

JAMES A. FARLEY

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY

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JAMES A. FARLEY
CHAIRMAN

February 21, 1935.

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

You wrote me on January 25th and
attached letter you received from Miss Lillian
D. Wald.

I have written Miss Wald as per
attached copy and am returning her letter to
you as I assume you would like to have it in
your possession.

Sincerely yours,

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SAUGATUCK
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 482

January 23, 1935.

Mr. Roosevelt
Beloved First Lady:

What a prompt First Lady you are! I think a little informal talk with Anna Louise Strong will interest you. I have telephoned to her and she will telegraph you that she will present herself on the 26th, at a quarter to one.

I know the President kept this nurse on his desk in Albany. Perhaps he will use another and will you put one somewhere on your busy desk? Reni-Mel who painted this member of our staff called her the "unique American". He passionately desired to do something of America that was not related to the killings in the war. You know he was the official painter for the War Department of France.

I have it in my heart to hope that there will be a stamp issued by the Government for the Nation is not "nurse-conscious" though we did create the public health nurse and Dr. Welch of Johns-Hopkins said it was one of the three original contributions that America had made in this field. He linked Gorgas for the Panama Canal and Herman Biggs for the State Tuberculosis Laboratories and

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"unimportant me for having created and named public health nurse." But if the stamp should appear it should have no personal connotation for there are vast armies of nurses who would be honored. I think, however, that the picture of this nurse as the "unique American" would be charming and Henry Street could be omitted.

Dear love to you and to all that is dear to you.

LDW/MS

Lillian D.W.

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Copy

February 21, 1935.

Miss Lillian D. Wald,
House on the Pond,
Saugatuck,
Westport, Conn.

Dear Miss Wald:

Some weeks ago I had a chat with Mrs. Roosevelt and she showed me your letter of January 23rd relative to the issuance of a commemorative stamp to make the nation more "nurse conscious". For your information, Miss Wald, I discussed the matter at length with the President, and it was deemed inadvisable to issue such a stamp at this time.

To be very frank with you, an issue of both the boy scout and girl scout has been rejected; also another issue sponsored by a group of women for Susan B. Anthony. We issued a number of new stamps last year and frankly I am under the impression that this year new issues will be very few.

However, you may be sure that I shall keep your correspondence before me in case there is any change in our plans.

Sincerely yours,

JAF:AC

May 4, 1935

Farley

Dear Jim:

I had a talk with Congresswoman Jenckes of Indiana yesterday. She says the women have been grand in supporting her, and that she can do a great deal for them and for the party but the attitude of the organization is extremely difficult - quite aside from the factional disputes. She is trying to keep out of them but there is one gentleman I gather who is not very fond of her. She says that on the whole there seems to be very little recognition in the men's organization that having a woman Congressman is an asset to the party.

I feel very strongly that if you could have a woman Congressman in every state, and give her the job of organizing and interesting women in the Administration, we would get a bigger vote amongst the women. The type of thing that is being done today must depend, in my opinion, very largely on women for its support. Could you do anything with the Indiana organization so that they will see this point of view and really give some whole-hearted support to Mrs. Jenckes? This would give her an opportunity to do some good work prior to the campaign in the Autumn.

How about Miss Mills in New York and the money from the state committee for the Women's Division? Mrs. Gilfoil, who still gets paid, is turned away every day from her job. I hate to pin you down like this but I must get a definite answer now and then.

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Is there any chance that Bess will come down on the 15th for the picnic on the White House grounds which the Cabinet ladies and I are giving to the Senate ladies?

Sincerely,

Honorable James A. Farley
The Postmaster General

S:DD

June 20, 1935

Dear Jim:

Thank you so much for your letter enclosing one from George B. Hills. I have known of this book for some time but feel it is much better to ignore it than to give it more publicity by trying to refute what she says. My press girls have several times asked me to comment but I have refused.

All of us in public life have to take the bad with the good!

Sincerely,

Honorable James A. Farley
The Postmaster General

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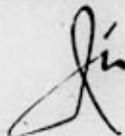
JAMES A. FARLEY
CHAIRMAN

June 14, 1935.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I attach copy of letter received from George B. Hills of Jacksonville, Florida. This undoubtedly has been called to your attention from other sources but I thought it advisable to send it along to you in any event.

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House.

George B. Hills
1604 Lynch Building
Jacksonville, Florida.

June 3, 1935.

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

Dear Jim:

Within the last thirty days numerous copies of book entitled "The Red Network" by Elizabeth Dilling, have been sent into Florida. These books, which are underscored in pen and ink, have principally been sent to substantial women who are active in D.A.R. and similar organizations.

You are undoubtedly familiar with this volume, which purports to be a "Who's Who and Handbook of Radicalism for Patriots".

It lists Mrs. Roosevelt and a great many others identified with the Administration in the "Who's Who in Radicalism" section.

I pass the above on to you principally as information, but in the thought that if you have any comments or suggestions bearing upon the subject which would be useful here they will be gladly received.

I am also advised that Huey Long's principal organizer expects to be in Florida within the next thirty days and contemplates a very active campaign in this state. Many people will rally to his support here.

Now that our Legislature has adjourned it will be advisable to give thought to the preliminaries of the next campaign. I hope to have opportunity of discussing with you various stages of the situation as it affects this state. With that thought in mind I will ask for an appointment with you in advance of my next trip to Washington.

Cordially,

(Sgd) Geofge

George B. Hills.

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June 29, 1935

Dear Jim:

I am enclosing this letter
which I received in regard to Miss
Mills' debts. I think \$1,000 would
about cover her bills and illness
and would be much appreciated by her
sister-in-law. Do you think the
State Committee could manage it?

Very sincerely yours,

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Hon. James A. Farley

Enc. Let. June 20, from Pearl McGuire

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING
WASHINGTON

JAMES A. FARLEY
CHAIRMAN

July 3, 1935.

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am returning the letter which you received from
Mrs. Edward S. McGuire. When I go to New York I will get
busy and see if I can help along the lines desired.

Sincerely yours,

JAF:MC
Enclosure

MRS. EDWARD S. MCGUIRE
4900 SOUTH SALINA STREET
NEDROW, NEW YORK

June 20, 1935

Dear Mrs Roosevelt:

I have deferred answering your letter hoping that Nan Mills might be in town a day, but I suppose she is very busy traveling about the country trying to scare up a few pupils. So I'll do the best I can from memory for it would be a bit difficult to write and ask just what the conditions are.

I know that there is an unpaid doctor's bill of \$150. The undertaker's bill will probably be \$600 or \$700. And what the crematory charge is I don't know. One of the nurses has not been paid for the final sickness. The other one Nan has paid. And in addition I imagine unpaid druggists bills for some of the medicines were costly.

I realize the lack of money in the hands of the State Committee and I'm sorry. I've said so much and you have been so patient with me, that I don't like to mention it, but I can't help a feeling that over the years past Mr Farley might have done something I imagine that a thousand dollars in cash just now would be a great help. There is no cash. She had managed to hang onto a few stocks - just what or how much, of course, I do not know, but I should judge at present prices they might sell for four or five thousand. Perhaps not so much. I am basing this assumption on something Miss Mills said to me last year just before her sickness then. She said "I have enough to take care of me for about two years, provided,

MRS. EDWARD S. MCGUIRE
4202 SOUTH SALINA STREET
NEDROW, NEW YORK

I do not have any serious sickness. And if I don't get something that will give me an income I hope I shall have gone before that is all spent. She got her wish, poor dear.

She tied her estate up in a trust fund for five years (made in 1929 when it was worth considerably more) for the benefit of her nephew who had made an unfortunate marriage and had never been freed from it.

I appreciate your goodness in taking this interest, please believe me.

Sincerely yours,

Edward McGuire

P S - When Nan comes to come I'll get what information I can.

P S - No 2 - Am enclosing editorial from Syracuse Herald. I am very happy over my appointment.

September 25, 1935

Dear Jim:

I was told today confidentially that the Republicans are planning to stir up another gentleman who is a better rabble-raiser than even Huey Long. His name is General Smith. They hope to have him lead the old Share-the-Wealth idea financed by the Republicans. How much truth there is in this I do not know, but I pass it along.

The meeting is here on the 5th.

I was thinking it would be a very good idea for Molly Dewson to come down here for about a week and get some new plans started, and I would suggest that, if it is possible for the National Committee to pay her expenses, if she could come down every other week for a day we might begin on some organization work.

One of the things I would like to suggest is that she work out a kind of a Democratic Women's Council with the women who are heads of various activities here and have them meet at luncheon and talk over the campaign possibilities once every two weeks or every month. I will be glad to meet with them when possible. If this does not meet with your approval, of course say so. It is just a suggestion on my part.

Very sincerely yours,

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY

JAMES A. FARLEY
CHAIRMAN

September 28th, 1935.

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have your letter of the 25th relative to General
Smith. I know something of his activities, and am watching him very
closely.

I agree with you in that Molly Dewson should come to
Washington. I am going to call her in a day or two and invite her
down. I heartily agree with you about a Democratic Women's Council,
and will work it out with you as soon as you return.

Sincerely yours,

James A. Farley

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October 31, 1935

Dear Jim:

Molly Dewson and I think it would be a very good idea to have a discussion with the President about various things of political interest, and I am hoping that you can dine with us at the White House on the night of Wednesday, December 11, at 7:45.

I am asking Miss Dewson, Mrs. Wolfe, Mrs. Fickel, and Mrs. Woodward.

Very sincerely yours,

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Hon. James A. Farley

December 3, 1935

My dear Mr. Postmaster General:

I am enclosing a letter, at
Mrs. Roosevelt's direction, from
Mrs. Nellie Benvenuti, 455 State
Street, North Adams, Massachusetts.
Is there any chance for her appoint-
ment to the position she wishes?

Very sincerely yours,

Malvina T. Scheider
Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

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Hon. James A. Farley
The Postmaster General
Washington
D.C.

Has passed exam, rating 83.20
feels that she is discriminated
against.
In urgent need of work.

Mrs. Harriett E. Longan, 37-40 - 85th St., Jackson Heights,
L.I.

November 20, 1935

My dear Mr. Farley:

Mrs. Roosevelt wonders if
you could find something for this
woman. She seems desperately in
need of a job and has done a good
deal of work for the Democratic party.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt.

Honorable James A. Farley
The Postmaster General
Washington, D. C.

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December 11, 1935

My dear Mr. Postmaster General:

I am enclosing a letter from
* Mrs. L. F. Rogers, whose husband has
applied for a position in the Post
Office at Plymouth, Massachusetts.
Can you tell Mrs. Roosevelt if there
is any chance of Mr. Rogers' being
appointed, in order that she may
answer this letter?

Very sincerely yours,

Malvina T. Scheider
Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

Hon. James A. Farley
Postmaster General
Washington
D.C.

Present address of Mrs. Rogers,
147 W. School Lane
Germantown
Penna.

Please do not let them take
this one chance away.

I was told that the Post Office
Dept. has the right to specify
whether they want a male or
female clerk. Please help me
if you possibly can.

I have tried so hard and
the sun would shine through
the clouds again if I were
appointed.

Very respectfully yours,
Miss Nellie Benvenuti

1000 State St.,
No. Adams, Mass
Nov. 26, 1935.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Warm Springs, Ga.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt;

May I wish you and our
President a Happy Thanksgiving?
I know those at Warm Springs
are going to be happy too, for
they are to be with you both.
It's going to be a wonderful day.

I have read so very much
about you and you seem so
real and friendly. I am hoping
my letter will get to you and
that it will not annoy you.

You and our President
are doing so much for those
unfortunate ones afflicted with
infantile paralysis. Would you
listen to someone afflicted with

discriminate so.

