Rev. John J. Harney, Regina Coeli Rectory, Hyde Park, New York, applied to the O.P.A. for the use of fuel oil in the Church of the Rectory because of an Angina Pectoris condition since 1937 and which might be a Thrombosis.

In his application he mentioned that he was unable to care for the furnaces and could hire nobody for the work.

An amended ruling turned his case over to the War Petroleum Board - "Undue Hardship" - D.P.O. #13 Case 20630, New York Board. Has been there twice and no action has been taken. With the summer passing he is worried about the situation.

Mrs. Roosevelt asks if you will take this matter up?

M. C. T.
Letter from Charles H. Doran, DDS., 7 West Street, Danbury, Conn. Asks for brief resume of President's acts by each year. Is a writer at times.
December 12, 1944.

Dear Mr. von Baumann:

Mr. Early gave me your letter
and I appreciate so much your kindness
in offering to present one of the "Talismans"
to me. I would like the alligator pig.

Many thanks.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Cyril von Baumann
Safari Designs, Inc.
280 Madison Avenue
New York (16), New York.
December 25, 1944

Memorandum for Mr. Early:

We do not send Christmas cards to anyone except family and close friends and the employees here at the White House. Is there any reason for making an exception in this case?

M.C.T.  Major V.C. Swearingen, AC