I need the work badly,
and I am capable of doing it,
as I have worked in the local
postoffice during holiday seasons.

Don't you think it reasonable
to suggest that the women of
No. Adams, Mass should be
represented by a woman clerk in
the local post office?

Because I am a woman,
must I give up hope, must I
cease to be ambitious, must
I cease to exist except as a
wife and mother?

Since 1929 I have been living
in a rut mentally, physically
and also financially.

I have this one chance to
redeem my self respect — this
one chance to regain the desire
to live and carry on.

analysis of hope?

Since 1929 I have been in
misery — misery of mind and
soul. In 1929 we lost everything
we had and a lot we borrowed.
It will take years to get out of
debt and by then we will be
much older and our earning
power — gone

My husband is a veteran
and has never felt well since
1920. We have three children.
— must do something.

On Aug. 15, 1935 I passed an
examination for postal clerk
with a rating of 83.20. This makes
the third time I take the
examination and pass. I am
number one on the list.

But they won't give me a chance
here. The postmaster we have
now is opposed to women, but
I hardly think it is fair to

Post Office Department
INTER-OFFICE MEMORANDUM

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December 13, 1935.

To: Mr. Farley.

From: Mr. Burke.

Remarks: North Adams, Massachusetts - Request of Mrs. Nellie Benvenuti for appointment.

This office has a clerical complement, including the assistant postmaster, of twelve, all of whom are male employees. There is no classified substitute clerk and no classified substitute carrier. There are no vacancies in the position of regular clerk or regular carrier.

If, as stated by Mrs. Benvenuti, she is No. 1 on the female list of eligibles, she has a status to be considered for appointment as probational substitute clerk. At an office of this size there should be some duties available for a substitute clerk which could be advantageously performed by a female employee.

The postmaster's commission expires January 27, 1936. We have promised Senator Coolidge to carefully scrutinize any recommendation by the outgoing postmaster.

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[Handwritten initials]
Office of the Postmaster General
Washington, D. C.

December 17th, 1935.

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

My dear Mrs. Scheider:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the third, to which you attached a letter addressed to Mrs. Roosevelt by Mrs. Nellie Benvenuti, 455 State Street, North Adams, Mass. I am returning Mrs. Benvenuti's letter to you.

Attached hereto is a memorandum prepared by Vincent Burke, Deputy First Assistant Postmaster General, which is self-explanatory. We will watch this, and when the new postmaster is appointed I will assist if I possibly can.

Sincerely yours,

[Handwritten signature]
Postmaster General. ✓

JAF:MC



Office of the Postmaster General
Washington, D. C.

December 19, 1935.

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Mrs. Malvina T. Scheicer,
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt,
The White House.

Dear Mrs. Scheicer:

Several weeks ago Mr. Farley referred to me your letter of November 20 enclosing letter to Mrs. Roosevelt from Mrs. Harriett W. Longan of Kansas City, Missouri. I did everything I could to locate a position for Mrs. Longan here in Washington, but after communicating with her found she could not pass the stenographer-typist tests.

As she preferred to stay in New York, if possible, I took up the matter with Mr. Farley's New York secretary, Mrs. Duffy, who stated she had had a long interview with Mrs. Longan but found it difficult and practically impossible to secure anything for her in New York City.

Her case presents a number of difficulties and frankly, it seems to me, in view of the important work she has done in Kansas City, her best chance would be to try to work it out there. I am returning her letter to Mrs. Roosevelt.

Sincerely yours,

J. A. Letimer
Special Assistant to
the Postmaster General

Encl.
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Miss Lannett E. Langan

37-40 - 85th St

Jackson Heights

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Nov 14-1935

Dear Mrs Roosevelt:

as one woman to another may I have one minute of your time. I shall try to state my case very briefly: For the past 12 yrs I have been employed by the Pendergait faction of the Democratic organization in Kansas City, Mo. The past seven years under the County Court which is now Truske

I came to N. Y. Sept 20th to place 2 young cousins in the Katharine Gibbs School - With me I brought good letters of reference from the Court - Pres. of the Chamber of Commerce & others. I was advised to apply to Mr James Farley & Mr Frank Walsh atty (a former K.C. resident) on my arrival here -

To date I have been unable to see either one personally. I

hesitate to take the steps of one of my
ancestors in gaining admission
to the presence of J. Hayes - which
he accomplished by knocking down
the Doorman: It cost him $\frac{1}{4}$
million dollars - as he secured the
contract + built the Missouri
Pacific Ry. through Missouri.

I must have work - I have
had varied experiences - was Deputy
City Clerk - 3 yrs previous to being transferred
to the County Court - did private
Secretary work - Part 4 campaigns
have had change of my local ward
headquarters - known as the Dick
stocking Ward - (last election was the
first time it had gone Democratic).

I am 40 yrs of age - the support of
my mother + invalid father - have been
a widow 18 yrs - raised + educated
a daughter who is now 21 - + reared
another from 1 mo to 13 yrs + lost her.

I am of one of K. C. pioneer
families. My cousin Geo. B. Sargan
is President of the K. C. Star.

I worked several years under
Sen. Lammie S. Truman.

Every place I apply for work.

in New York I receive
the most "idiotic" answers.

You must have lived here
always - be just 25 - a Blonde
etc -

I think they need some
new - clean Western blood
here to help straighten out
some of these silly ideas -

I cannot observe you from
Radio addresses - published
articles + feel you are not sincere
in your appeals for women.

I do not seek any personal
favours - I just want some
good old fashioned advice
where to go next - to apply

I will take anything
clean + honest at a livable
salary.

It is imperative I have
work immediately - as I must

eat to live + I no - have
exhausted my funds.

Must do a "Brady" off the
bridge to convince someone
I need a job - ?

Resenting publicity - + not
being a type that would gain
an end that way I am still
hoping my shoes hold out while
I continue to walk.

If you can advise me, what
to do will appreciate your kindness
or if you can direct me to someone
personally on the Fed. Relief - I
have raised + collected thousands
of dollars for the Democrats + feel
no embarrassment in asking -

I am stopping with friends
very temporarily - Their card enclosed.

Mr Jack Wheeler Pres. - North American
newspaper Alliance - Times Bldg -
can give you information concerning
me - Also Geo. Creel of Colliers Bureau
Mr Geo. Pyle Critic 535- 5th Ave.
Sincerely, Lambert E. Langau.

December 31, 1935.

Dear Jim:

This will introduce Mr. Charles H. Dunphy,
and Mr. Kermit Smith. I think they have
a remarkably good idea and hope very much
that something can be done with it.

I should like to see it started with the
women and would really like to see the
women work on the whole publicity end
of it.

I hope you can find time to see them and
let them explain their plan.

Very cordially yours,

Hon. James A. Farley
Postmaster General
Washington, D. C.

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Dear Jim:

Dr. Amstrong, friend of Sue White, with a very good record at the Brookings Institute and in economic research wants appointment with Social Security Board. She has been given the run around but must have a job. Nobody knows why she can not get it. Will you try because of Molly's and Sue White's interest?

Senator and Mrs. Costigan are very hard up. If Mrs. Costigan could have a job on some commission it would probably be a good thing.

Mr. and Mrs. McAllister of Grand Rapids, Mich. If Mr. McAlister could get a job here, probably she and Mary Evans of North Carolina could be in woman's division and do a swell job. If her husband had a job, she could probably take \$8000 instead of the \$7500 which Mrs. Wolfe had. Miss Evans would probably get \$4000 and there might be other cuts to even things up.

Don't forget that Molly wants a job either on the Social Security Board or as an assistant secretary doing some kind of work she is fitted for.

I forgot to say that Phoebe Omlie should be given consideration. Is there any chance of moving Vidal? If so she might be assistant secretary in charge of aviation and considering all the fighting she might be rather acceptable to all concerned.

~~Suzanne~~ Nickel is looking everywhere for some work. She would fit in well where they wanted some one to investigate and to meet people. Do try to place her.

Meta Fay is also going to be out of a job on the first of January. Is there any thing that you can do to place her? Remember she is from Rochester and you know her.

Sincerely yours,

JAMES A. FARLEY
NEW YORK

March 8th, 1936.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I attach hereto a copy of my letter to Nancy in accordance with our conversation of yesterday.

I shall be back in New York on Wednesday and shall at that time send a personal letter to each county chairman in the State.

If you have any other suggestions, Mrs. Roosevelt, regarding the activities of women please call them to my attention. If you feel it would be proper or necessary for me to write a letter to each county chairman urging him to give all the assistance possible to the organization of women's clubs in his county, I shall do so. I feel that we should have a club of Democratic women functioning in every town in the State, and of course, in the cities not only have a large women's club, but ward clubs if possible. That, however, is something we can discuss later on but I want you to know I shall do everything within my power to help in the organization of women's Democratic groups.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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

James A. Farley

Attachment

March 8th, 1936.

Dear Nancy:-

I had a talk with Mrs. Roosevelt over the telephone on Saturday relative to the activity of women in the State organization. She seemed to feel that it is particularly important that I communicate with all of the county chairmen and insist that associate county chairmen be elected at their organization meetings which will be held after the Primaries on April 3rd, because in some counties the associate chairmen are appointed and are not elected. It follows, of course, that an associate chairman who is appointed really does not have very much authority and naturally she is not very active. The result is that the State organization is prevented from receiving the full benefit it would receive from an associate chairman who is elected and who would in fact have some real authority.

Will you therefore upon receive of this letter send me a list of the New York State counties showing those where we elect an associate chairman and those where she is appointed. I want to write all the county chairmen within the next day or two indicating my wishes in the matter.

I want to do everything I possibly can to strengthen the activity of the women's organizations in New York State for I realize full well the influence they will have in this campaign. I know that the women have in the past given splendid service and that with the story we have to tell in this campaign it should be easier for us to attract the support of the women in behalf of the President.

Will you please get this list to Mrs. Duffy immediately so that I may get in touch with the chairmen within the next few days, in accordance with my talk with Mrs. Roosevelt.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Miss Nancy Cook,
331 Madison Avenue,
New York, N.Y.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON (1)

April 9, 1936

Memorandum for Mr. Farley

Dear Jim:

This seems to be a pretty serious thing and I do not know what ~~is~~ the proper thing to do. Perhaps you should send it to the President and ask him what he considers wise. Will you let me know what you decide?

E.R.

TELEGRAM

SWUD 470DL 1045pm The White House

Washington

New York NY April 5 1936

Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt

The White House

An exceedingly serious situation has arisen which involves apparent political trickery to keep anti-lynching bill from being brought up in House of Representatives. Hatton Summers chairman House Judiciary Committee has asserted he will never permit while he is chairman favorable action on any anti-lynching bill. Only recourses left therefore are petition to discharge committee or petition to leader Democratic caucus asking definitive stand of party on bill. We are unwilling attempt discharge petition as such action would throw legislation into partisan politics. One hundred four Republicans and ten Progressive and Farmer Labor congressmen would probably sign petition immediately which might lay supporters of bill open to charges of being anti-Administration.

We also know that House rule requiring thirty days to elapse after two hundred eighteen signatures are secured and practice of stretching legislative days to include several calendar days would permit blocking action since Congress plans to adjourn in May. We have secured twenty five signatures under rule three of Democratic caucus which make it mandatory on leader to call caucus. Every possible kind of pressure is being brought to bear to prevent other Democratic congressmen from signing. We are informed today that desperate efforts are being made by House Democratic leader to induce those who have signed to withdraw their signatures.

We are told that Patrick Boland Democratic Whip John J O'Connor chairman Rules Committee Speaker Byrns and other leaders have been very active trying to prevent participation in movement for caucus. Is it unfair or unreasonable for us to ask caucus to declare its attitude on this growing national evil of lynching? Our present overwhelming Democratic majority in House two thirds come from Northern and border states where sentiment of voters white and negro favors anti-lynching legislation. Latest report is that speaking engagements and other subterfuges are being arranged to take out of Washington such signers of petition as Gavagan of New York Ludlow of Indiana Ford of California and others so they will not be present when caucus is called and will permit them explain to their constituents that official business kept them from being present to work for bill.

We are told also that House leaders went to Chairman Farley to ask him to get President to intercede. We are told Mr Farley refused to do so saying that White House favored this legislation. House leaders apparently think negroes and others who want anti-lynching bill passed are fools or naive. Leaders do not seem to realize that blocking of caucus by political trickery will be as bitterly resented as adverse action by caucus. Believe situation critical enough to warrant communication with President so that he may use his influence against such shortsighted and harmful steps as are being taken.

Walter White

April 9, 1936

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Walter White - long telegram re "apparent political trickery to keep anti-lynching bill from being brought up in House.

M. Forley
President

April 24, 1936

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 9th to which you attach copy of a communication of April 5th from Walter White of New York.

I will discuss this letter with the President and try to handle it in a satisfactory manner.

Mrs. Scheider advised me that you would be back in Washington next Tuesday. I should like very much to see you at that time to clear up some matters in my file upon which I should like to have a decision.

Sincerely yours,

JAF/ep

April 24, 1936

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

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Sincerely yours,

JAF/ep

April 18, 1936

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Dear Jim:

I want to talk to you about the vice-chairmanship, also about getting one really good woman's speech made at the campaign.

The President tells me that everything is to clear through both you and Louis and anything you are not entirely sure about is to come to him.

Molly has left a few things on my doorstep and I want to talk to you about them. Can't we get together some day soon?

I have just read ^{Lesh S.} Mrs. Pollock's letter and it makes me boil!

Very sincerely yours,

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April 15, 1936

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

Dear Jim:

I am interested in Leah S. Pollock's letter of March 12, 1936 "objecting to the ineffective methods" of the Women's Division and "suggesting instead of spending its time in promoting Club activities such as the sale of donkey banks and place cards, it expends its energies in answering some of the attacks of the Republican National Committee by means of pamphlets also." But my chief interest, I admit, is in your answer to this letter.

I go to your defense with loyalty and ardor practically every day. I have no written evidence of this for no one has cared to attack you by letter to me.

The few times I have disagreed with you I have told you and no one else except Mrs. Roosevelt to whom I feel primarily responsible.

Frankly I do not relish the source of this attack. While in the District Mrs. Pollock was on friendly terms with our office. She knew I recommended financial support by the National Committee for the Absentee Voters' Bureau. Since Mrs. Pollock left for Pennsylvania we have had no contact. I did not incur her enmity as I might have if I had reported to you that when she left she took with her the card records of the Absentee Voters' Bureau which certainly were not her private property. The Democratic Women's Council reported they had to begin this work again from scratch.

The reason I do not relish the source of this attack is solely because Mrs. Pollock was taken to Pennsylvania by Senator Guffey and because I have had continuous evidence of the Guffey methods when they are opposed to someone. I think my devoted, unself-seeking and I hope you believe effective service as your assistant since 1930 deserves protection from anything like the treatment accorded Frances Perkins.

Take for illustration the case of Charlotte Carr a former expert in the New York Department of Labor who was called to head the Pennsylvania Department of Labor by Governor Pinchot. Secretary Perkins would have liked to secure her trained services, since there are so few experienced women of capacity in this field. On Mrs. Miller's bitter expostulation that Miss Carr had spoken slightingly of Senator Guffey Miss Perkins did not do so. Having won their point and kept Miss Carr from practicing her profession, it seems to me that the affair was closed and with honors to Mrs. Miller. This happened some two years ago but again and again it has been brought up in public against Miss Perkins. Since Miss Carr's appointment by Mayor LaGuardia to head Home Relief in New York, the attack has been made as though Miss Perkins were responsible for this Republican, non-federal appointment. The last time

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April 15, 1936

was at a meeting in January 1936 at a conference of leaders from New England and Eastern central states at Mrs. H. O. Leach's house in New York City. This time the attack was carried by State Vice Chairman Edith DeWitt seated by Mrs. Miller. I called Mrs. DeWitt's attention to the fact that Miss Perkins could not have had anything to do with this appointment. She admitted the fact and desisted but I do not see why this destruction should be made over and over again. It has been made since that date.

Another persistently reiterated complaint is that two other experts from the Pennsylvania Women's Bureau have been employed in the U. S. Children's Bureau which is under Miss Perkins. What alternative did Miss Perkins have when every position in the Children's Bureau, except that of Chief, is under the Civil Service, and when these experts stood at the head of the list. Both of them received their original training in my organization, the Consumers' League. In fact, I trained one of them, a Miss Johnson, although she took the examination and was appointed months before I heard of it. I myself who have never voted for a Republican in my life passed at the head of the examination for Assistant Chief of the Children's Bureau back in the twenties under a Republican Administration, and was offered the post.

My one object is to reelect Roosevelt and build up a party organization strong enough to support his program. I have, and will, cooperate with the Outfey efforts in Pennsylvania for I consider them the only persons who could have broken down the Quay, Penrose, Grundy, Reed strangle hold. They had to fight fire with fire. But I should be bitterly disappointed to see the Women's Division of the National Committee under their influence.

I hope my apprehensions are moonshins and that you will reassure me that they are. I have paid you the greatest compliment in my power by never denouncing anything from you. This letter is another evidence of my belief that you are a square shooter.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Mary W. Dawson

P. S.

Mrs. Pollock's criticism of the donkey banks is amusing. We have sole 37,000 banks without effort and without any expense, even for clerical hire. These banks at a minimum of \$1.00 a piece will net \$37,000 for women's work in the counties. This relieves the National Committee of any need to contribute some \$6000 as in 1932 and insures the county work being better done.

Our plans for campaign literature have been okay. We have never printed anything as dull as the leaflet Mrs. Pollock sent. Do you advise answering the attack on the Constitution? An answer would involve us on a difficult point. Also the Constitution was not mentioned to me once on my Western trip. I doubt its being a live issue.

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HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY

JAMES A. FARLEY
CHAIRMAN

April 6, 1936

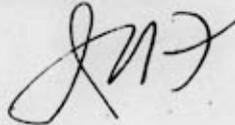
Mrs. James H. Wolfe, Director
Women's Division
Democratic National Committee
National Press Building
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Wolfe:

The attached correspondence from Mrs. Leah S. Pollock
of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, is self-explanatory

Mrs. Pollock evidently does not like your activities
in promoting the sale of the donkey banks. Do not pay any
attention to her criticism, and please do not mention the fact
that I have sent her letter to you, but I am passing it on to
you for whatever consideration you feel it merits.

Sincerely yours,



JAF:MC



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
DEPARTMENT OF WELFARE
HARRISBURG

March 12, 1936

Honorable James A. Farley, Chairman,
Democratic National Committee,
Mayflower Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Farley:

For the purpose of identification before getting into the object of this letter, you will recall that I was one of the pledged Roosevelt people on the District of Columbia delegation to Chicago and also Director of the Absentee Voters' Bureau in that campaign.

In writing this letter to you I do so because of my intense interest in the success of the party, Nationally as well as in the State of Pennsylvania. I regret to say that the work done by what is termed, "The Women's Division of the National Committee" is not as effective as it should be.

There came to my desk the other day a lot of literature from the Republican National Committee. This literature is in the form of pamphlets, which is being circulated quite widely all over the Country. I suggest for your own information that you get some of these pamphlets; four of them in particular, the titles of which are NEW DEAL CORRECTION, THE SPOILSMAN, THE FIGHT FOR LIBERTY, and ROOSEVELT - THE WASTWR. There are many other vicious pieces of propoganda, not the least interesting of which is one entitled, HELL BENT FOR ELECTION.

May I suggest that the Women's Division of the National Committee, instead of spending its time in promoting Club activities such as the sale of donkey banks and place cards, expend its energies in answering some of these attacks by means of pamphlets also. I have before me a communication which has been sent out under the signature of Mrs. Hoyle, the Director of the Republican Women's Organization, which is a master-piece. On second consideration I am enclosing it.

You realize I am not complaining about the women's organization but I am objecting to the ineffective methods which are being used in trying to interest th women

Honorable James Farley #2

March 12, 1936

voters of the Country. We gained quite a lot in 1932 but we must add to that gain in order to effectually bring about the results that you and I are anxious to accomplish in November. Of course, this is confidential. However, I hope you will pay some attention to my communication and accept it just the way in which it is meant -- in a spirit of helpfulness for the re-election of Roosevelt and a Democratic Congress.

Sincerely yours,

Leah S. Pollock

Leah S. Pollock, Director,
Solicitation & Corporation Acts,
Department of Welfare.

LSP:HW

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
WOMEN'S DIVISION

April 10, 1936.

Mrs. Carroll Miller,
2340 Kalorama Road,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Miller:

I have your letter dated April 7th and in obedience to your request for information as to what our Department has done relative to appointing and advancing women and women's interests under this Administration, I am sending you a copy of "Thumbnaill Sketches of Women You Hear About in the New Deal", which will give you a list of the women who have been appointed to prominent positions in the Government largely, as you know, through the efforts of Miss Dewson. In this regard, you might also read the article written by Emily Newell Blair in the January issue of Good House-keeping.

Of course, we have placed quite a number of women in minor positions, but have not made a special effort to do so for two reasons. In the first place, Mr. Farley had set up an elaborate service in the Democratic National Committee which was designed to distribute the patronage equitably between the states and in conjunction with the patronage authorities of those states who knew better than anyone else which persons deserved positions. Duplications would have created confusion and served no interest as Mr. Farley has insisted on due recognition of women. In the second place, if we had done so we could not have performed the duties assigned to us by the President and Mr. Farley to help the women develop into a fighting force for the 1936 campaign. Our budget severely limited our staff and it was essential for the limited staff to concentrate on strategic points. These points were endorsed by the President and Mr. Farley:

1. To help and encourage women to understand and explain the work of the Administration. Without question this educational program has done more fundamentally to develop women's place in the party than anything since suffrage was won.

It has given women outside our comparatively small list of trained speakers, a fresh responsibility that was interesting and stimulating. It has provided the incentive for very successful regional, state and congressional district conventions. It has kept local groups active

between campaigns. We have the names of 15,000 reporters on file at headquarters. New speakers have been developed and some exceedingly effective ones.

In many places the educational program has given the men leaders a new conception of women's potential value to the Party.

2. To strengthen womens status in the party organization. One of the biggest contributions we have made is along organization lines. Experience in the 1928 and 1932 campaigns showed us the weakness of womens position. Some states had little more than a National Committeewoman or a few feeble clubs. The first step was to improve party structure.

During the past two years women have secured definite recognition on party committees in many states. The last Florida Legislature passed a law providing for complete 50-50 organization. A recent session of the Legislature provided for partial 50-50 representation in Idaho, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, Minnesota, Washington and Oregon have provided for either complete or partial 50-50 representation by party rule; while definite gains have been made in Vermont, Maine, Michigan, Kansas, Arkansas and Nevada.

Party structure has been improved and there is a far clearer recognition by both men and women in many places of the necessity of having county vice chairmen and of having active county vice chairmen. Rome was not built in a day but we are proud of the advance made along this line.

3. To enable women to finance their work themselves if the state and county committees do not. We have made a definite contribution to the Women's Organization by stressing the fact that women must have funds with which to carry on organization work. Women have for years been expected to participate in the political activities but in the majority of instances have never been given any funds with which to work. The donkey bank plan is a superb one in that it will furnish money for organization work and in addition will enlist the

interest and support of every woman taking a bank. Already 37,000 banks have been bought. The idea is going with increased momentum. As many banks have been sold in the last two months as in the first six.

4. To enable women to present the essential facts on party achievements. We induced federal departments to furnish information on their work in simpler more telling form, including some movie reels and electric transmissions.

We have published the Democratic Digest for a year, and in that time its subscription list has increased four times, and with the May number nine states will get out special state editions. From every party of the country comes the good news that the Digest is one of the best pieces of Democratic publicity, whether state or national.

If in addition you want to enlarge the subject to "What the Administration has done for women", you have a superb field and can develop your theme from many different angles - social, cultural, financial, etc. In the Digest you will find material which will assist you in compiling a speech on these subjects. For your information, I am sending you the reprints from the Digest on the agencies under the Recovery plan.

Already we have on the press several campaign fliers, designed on the plan of those used in 1932. Mrs. Roosevelt tells us the men have decided to use our fliers as the main feature of the campaign "literature." Mr. Farley instructed us to have them ready for distribution at the Convention.

We consider we have advanced women's interests by convincing the men that women can devise and carry out the most effective way to present campaign facts.

We hope we shall do an equally good job of disseminating these fliers to non Democrats by means of the county and precinct machinery which we have worked so hard to stimulate. Wherever this is well done, we believe women's value to the party will be increasingly appreciated.

It has been a pleasure to summarize for you our major efforts toward advancing women and their interests. We are so busy working, we do not stop often enough to tell about it.

Mrs. Carroll Miller

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4/10/36

Now that we have on paper an up to date report, we are going to take this opportunity to present it to the President and Mr. Farley. So many thanks!

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. James H. Wolfe,
Director.

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
NATIONAL PRESS BUILDING
WASHINGTON

JAMES A. FARLEY
CHAIRMAN

May 4, 1936

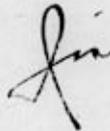
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am returning herewith the letter which you received from Rose Schneiderman. There is also attached hereto copy of a letter which Molly sent me on April 24th.

This has all been taken care of, but I thought you would like to have the correspondence for your files.

Sincerely yours,



JAF:MC

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

Women's Division

April 24, 1936

Honorable James A. Farley, Chairman
Democratic National Committee
Washington, D.C.

Dear Jim:

This letter does not need to be acknowledged for the Unions referred to have already announced their united support of Roosevelt. Also I have contacted the head woman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, Dorothy Belanca, and offered our leaflets on factual material if they prefer to get out their own.

I will also contact Rose Schneiderman and David Dubinsky.

I hope you are consulting with Frances Perkins on the personnel of the Labor Committee of the Democratic National Campaign Committee. You might very well save yourself a lot of misery.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed) MOLLY

Have written E.R. about it.

NEW YORK WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE
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*I hope it will go. Let
me know the amount of the gift
to the League*

March 26, 1936

Personal and
Confidential

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York

Dearest Eleanor:

Many, many thanks for your gift of \$100 to the League work. You are a saint to stand by us so generously and we appreciate it more than I can say.

Here's a bit of good news which I hope you will share with the President. I attended a meeting of the National Executive Board of my own organization recently -- the Hat, Cap and Millinery Workers' International Union -- and at that meeting our President, Max Zaritsky reported that he together with Sidney Hillman of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers, and David Dubinsky of the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union had conferred on the advisability of the three organizations with a membership of 375,000 -- normally socialists, coming out for the President. I was delighted with this information as it would mean close to a million votes being cast for the President. There was quite a bit of discussion of course because this was a departure from historic policy -- not to endorse any candidates other than Socialists.

In the end, a vote was taken to empower President Zaritsky to make such a declaration at the appropriate time. This action indicates in a small measure the esteem and affection held by the working masses for the President.

This is all very confidential because I do not want the newspapers to get hold of it before the time is ready for such a statement.

We are all very proud of the recent honor bestowed upon you and the President by Rollins College -- more than well deserved, say we!

We are terribly busy with the remains of the service strike in the hotel end in which we are primarily interested because it concerns the chambermaids. It has been bungled unmercifully and I am afraid that a lot of those who came out will never get back to work.

Heart's best love to you -

Rose

Rose Schneiderman

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Hyde Park, N.Y.
July 16, 1938.

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Dear Jim:

I am enclosing a memo which I just sent to Mr. Michelson and to Steve Early and to the President.

I should like to add one thing for you, namely that I think money collectors should be checked on a little. They are so zealous that they may get themselves into trouble.

I was told for instance this morning by my dentist that a number of people had been in to see him and were indignant because a definite sum of money had been demanded from them and not requested.

Before the Convention I ran across a request from the Nominators to a government homestead official in Arthurdale to get up a meeting on the project and to sell tickets to the homesteaders. I made him hold his meeting in the nearest village half a mile away and told him that I thought it would be proper to put a notice on the bulletin board in the post office and in the school that tickets were available but that no one on the project should be solicited. If the opposition got hold of anything irregular they would seize upon it.

Our finance department should be watchful and wary.

I hope that when Ed. Flynn gets back you will draw him into headquarters not only for consultation but for some definite responsibility. He is a pretty good executive and organizer and Louis found him very valuable in the last campaign.

The New York State women's division can go over to headquarters in the week of August 3rd. I imagine the men's state committee will move over at the same time.

Let me know what you decide when you and Governor
Lehman meet with Molly Dewson and Caroline O'Day.
Caroline will be starting on a tour upstate the
first week in August, so Nancy will get headquarters
moved. We will go in and talk everything over
on August 3rd when I will be in New York.

Cordially yours,

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE
HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY

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JAMES A. FARLEY
CHAIRMAN

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July 25, 1936

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have before me your letter of the sixteenth, to which you attach copy of your memorandum to the President, Charles Michelson, Steve Early and Stanley High. In your letter you ask us certain questions which I shall endeavor to answer in this communication.

You suggest that we be very careful about the collectors we send out soliciting contributions. I agree with you in that we should watch this carefully, and when Forbes Morgan returns I am going into that situation in detail.

Ed Flynn will be back sometime after the tenth of August. I am going to draw him into headquarters, not only for consultation, but shall give him definite responsibilities. I want him to come into the office and give his full time to the campaign, devoting most of his efforts to New York State. He knows all of the leaders, and if he will do it, he can be of splendid service in this campaign. As soon as he arrives I am going to see him personally and discuss the situation with him. He will also be helpful on matters of policy and I shall be glad indeed to have him sit in at our meetings.

As I understand it, everything has been agreed upon as far as arrangements for the New York State Women's Division is concerned. They are going to move to the Biltmore around the first of August. The State Committee will also move at that time and I will see to it that they cooperate in every way possible.

As far as the New York State end of it is concerned, I want you to know that we will have our campaign headquarters pretty well set up by the third of August. We will have the Veterans Division, Colored Division, Labor Division and other divisions which of necessity must be functioning in our State headquarters. We will extend all the assistance desired by Mrs. O'Day, Miss Cook and the women who will be active. We will have a Club Division, a Roosevelt First Voters League, and I am going to start a retail business men's league, or some such similar organization. I will see to it that we have an Educational Division, headed by a man like George Ryan, former President of the Board of

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CHAIRMAN

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Education. I believe that if we can properly organize the teachers in New York and get the story of Governor Landon's attitude on the school teachers and education before all of them, we will be able to attract considerable support. I should like to discuss that with you in detail when you return.

In answer to the first question in your letter of the sixteenth, I want you to know that Steve Early has been in headquarters for a few days since the President left. While here he has been in consultation with Stanley High and myself. We have had several meetings of the heads of the different divisions in an order to get the organization more definitely under way, going over all of the plans and passing authority on to the different persons. In that way, we will have the proper cooperation, everybody understanding full well the other persons authority. It will not be possible, Mrs. Roosevelt, to get the Publicity Committee functioning full speed until after the first of August. By the time you return I am sure that you will be satisfied with the way it is working. Dr. High has been working on the pamphlets, fliers and details, with Charles Michelson.

We have not kept the minutes of any of the meetings held up to the present time, but I shall follow your suggestion and see to it that you and the President receive a copy of the minutes of every meeting held in the future. There will be no difficulty in doing that.

No one has been definitely charged as yet with the responsibility of studying news reports or suggesting answers to charges. Up to the present time it has been done in conference between Charles Michelson and myself, Stanley High and Steve Early, in the few days he has been in New York.

For your information, Mr. William A. Dolph has been placed in charge of the Radio Division to carry on as Herbert Pettey did in the 1932 campaign. It may be possible that he will have to go back to his radio station in Washington and if he does, we will have to arrange to have Mr. Burke, a newspaper man who is connected with Carl Byoir. Stanley High is also going to be very close to this picture.

Up to the present time, Mrs. Roosevelt, of course no definite campaign has been arranged. What we have been trying to do, and have been working on as hard as we know how, is to get the skeleton headquarters set up, and then proceed with the details which will necessarily follow.

The Speakers Bureau is going to be in charge of Congressman Sam Rayburn. He will not be in New York until sometime after the third of August.



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Meanwhile, Mr. Paul Aken, who has been in Washington for a considerable length of time, is handling the details. He is a very capable young man, and has more information now available in the Speakers Bureau than in my judgment we ever had before. He is extremely capable, and I am sure that when you see what has already been accomplished in that bureau, you will be entirely satisfied.

For your information, Mr. Leon Henderson, formerly with the NRA is in charge of research. Charles Michelson said that he is fully qualified and capable, and can be depended upon to do that work satisfactorily.

Edward Rodan has been handling all of the details in connection with gathering material regarding Governor Landon's record. He has a complete file of the Governor's record and all the information that comes to us is handed to him. That material is being used by him now in connection with the articles appearing in the New York "Daily News". When a decision is reached as to the time to start an aggressive campaign against Landon's record, we are in a position to move without delay. My own belief is that there is adequate material on hand and I know that as the campaign progresses we will get in considerable material. Commissioner Helvering is more familiar with Landon's record than anyone I know, and he is collecting all the information he can for our use.

In the fifth paragraph of your memorandum, you inquire as to what plans have been made for publicity organizations. No plans have been made at the moment, Mrs. Roosevelt, but right after the first of the month I am going to call in all of the leaders, as we did in 1932, show them what our set-up is in headquarters, and insist that they have the same kind in their state headquarters. Charles Michelson has asked all of them to supply the name of their Director of Publicity. I am sure that we will have satisfactory cooperation from the different states insofar as publicity is concerned.

For your information, we have not mapped out any publicity steps which will be taken between now and November. I feel that this can be done at the time the President returns. When he does, we will have a conference with him. We will bring him up to date as to what has been done in his absence, and discuss in detail his ideas for the balance of the campaign. Everybody that I have talked with, Mrs. Roosevelt, seems to think that it is unwise for us to become too active during August, and that we should devote practically all of that month in getting headquarters in shape, making certain that the state and larger city headquarters are in shape and ready to function right after September first.

As you know, most of the people in the administration are away on vacations. Stanley High has been trying to get some of our Under Secretaries and the heads of the different agencies to make trips around the country, talking about the activities of their particular departments, at the same time of course, talking

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about the administration's aim and purpose, and to point out what has already been accomplished. These itineraries are being worked out now, and I am sure that we will be able to accomplish a great deal through trips of this character, because the men we will send out should be able to get their speeches in the newspapers because of the positions they occupy in the administration.

I have written letters to a substantial number of leaders in every state, seeking information as to the situation in their particular states as they see it. I told them not to send a story which they felt would be pleasing to me, but to give me the facts as they see them; to go into intimate detail with any advice or suggestions they may have to offer as to our plan of campaign in their states; to tell me about the stories being told by the opposition, the propaganda being used, and if so, if it is effective; to try to find out what our weak points are and what steps we should take to better our position. As fast as these reports come in I will send you copies, also the President, so that you will have this information in your possession. During the entire campaign I will see to it, Mrs. Roosevelt, that you receive copies of all reports of this nature, and all letters which in my judgment carry information that you should have.

No definite decision has been reached as yet regarding the news reels. Sol Rosenblatt has been named Chairman of the Motion Picture Division. He has been on the Pacific Coast and has just returned. I am going to see him on Monday, and I am sure that it will be set up to your satisfaction. I have also sent for Charles Pettijohn and am going to have a conference with him regarding the news reels and discuss that part of the organization with him.

For your information our Committee has not yet assigned to each member definite fields for supervision

Up to the present time we have no man making contacts with the newspapers all over the country. Ed Brown is doing the same work now that he did for Louis. He is responsible for sending out regular news to friendly papers and for feature stories, etc. He is thoroughly competent and can be depended upon.

Miss Blackburn is doing the same work, and it is not necessary for me to tell you about that, because you are familiar with it.

I was in Washington yesterday and had a long talk with Mr. Alexander who is very active in the negro movement. He is connected with Rex Tugwell's organization. He is preparing for me a suggested program for activity in relation to the negro problem, and the set-up of the negro division. The

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impression prevails that it would be better to have a division in New York in charge of the eastern states, and one in California, preferably in Los Angeles. That could be worked out in connection with their state headquarters. I know about Mrs. Bethune. I will have another conference with Mr. Alexander next week in Washington and go over with him at that time the organization he has in mind.

I had a long conference last evening in Washington with Chester Davis who is in charge of the farm problem. I am definitely of the opinion that we should have the headquarters in Chicago, although for a long time I had other views. Mr. Davis has rather an extensive program in mind, and I think that he and the committee he will select should be delegated with full responsibility. They will work in close cooperation with Secretaries Hull and Wallace. Mr. Davis felt that any announcements in connection with their activities should come from the farm leaders themselves, and not as a Democratic National Committee set-up. I agreed with him whole-heartedly, and when you return I will tell you just how they propose to set up their organization.

As stated early in this letter, Mrs. Roosevelt, right after the first of August, as soon as our headquarters are definitely organized, I am going to bring in all of the leaders from the states, men and women, show them what we have in our headquarters, and insist that they set up their headquarters in a like manner. In their visit to headquarters they will be able to see just what we have, the manner in which we plan our campaign, and it will give them ideas in case they haven't any, as to what they should do in their states. I believe that a certain person should be given definite responsibility by our committee to act as our representative in every state. For instance, I think that Senator Guffey should be charged with the responsibility of watching Pennsylvania and West Virginia, and that all problems in connection with those states should be cleared through him. Other men similarly qualified should be given the responsibility in other states. In addition to that, I think we should have a number of men in whom we have reliance, traveling around the country visiting state headquarters, to make sure that they are functioning, and not just going through motions. We should also have men going around visiting the County Chairmen, seeing to it that the county and city organizations are properly functioning. I am sure that this can be done, Mrs. Roosevelt, and I am also positive that we can get the right persons to do it. Of course, the extent of this organization will depend upon our finances. You are familiar with the tentative budget approved by the President when we were in his office some weeks ago. My own belief is that it will have to be changed and we will have to be prepared to raise a larger amount because I know that the expense of this organization is far greater than I am sure the President contemplated. We haven't received the full report of the Nominators affairs as yet, but I know that we will be quite well satisfied with the net result. The state organizations are in better shape financially than they were in '32. In most of the states we have Democratic Governors seeking re-

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I see Molly Dawson almost daily, and I am sure that she is satisfied with her set-up and the assistance that is being given her organization.

The state situations around the country are, generally speaking, all right. Of course there are some primary fights still on although in most of the larger states they are over with. The Ohio situation, of course, is a bit annoying. You are familiar with that and I don't have to dwell on it just now. I think that is going to work out all right insofar as the National ticket is concerned. I have been in touch with the people in Illinois and feel quite confident that the Kelly-Horner crowd are going to get together. I have talked with both factions, and I understand that they are both anxious to effect a settlement that will work out all right. I am watching this as closely as I can, without attempting to interfere. They have named a good man for campaign manager in California, and I think the situation in that state will work out all right. They have named an excellent campaign committee to assist the campaign manager, and I do not anticipate any more trouble there. Some people are worried about Colorado and of course we will have to give attention to that. The Minnesota situation is also a bit annoying. I have been in touch with it, but it looks to me as if the different factions will never get together, and it may be necessary for the National Committee to name a campaign manager.

I am sincerely of the opinion that the President should carry out his plan of travel - do as much of it as he can, whether he makes any speeches or not. The more he can be seen viewing Public Works projects, the flood control, etc., speaking for a few minutes before large or small crowds, the more enthusiasm will prevail among the workers. It is my opinion that Governor Landon is not going to make many speeches, and they will all be along the same lines as his acceptance speech, their campaign being based upon the theory that there will be enough anti-Roosevelt votes to join with the regular Republicans to elect their candidate. Their plan of campaign may change in the days that are to follow, but I doubt it. I am more sincerely of the opinion than ever that we should be aggressive all the way and not permit Republicans to be placed in defensive positions. We have a story to tell and I feel that we have enough speakers to tell the story. As soon as the President returns and after I have had an opportunity

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all right in Rochester because of the activity of the labor party. Incidentally I am of the opinion that the labor party movement supported by Sidney Hillman and others, will bring more than 150,000 votes to our ticket. They are going about it all right and we are going to cooperate in every way. Mr. Hillman himself believes that they will be able to get many people to register and vote who have never voted before. You are thoroughly familiar with the way this organization is functioning and I am sure you will agree with me that their support will be worth many thousands of votes to the ticket. I know that the Republicans were terribly disappointed with Governor Lehman's announcement that he would run for reelection. They had built up their plans on his earlier statement and felt confident that they would be able to pile up a majority north of the Bronx line to offset any majority given in the city to a Democratic nominee. They realize that they cannot beat Governor Lehman because of his strength in not only the city, but upstate.

This is rather a long, rambling letter, Mrs. Roosevelt, but I feel that this is the best way for me to pass on to you my views not only on the set-up in headquarters, but all conditions generally.

I was in Washington yesterday and talked to many newspaper men after my press conference. Landon's speech did not go over, despite the effort made by the Republican press and the friendly editorials to make it appear that it was a great address. I don't know whether you heard it or not, but it was not delivered well, although they tell me that it was an improvement over his previous speeches. We should be able, as soon as our speakers get going, to definitely prove to the electorate that he is just a built-up candidate. I do know that the effect of his speech was not detrimental to our cause. You might be interested to know that Father Coughlin's outburst in Cleveland did not do the President any harm, but injured Father Coughlin's influence tremendously. I have an interesting story to tell you about his mother when I see you. I don't know a thing about the stories that are emanating from Rome, other than what I have read in the papers. There are some interesting stories in connection with getting support from some of the active Townsendites, and I will tell you and the President all about it when you reach home.

I trust that I have not bored you with this long letter. I shall not expect a reply, but shall be glad to discuss its contents with you and go over the whole situation with you in detail as soon as you return.

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It is my sincere wish that you have a good vacation and that you will have a chance to get a real rest. I have been reading your daily stories with much interest.

With very kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Welchpool
Campobello Island
New Brunswick, Canada

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August 6, 1936.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am returning herewith letter
which you received from Mrs. Mary Helen Travis to-
gether with letter which I received from William
H. Kelley of Syracuse in connection with her re-
quest. *X*

Sincerely yours,

JAF

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

August 5, 1936.

Mr. William H. Kolley,
The Merchants National Bank and Trust Company,
Syracuse, N. Y.

Dear Bill:

Thank you very much for your letter
of July 31st with reference to letter Mrs. Roose-
velt received from Mrs. Mary Helen Travis.

Sincerely yours,

JAF:AC

The Merchants National Bank and Trust Company
Syracuse, New York

WM. H. KELLEY, PRESIDENT
R. E. ASHPOLE, VICE PRES. & CASHIER HARRY BARBER, TRUST OFFICER
CLAYTON E. BIXBY, VICE PRESIDENT KARL H. BUHL, ASST. CASHIER

July 31, 1936

Hon. James A. Farley
3 East 84th St.
New York, N. Y.

My dear Jim:

The party mentioned below goes
to work Monday morning as a timekeeper
under WPA.

With kind personal regards, I
remain

Very sincerely yours,

Wm H. Kelley

WHK/H
Encs.

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C. H. Kelley*

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L. B. Nichols

July 8th, 1936

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt: -

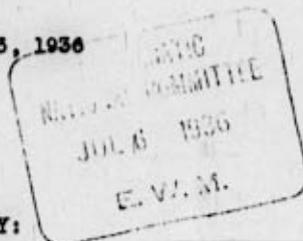
Thank you for your memorandum of the third enclosing
a letter from Mrs. Mary Helen Travis. I don't know whether or
not I can help, but will get busy when I go to New York at the
end of the week.

Sincerely yours,

JAF:MC

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 3, 1936



MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FARLEY:

See Mrs. Roosevelt's note:

"Jim Isn't there some way of
giving this man a little job?"

COPY

Jan 1931
You had been learning
of giving that man a little
help

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

It is the great friendship that we have had in the past for Miss Harriet M. Mills that gives me courage to write you. She has told us of the love of humanity and the desire to help the unfortunate that dwells in your heart and that of the President.

My husband was at the head of a private school for boys for thirty years.

The school was at 909 W. Genesee Street, Syracuse, N. Y., diagonally across from the Mills home. He overworked and suffered a nervous collapse in 1928. We bought a home in this little village. We had sufficient to live on, as we supposed, but the "Shane Construction Company" that bought our property in Syracuse failed in 1931. The farm of between three and four hundred acres five miles from Oswego was also sold, but the purchaser stripped it of stock and everything salable, then threw it back on our hands. We could not restock it, and the Oswego bank took it. We were obliged to sell all our investments for one-fourth of what we paid for them just to live.

Three years ago my "other ^{brother's} (?) " turned this place into a chicken farm. Last winter it was so bitterly cold that his hens went into a molt and did not lay. He used up his remaining bit of capital to feed them. This spring he asked for a government loan of five hundred dollars to buy his chickens and repair the hen house.

If we can not get it, our case is hopeless. My husband is sixty-six years old; he has the degrees of A. B. and A. M. is also a Phi Beta Kappa, but no one will give him a position on account of age. Mrs. Mills or Mr. William Kelley will tell you that we are reliable people, but we dread having people know our financial position. It is a terrible thing to face utter poverty and old age at the same time.

I have followed Mrs. Mills' advice about voting for many years. The only person who does not deserve her good opinion is Alfred E. Smith. I have noticed that people who have worked themselves up are sometimes treacherous.

The first time I ever heard you speak was at The League of Women Voters in Syracuse, when the President was Governor of New York State. Since then, I have listened to both you and the President whenever you speak over the radio.

It is a great thing for the country to have such honorable Christian people at the head of the nation.

With most sincere respect,

s/d

Mary Helen Travis

(Manellus)
Manellus
June 22d, 1936.

January 14, 1937

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. FARLEY:

X Crystal Bird Fauset came to see me yesterday afternoon. She is very much troubled over the political pressure being brought to bear by the ward leaders in the reduction of supervisors. There are 500 more colored women relief cases on W.P.A. than white women because there were more colored women who reported eligibility for work. But in the supervisory capacity, there have always been a great many more white than colored, so in cutting down they have tried to bring it a little more into line. However, they have left in every case the two to one ratio, meaning two white women to one colored woman in a supervisory capacity. This seems entirely fair as it is found that, on the average, there are more colored women in actual need of work to support their children, but quite naturally the ward leaders are anxiously trying to replace the women who were originally recommended and who have now been removed. This is going to happen all over the country. Somebody has to be removed, but it seems only fair that the proportion should be maintained, particularly as there is no question, in my mind at least, but what on the whole in this supervisory gap the colored women probably need work more on account of the fact that the colored of the professional classes have had it harder during the depression than have the white women of the corresponding professional classes.

If you agree with me, and I think this is a fair statement, I will frankly say that I am influenced by the fact that I have found for years Mrs. Fauset has good judgment and has been fair in her statements. You know of her work in the campaign and can judge accordingly. Also, Senator Guffey would have to be appealed to as his influence would be greater on the ward politicians. He knows Mrs. Fauset's work and I think knows her.

There is one other point that I should like to emphasize - we did make a tremendous play for the colored vote, and we got it, but we got it because they thought on the whole we were fairer than the others had been to them in the past. Senator Guffey has a big colored constituency and I think he would perhaps want to consider it also from its political advisability.

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January 26, 1937

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Dear Jim:

Thanks for sending me a copy
of the letters from Mollie and Julia
Landers. They were delightful and I
most certainly enjoyed reading them.

Sincerely,

Honorable James A. Farley
Postmaster General
Washington, D. C.

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NEW YORK CITY

January 18th, 1937.

JAMES A. FARLEY
CHAIRMAN

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

Let's get it for Truman

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:-

I thought in your busy moments you might enjoy reading a copy of the letter I received from Mollie. It was prompted by a letter I received from Julia E. Landers of Indianapolis. A copy is attached of this letter, also copy of Mollie's reply. Mollie certainly has a great sense of humor at times.

Sincerely yours,



JAF:IK

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DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE,

Hotel Biltmore, New York City, January 15th, 1937.

Honorable James A. Farley,
Hotel Biltmore,
New York City .

Dear Jim:-

Julia Landers is a "battle-ax " of the paleolithic age. She has, from time to time, written in violent and disrespectful terms to you about the Roosevelts. She has undoubtedly spoken and written many others in the same vein. The most charitable interpretation is that she is somewhat unbalanced.

Nevertheless I have not a doubt that she is one of the type of orators of the generation of Emma Guffey Miller and myself who can entertain and hold an audience. She certainly is not built on modern "streamlines" and can be of very little use to the Party.

Sincerely yours,

Signed Mary W. Dawson.

MWD:HAK

" COPY "

Spink Arms Hotel,
410 North Meridian Street,
Indianapolis, December 27th, 1936.

James A. Farley,
Democratic National Committee,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. Farley:-

I received a note from you thanking me for the work that I did to help win the election. Did you know what I did?

I was placed in the Information Service of the W.P.A. and I went to 26 County Fairs and put over a short definite talk on what the W.P.A. had accomplished in Indiana, because I did not mention Roosevelt, Hopkins, McNutt or Wayne Coy - just told the secretary of fair that I had a report to make to taxpayers and showed it to him, they gave me time at the Mike between races or at night after the band played and before the floor show began. Grandstands out here hold 5000 people, many of whom never go to a political meeting or read politics. It is estimated that this way I talked to at least 5000 people a night, or at least 50,000.

Now I always ended saying "And these workers (W.P.A. are most of them over 40 years of age, and they know full well that never again will they have a job in industry. They are grateful to their government for making it possible for them to EARN their living.". I also said "In Indiana there are enough needed public projects to keep the W.P.A. busy for five years. Can industry offer that? Well - what do you suppose I think when I read that Roosevelt is planning to cut this work off and he is going chasing the rainbow of international peace.

When I left those county fair platforms poor people crowded around me and thanked me for answering liars who said that they did not work, etc. I am well known in Indiana and people believe me because I do not go around lying to them.

Republicans were furious at me, even wrote me up in two papers, etc. but by the time their papers went to press I was somewhere else. I do not know this Harry Hopkins, but I believe in public work and I believe in two part public works department, large and small projects and the employment of as many people as possible over forty. I also want to order the 40 hour week in every post office and tell Roosevelt to lead out in this by ordering in every federal office and work project the 40 hour week. Why doesn't the government lead out in N.R.A. regulations itself? Do it yourselves and educate others to it.

Public opinion has some interesting data. Better look it over. One thing. 82% of the people interviewed want married women taken out of jobs, so that there may be enough for the men and unmarried women. I think that is becoming an acute issue. Why not lead off with sending Frances Perkins back to New York and let her husband support her? All of the women that I know resent her very much. They are tired of her. They also wish Emily Newell Blair dropped because she has too many jobs in her immediate family.

I have never been given the good Federal job to which I am entitled. Why Not? When the campaign comes they come to me for help. I felt that

I felt that Clifford Townsend would make Indiana the kind of governor that we want, capable, educated, experienced in state government, kindly in manner. He wants to progress but not to do it by tearing up others work to pieces. Indiana understands Cliff Townsend and he understands us. I helped to nominate Cliff Townsend and to elect him. Four years ago when he ran for Lieutenant Governor, he received more votes than either Roosevelt or McNutt. N.E. Indiana is agricultural and the Wabash and White River Valleys are agricultural. Townsend carried these for Roosevelt. Roosevelt carried N.W. Indiana and the cities but this man who for several years was organizer for the Farm Bureau played a large part in our victory. You keep your eye on him. I have said many times that Franklin Roosevelt did not win this victory alone, that YOU are the greatest political organizer that I have ever known. I congratulate you on having done a splendid job.

Now, that the election is over, where do I come in?

What have you to say to me now?

Sincerely yours,

"Sgd" Julia E. Landers.

Miss Julia E. Landers,
Sprink Arms Hotel,
Indianapolis, Indiana.

December 30, 1938

My dear Mr. Farley:

At Mrs. Roosevelt's request I am enclosing an excerpt from a letter which has been brought to her attention. The man is desperately in need of a job and Mrs. Roosevelt would be more than grateful if you would have the case looked into.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to
Mrs. Roosevelt

X
Honorable James A. Farley
Democratic National Committee
National Press Building
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Magnus & Edith -

This is far from a sob story. Charity - or a call for money - But a true outline of events which have befallen me and mine. On Oct. 16th 1937. and again on May 25th 1938. Major breast amputations, were performed upon my wife. and now both our Dr. and Surgeon. order and insist upon, Roentgen Ray treatments, fifty in all. (50), which are a necessity, not only in prolonging her life, ease her suffering. Also bring about a forced menapause. Needless to tell you - our bank account, has taking a terrific beating, likewise borrowing on my insurance with every bill - Am - hospitalization - etc, paid in full, owe no person a penny, what is left in our bank account. must be used for the necessities of life, and the protection of my wife and daughter, Patricia, age 9. What I pick up in Commission, now - there - is no assurance or guarantee, for these Ray treatments. What I would deeply appreciate of you Magnus, is to bring my case before the proper person, Some one who will absolutely - get me results. The above as well as the following, can be verified. After the 1936 - Campaign - I was absolutely assured, I would receive a job, not something in which I would not be of value - but the position I was assured, was

an assistant to John Krimsky. Theatricals, World's Fair,
Fishes Morgan Sr. Eddie Dowling & Don Skilling - all
sponsored me - and I wrote to Hon. James A. Farley.
addressing him of this promise, and a newspaper
man was present, when this promise was made.
The Hon. Joseph Guffey, Sam Rayburn, Mary Swanson, Ed.
Flynn, Teddy Hayes & John McKeenna - all have gone
to the front for me - with letters to Hon. James A.
Farley & Grover Whalen - since July 1936 - and to date
nothing has happened - Krimsky has assigned
assistants - but I'm still waiting. Surely with my
background, I'm not asking a thing in which it
would not be of infinite value - It's all so
unfair. It's impossible for me to get on the theatre
project. W.P.A., although positions are held in that
project - by people who are well off, and draw
high salaries. Being stalled around now - seeking
a position on the President's Birthday Parties, as
an asst to - Mr. Homer - who represents Gen. Johnson
in Charge N.Y. division, this would at least, give me
a salaried income - and as I was Chief asst. on the
first Birthday Ball, at Waldorf, and know every Producer,
Stage-Screen & Radio Star, I would be perfect for the job.
Peter L. Curack - who represents Keith Morgan, is trying
to place me - It's funny, Mr. Homer - can hold two jobs,
and I can't be placed for one, Surely maybe, as I
stated - Charity - I don't want, but the privilege and
right to a salaried job - is all I'm asking, and
three generations of Pearce's - born in Phila. Pa

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to Maxine + Eddie. I'm making a fervent prayer,
that you will, intercede for me - as I'm so
desperate. - and feel it would be better, for
Mrs Pearce - to collect my insurance -

Read a Bon-mot - "a friend is one, who
will break your fall, instead of your
heart -" I do feel I'm so worthy of
consideration - so please, please - bring my
problems, before some one, who can do
something for me - a jit.

Sincerely,

Estie Pearce

19- Belair Road,
Ft. Wadsworth,
S. J. N. Y.

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January 5, 1939

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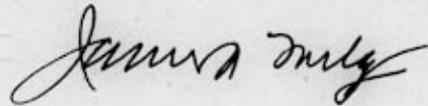
Miss Malvina C. Thompson
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Miss Thompson:

I have yours of the 30th to which you
attached excerpt from letter Mrs. Roosevelt received
from Arthur Pearce, 19 Belair Road, Fort Wadsworth,
Long Island, New York.

Very frankly, the people around head-
quarters recall Mr. Pearce quite well but no one
seems to remember that he was definitely promised a
position. However, I shall look into his case and shall
do what I can to help him.

Sincerely yours,



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January 18, 1939

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FARLEY

Dear Jim:

I had Mrs. McAllister come over yesterday and we went over all the affairs of the Women's Division. She says that last April you and Molly and she agreed that the budget should be \$60,000 exclusive of expense of operation of office. She is now \$313 over this budget, but hopes to make this up by April, which is the end of her fiscal year.

However, the Digest bills have not been paid because Mr. Quail did not have the money and last month she had to borrow \$1,000 in order to get the printer to print the Digest. She will have to have that to return and another \$1,000 for this month's Digest, and the printing bill, which comes to \$1,082.64, will have to be paid, together with all her other back bills. I have asked her to make up a budget, cutting in every way possible, but including all the expenses, telephone, office, etc., so that we will really know what it costs to run the Women's Division.

She thinks that some of the men will feel that it is too soon, in April, to have another party for raising funds. I suggested that you write a letter telling the county chairmen and the state chairmen that the Women's Division is anxious to begin raising money to pay the debt on the National Women's Democratic Club here and something toward their own running expenses; that they want the men to help them just as they have helped the men on the Jackson Day dinners; and they are hoping that the county leaders will see that the committees are all filled on a 50-50 basis, so there will be plenty of enthusiastic women to take the brunt of the money-raising work.

The clubs are to be asked to donate half of all they make to the fund here and keep the other half in their treasuries, and the organization people to donate half of what they make to the National Women's Division and keep the other half in their treasuries.

It might be suggested to the gentlemen that we would like to get a general opinion as to whether it would be better to do this on April 13, Jefferson Day, in the summer, or in early September. The ladies are amenable to suggestion.

Mr. Quail says that the Manufacturers Trust Company, in whose envelope unfortunately someone sent me a marked clipping, is the only bank that is kind to the Democrats. Mr. Gibson wrote me a very sweet note disclaiming any responsibility and I wrote him back saying of course I know they are not responsible and that someone walked in and used their stationery. Of course I would not have used their name had I known that they had any tie-up with the Committee.

When Mrs. McAllister has her budget and all her plans worked out, would you be willing to spend another half hour with us to discuss the program for the year? We could then cut where you think wisest.

She told me that some of the young people in the National Students Federation, where I sent her as a speaker, told her that they had gone to one of the meetings of Young Democrats and had made some suggestions as to what they would like to see the Young Democrats stand for. They were promptly told that what the Young Democrats stood for was arranged by the National Headquarters and that they themselves had nothing to say about it. That isn't the best way to interest young people in the party. You and I know that the old line workers were not very anxious

for young blood to come in, but we simply have to have it, and if it would be any help, I will come and talk about it to the first group where you have some of your influential leaders who do not like the idea. They might not listen to me, but on the other hand they might be interested in some of the things I could tell them from personal contacts.

Will you ask Mr. Quail not to forget the \$2,000 at once for the Digest?

Very sincerely yours,

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Honorable James A. Farley

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November 27, 1939

Dear Jim:

I am quite sure I could count on your support and very able management of a campaign if I were to run for office. However, I will never put that job in your lap!

It is very pleasant to have these things said, but when we leave here I will have had all I want of public life, and, in any case, no woman would stand such chance.

People are very kind now, but once I had any responsibility for what I do and say, they would sing a different song. As I told you before, nothing would induce me to run for any office.

Many thanks for sending me the letter from ~~Mr. Novak.~~

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable James A. Farley

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CHAIRMAN

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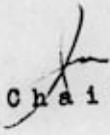
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I thought you might be interested in reading
the enclosed letter which I received several days ago.

With kindest personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,


Chairman

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5257 N. Clark St.
Chicago, Ill.
November 16, 1939

Mr. James A. Farley
Postmaster General
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sir:

You are famous for having conducted, successfully, two presidential campaigns. Not only for the reason that they were successful but also for the manner in which they were conducted.

Now that presidential timber is being discussed, including that of a third term for our beloved President, may I suggest an able candidate for the office of President of the UNITED STATES OF AMERICA; one who is well informed with the needs of social improvements and the courage, I believe, to introduce them and fight for their adoption.

Your name would without a doubt go down to posterity should you conduct that campaign, and especially so if you succeed to elect that candidate. I believe it is not an impossibility.

The candidate I would like to see nominated and elected is none other than the loveliest of all persons ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

Sincerely,

Thomas Novak

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December 11, 1939

Dear Jim:

Dorothy McAllister sent me the enclosed notice and it makes me feel, as she apparently does, that it is more important than ever that Mr. Michelson start out on what we discussed for Miss Hickok as soon as he can get the money together. Miss Hickok can stay on at the Fair as long as she likes, but she is keen about this job and I think it is a wonderful idea. In addition, it seems to me that her work with the children and with educational people in New York City at the Fair should give her an idea of how she could work with educational groups all over the country. Nobody has ever done much to interest children in campaigns and I think there is a field there that would be very effective in the home.

Do let me know what your plans are.

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. James A. Farley

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March 21, 1941

Dear Jim:

Many thanks for sending me the copy
of letter from Mr. Stiles of Owego, on the Smith
case.

I hope you had a grand trip and that
I will see you before long.

Cordially yours,

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Hon. James A. Farley
Room 422
Hotel Biltmore
NYC

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JAMES A. FARLEY
NEW YORK

March 20, 1941.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am attaching hereto copy of letter I received from Arthur B. Stiles of Owego, New York, regarding the Smith situation about which we had some correspondence. It is self-explanatory and I will let you hear from me further as soon as I have some additional information.

With best wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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

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you before long -
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Arthur B. Stiles
Owego, N. Y.

March
Fourteenth
1941

Hon. James A. Farley
1040 Fifth Ave.
New York, N. Y.

Dear Jim:-

Thinking that you might like to be brought up to date on the "Smith of Richford" case, about which you wrote to me just before leaving home, I am letting you have such information as I have at present.

The case in Court has not come to trial and from the "grape vine" route I have word that it is quite likely that it never will come to trial. That it will be put over from one term to another and finally dismissed. Naturally there is not any way of knowing that this will positively occur.

In the meantime a vacancy occurred, on February 18th., in the Post office at Richford and Mrs. Smith was appointed Acting Postmaster. She, of course, realizes that this came directly from the organization and both she and Mr. Smith feel that it will help their position in the community.

I trust that your trip was just as successful as you wished it to be and I want you to know that I appreciate your thoughtfulness in dropping me the line from Valparaiso.

With kind regards, I am,

Most sincerely,

Arthur B. Stiles

JAMES A. FARLEY
NEW YORK

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March 27, 1911.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thank you for your kind note of the
21st instant.

I, too, hope our paths will cross
soon so we may have a little visit. I had a most
delightful trip to South America.

I read your column daily and note
that you still continue to keep busy.

Trusting you are enjoying the best
of health and with every good wish,

Sincerely yours,

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

JAMES A. FARLEY
NEW YORK

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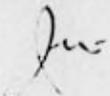
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Trusting you are enjoying the best
of health and with every good wish,

Sincerely yours,



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

June 12, 1941

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Dear Jim:

I am enclosing an excerpt from a letter which I have received about the money which is still due the ~~Warrior~~ Warrist May Hills estate from the New York State Democratic Committee. Isn't there something you can do to see that this bill is paid and the matter closed?

Very sincerely yours,

Hon. James A. Farley
Hotel Biltmore
NYC

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6500 South Salina Street
Nedrow, New York

June 7, 1941

Dear Mrs Roosevelt:

Do you remember that about five years ago you were so very kind as to speak to Mr. Farley, chairman of the New York State Democratic Committee concerning the balance of salary, and expense still owing to Harriet May Mills, who had been assistant secretary of the State Committee for several years.

The salary and expenses were paid for awhile and then fell into arrears. After Miss Mills' death, when her small estate was probated, the Democratic Committee acknowledged the debt and about once a year has paid varying sums on the principal, thanks to your interest.

Miss Mills' sister and nephew, as her heirs, had to pay the state inheritance tax on this debt and had to pay the trustee, executor and attorney a percentage on it when final settlement was made. Mrs Mills is tied up with the old family home, - unsaleable, heavily taxed and bringing in no income.

The balance is now about \$1600. It would be a great relief to Mrs Mills and to her son if the Democratic Committee would pay this old debt. There had been no partial payment for more than a year.

I am hoping you may show the great kindness to speak a word which will bring about such a settlement.

The Women's Committee of the New York State Fair has chosen for the theme for the Harriet May Mills Building programs and exhibits this year, "A Woman's Part in a Defense Program". Would it be possible for you to be our guest speaker at the Fair this year? I have hesitated to ask you, having in mind the many many calls upon your time and energy, but it would add tremendously to the value of the State Fair if you could come.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs E.S.) *Pearl P. McGuire*

P.S. - The Fair dates are Aug 24 - Sept 1.

*Wrote to Mrs Roosevelt
of salary & expense*

*Wrote you & said
I'll call
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McGuire

will speak to Jim
Farley. What day for
fair - will try but
can't promise

write Jim Farley & give
marked parts. He do not
give name of woman who
wrote letter. Enc is a
note signed by E.R.

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July 8, 1941

Dear Jim:

Many thanks for your note, telling me that you had sent the \$500 to the Harriet May Mills. I realize the situation that confronts you and appreciate all the more your doing this.

Cordially yours,

Hon. James A. Farley
Hotel Biltmore
NYC

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JAMES A. FARLEY
NEW YORK

July 3, 1941

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

For your information, we have sent \$500.00, on account, to the Harriet May Mills estate and I will try to get the rest cleared up as soon as I can.

As you can realize, the State Committee deficit is rather large and it is pretty difficult to get money these days. However, I will take charge of it personally.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours



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July 22, 1941.

Dear Jim:

I think your speech is very
nice and I thank you for letting me
see it.

I, also, had a letter from
Mrs. Mills.

Cordiallyyyours,

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Hon. James A. Farley,
1040 Fifth Avenue,
New York, New York.

*The Graduating Exercises
of the New York Military Academy
Cornwall-on-Hudson, N. Y.*

Address by

Hon. James A. Farley

Former Postmaster General

and

Introduction by

Hon. Charles J. Hardy, Sr.

*President, Board of Trustees
New York Military Academy*

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**The Graduating Exercises of the New
York Military Academy, Cornwall-on-
Hudson, N. Y.**

Mr. GAVAGAN. Mr. Speaker, under leave to extend my remarks in the Record, I include the following address of Hon. James A. Farley and introduction by Hon. Charles J. Hardy, Sr., of New York City:

INTRODUCTION BY HON. CHARLES J. HARDY, SR.

Ladies and gentlemen and young men of the graduating class, it is my very pleasant duty to present to you the distinguished gentleman who puts aside for the moment the cares of a busy life and honors us by his presence today.

He needs no introduction from me, so I shall attempt none. His name is a household word throughout the length and breadth of our land, spoken always with admiration and with a depth of affection that testifies most eloquently to the place he holds in the minds and the hearts of our people. He typifies the highest ideal of American citizenship, which is the embodiment of all that our academy stands for—loyalty to the principles upon which our Republic is founded; steadfastness in right doing; square and fair dealing toward all men, the Honorable James A. Farley:

ADDRESS BY THE HONORABLE JAMES A. FARLEY

Mr. Hardy, Colonel Pattillo, honored guests, and members of the graduating class of 1941, it gives me great pleasure to address the graduating class of 1941. I sincerely hope and trust I will have the pleasure of being present on a similar occasion 5 years from now, when I hope my son, Jimmy, who is one of the younger students here, will take his place among the many fine citizens who have been trained for life's work in this famous academy.

I have been personally acquainted with the high standing of the New York Military Academy ever since my boyhood days. It was because I knew intimately about your ideals that I was happy to have one of my own come under the influence of your distinguished faculty and historic traditions. I trust that my remarks today to the class being graduated will contain a few nuggets of worthwhile observation to be helpful to them in the pursuit of their careers.

The most grievous loss to mankind in my time has been a decline in respect for the pledged word, for promises, either our own or the other fellow's, and in mutual good faith. In saying this I am preaching from no dogmatic motto card. I think that what I have to say on this subject is the most realistic doctrine in the world.

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The whole structure of civilization was built upon respect for truth and upon honor in keeping promises and discharging obligations. For example, there was no supergovernment in international law, no final force, no force at all except that of good conscience. The peace of the whole world rested on one single concept—reliance on promises in treaties and Christian principles of mutual respect for the smaller and the weaker peoples. When it was demonstrated, by the "scrap of paper" incident in 1914 that a brutal and sinister influence had crept back on humanity from the prehistoric cave man era the principal prop of international peace and security began to fall. There was no reliance left except threat and force counterbalancing force and threat. By that decline of peace through honor and honesty the whole world courts chaos and destruction. There is no peace. The nations are armed camps. Mutual respect has given way to mutual suspicion if not hatred. Spiritually the world has returned to the moral gloom of the Dark Ages—and all this because of the easy error of regarding truth and honor as little more than words in a schoolboy's copy-book.

I do not need to labor this point. You can see it today wherever you look from pole to pole. "Macbeth hath murdered sleep" and international trickery hath murdered the peace of the world without which civilization cannot survive. Christ is crucified again more brutally, more terribly than ever happened at Calvary.

You do not need to look beyond your own daily experience to see another aspect of my point. It is not alone in international relations that civilization rests on truth, honor, good faith and reliance on mutual promises. Our family relations are the basis of our domestic security and peace. They are all that distinguish civilization from savagery. In them there is little eventual effective legal compulsion. They rest on the high moral determination of decent men to fulfill their obligations to their dependents.

Yet I need not ask you to imagine the destruction of everything that is sweet and enjoyable in this life, if those reliances should fail and the sacred institution of family and community life among us should become such a mockery of honor and good faith as has perverted so many international relations that depended on the same kind of truth, good faith, and honor.

To bring this argument into an even more realistic area, does it ever occur to you, that our whole economic life—commercial and industrial—rests absolutely on faith in the promises in contracts, express or implied? Not a wheel could turn in industry or transportation, not an individual would be secure

in his employment for a single day, not a breadwinner for a family, rich or poor, could put his head on his pillow peacefully without some assurance that the engagements of promises, taken and given by him, would be faithfully fulfilled.

Laws can support but they cannot insure this tranquility. It rests almost wholly in the confidence of each of us in the good faith of all of us. For that reason, every time one of us suffers even a momentary lapse in these vital obligations of truth and fair dealing he, by so much, strikes a little blow—slight perhaps, but of the same nature—as the terrible volcanic blastings that are being struck abroad today at every pillar of human happiness and security.

We are standing here almost within sight of the scene of the treason of Benedict Arnold—a brave soldier, a competent general, but a little man, a petulant man, a selfish man—which may all be compressed in two words—a "disloyal man." The immediate object of his military conspiracy failed, but the effect of his transgression on the minds and spirits and strength of the sorely beset defenders of this Nation and the architects of our future could have been disastrous.

What I am trying to say to you is that the homely, ancient virtues—truth, honor, and loyalty—are never to be taken lightly. They are not merely the basis of civilization in general but of our free American system in particular and of the highest hopes of mankind.

There is abroad in the world a substitute doctrine. It is not new. It is as old as tyranny and oppression. It recognizes that no nation is stronger than the sum of the strength of all its citizens. But it says also that the individual is too weak and untrustworthy to be depended upon to discharge the obligations of which I have spoken and upon which culture and civilization rests. For the moral and mutual responsibility of each of us separately and all of us together as the bulwark of national strength it substitutes the will of a dictator. For the compulsion of conscience and good faith it offers the compulsion of bondage, imprisonment, and the firing squad. For the haven of good faith in human hearts it offers the whiplash of overwhelming force on human backs.

In other words, it is not only your own peace and security that depends on your faithful adherence to all that has been considered best among us, it is also your freedom. If our beliefs in our ancient virtues do not make us strong enough to resist and overcome this primitive dark and bestial doctrine, it will overcome the world, and civilization will go back to the nothing it set out from.

In this tragic conflict of ideas, perhaps tyranny has one great advantage. It speaks with a single mouth and relies on a single performance. Its millions of minions are puppets. Our system relies solely on the spontaneous and unfailing devotion to our ideals of millions of free men. The duty of keeping us true to them and so preserving our national strength and happiness is on no superior. It

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is on each of us separately. In that sense each of you is a sentinel on duty over a key point in the defense of humanity against an ever-present vicious and deadly dangerous enemy. Your military training tells you what that means. Yours is a trusteeship for us all—a responsibility high, direct, and acutely personal, and so is mine, and so is that of every one of us. The general and special orders are simple, but in this crumbling of all old values throughout the world, I cannot overestimate to you the value of their very triteness. "Be honest, truthful, faithful, and loyal and our country will have little to fear, no matter what happens elsewhere on this earth."

There is one more quality as precious as the others I have named. It also may be abstract in statement or sound like another Sunday school maxim, but in the sense of which I speak it is as concrete, practical and necessary as a well-formed brick. Let me say here a word about courage. I don't now refer to any parade of physical fearlessness. I am talking to you about the silent intestinal fortitude that is yours alone in the still watches of the night—4 o'clock-in-the-morning courage—confidence in yourself and in the future of our country that never falls or even wavers.

There has been too much sentimentality recently about the handicap of our present youth, their "gloomy outlook," and the "lost generation." There is no doubt also that you start out under dark skies—that you are born to sacrifice and hardship. But these are precisely the things that forge the metal of men. Especially are they the things that have hammered out the character of America.

Let's skip a generation or two. There is nothing glowering over your skies today that begins to equal the danger and the challenges that met the pioneers in the conquest of this continent and the making and preservation of this Nation.

Tyrannical powers threatening from abroad? Why, in those days they were not even abroad. They were entrenched here in the Western Hemisphere surrounding us—north, south, and west of our beginnings.

Lack of equipment and preparation and dismay at threatening dangers? Why we started out on the edge of a howling wilderness. Savage men, savage coasts, unknown country frowned upon those generations from every side. With little more than their bare hands, the silent courage of their souls, their undoubting confidence in themselves, and the future of their country, they were willing to tackle anything. They did tackle everything and they peopled a continent in the shortest time, with the richest and most powerful civilization ever known in human history. You are confronted with no such task and menace as that. In comparison your lot is easy and your future high.

Dark days alternated with bright ones. Nothing that comforts you remotely resembles

the dangers and dismay that threatened this country much later. For months the flag of an enemy floated within sight of the Capitol at Washington, and those were years when the dissolution of our country seemed inevitable. Then there was the Civil War, and recently the depth of the dreadful depression in 1933.

And let me say this to you also. No generation that has been produced in this country ever faced a desperate crisis as well prepared as you. In our earlier days only a few of the young could be given by their parents and their country even the rudiments of education. Also little was formerly known of proper principles of child health, diet, and culture. With each forward step this condition has been improved. You are the heirs of all the ages in the foremost files of time.

I was pleased and astonished recently to read that the great national cross-section of the draft, last taken in 1917 and 1918, and being repeated again today, revealed that young men selected so short a time as 23 years ago were, on the average, between 1 and 2 inches less tall and about 15 pounds lighter than the present crop. This is in the nature of a scientific miracle.

It is only necessary to sit for a short time and talk to this generation to realize how far they are ahead of the youth of my day in knowledge and education. There is no yardstick to measure this and there may be exceptions. But my contemporaries are unanimous in telling me that the advance in mental equipment is as great as that in physical equipment.

In all that you can take great pride. But never forget this, your elders can take an even greater pride. This didn't just happen. It came because those who went before you and begot you, never lost sight of those spontaneous obligations of family and other relations of which I have told you—the very foundation of American institutions. There is nothing in this regard that you enjoy or shall in the future enjoy that was not handed down to you through the sacrifice and self-denial of elders who loved you from childhood, watched over you from the cradle in a determination that whatever was denied them in youth should not be withheld from you.

I know an old lady who sometimes and truly says: "There was never a pair of clean white hands that came to majority without one or more pairs of hard and sometimes grimy hands behind them to make it so." Never let that thought escape your minds.

You go forth in the pride and the confidence of country and of all American generations that have gone before you. That may and should be a sense of great gratification to you. But it should put in your hearts an even greater sense of duty and responsibility. You are their heirs and the product of their sacrifice. You must be grateful and show your gratitude by works and not mere words. You cannot let your country or your elders down. It is not enough for you to repeat their records and their triumphs. You shall have fallen short if you do not greatly better them. I know you will.

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JAMES A. FARLEY
NEW YORK

July 18, 1941

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I thought you might be interested in reading a letter I received from Mrs. W. Hough Mills, and I am enclosing it therefore.

With every good wish, I am

Sincerely yours,



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HARRIET MAY MILLS CLUB, INC.

HEADQUARTERS 1074 WEST GENESSEE STREET
SYRACUSE, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Farley,-

Berard and I thank you most sincerely for your good offices in securing a payment from the N.Y.S. Democratic Committee of the back salary due Miss Mills' estate. It came at a time when it seemed like a veritable life saver.

Are you coming to the State Fair this year? Perhaps on August 29th when Mrs Roosevelt speaks? If so I hope I'll have a chance to say "hello, and thank you".

'Till then, Many thanks indeed.

Sincerely yours,

Frances Park Mills
(Mrs W. Hough Mills).

July 16, 1941.

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September 16, 1941

Dear Jim:

On September 27, which is, as you know, Democratic Women's Day, I am having a picnic at my cottage at Hyde Park for the Democratic women on Dutchess County who actually participate in the money-raising campaign.

I hope you and Mrs. Farley will join us for a picnic supper before going to the big house where I am to broadcast.

It has been such a long time since I saw you, that I hope you can come.

Cordially yours,

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Hon. James A. Farley
Hotel Biltmore
NYC

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September 18, 1941

Dear Jim:

Hall is really too seriously ill to read or have your letter read to him. It was kind of you to write him and I will keep your letter in case there is any change.

The doctors are not encouraging, but his heart and constitution are so strong they can say nothing definite.

Sincerely yours,

Hon. James A. Farley
NYC

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JAMES A. FARLEY
NEW YORK

September 15, 1941

Dear Hall:

I am sorry to know that you are laid up in the Walter Reed Hospital. I trust your illness is only temporary, and that you will soon be around again as well as ever.

With every good wish for your speedy recovery, I am

Sincerely yours,



Mr. G. Hall Roosevelt
Walter Reed Hospital
Washington, D. C.

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April 16, 1942

Dear Mr. Farley:

Your letter of April tenth arrived in my absence from Washington and has just come to my attention.

Regarding your inquiry, John Roosevelt now is stationed at Coronado, California, and mail sent to that address will reach him.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

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Honorable James A. Farley,
The Coca-Cola Export Sales Company,
515 Madison Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

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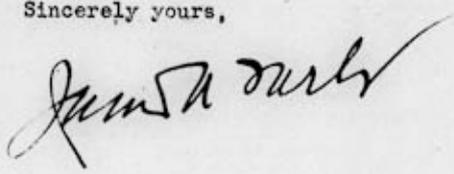
Dear Malvina:

As you know, every year I have a special pass for all American League baseball games for John Roosevelt, and I am wondering if you would let me have his address so that I could forward to him the one I have for him for this year. I realize, of course, that he may not have an opportunity to use it, but I would nevertheless like to send it to him.

With my kindest regards and best wishes to you,

Sincerely yours,

Miss Malvina Thompson,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.



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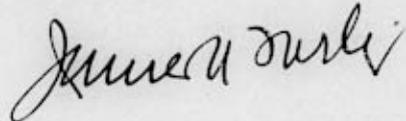
April 22, 1942.

Dear Malvina:

Thank you very much for your note of the
16th, giving me John Roosevelt's address. I shall
send the pass to him at Coronado, California.

With my personal regards and all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



Miss Malvina C. Thompson,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

May 14, 1942

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Dear Jim:

I have just heard that Nancy Cook is resigning from the Woman's Division of the State Committee.

I am writing to you because I am concerned about what will happen to Gertrude Stevenson. She has been working with Miss Cook since 1924 almost steadily and has been hard-working and loyal. I know she is very efficient, as she worked for me when I worked in the State Committee office.

I shall be extremely grateful if you can find a place for her, as she needs a job, and I know you will agree her years of loyalty should not be overlooked.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable James A. Farley
1040 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York

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May 18, 1942.

Dear Jim:

Thank you so much for your reassuring letter. I was quite sure I could count on you, but felt I must write a line in Mrs. Stevenson's behalf.

I do not know who will succeed Nancy, but I should think Mrs. Stevenson would be very valuable to whoever it is.

Many thanks, and I do hope to see you. Perhaps I can persuade you to come to my new apartment at 29 Washington Square, for a cup of tea.

Very cordially yours,

Hon. James A. Farley
1040 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York.

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JAMES A. FARLEY
NEW YORK

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May 23, 1942.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thank you very much for your kind note of the 19th. I do hope I shall have a chance to drop in some time when you are in New York.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,



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

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June 8, 1942

Dear Jim:

Thank you for sending me the letter from Mr. Hughes. I will see him the next time I am in New York.

Sincerely yours,

Hon. James A. Farley
The Biltmore
NYC

+ Joe Hughes
54 Avenue St
Newport NY

JAMES A. FARLEY
NEW YORK

June 15th, 1942.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:-

Thank you very much for your
letter of June 8th, relative to Mr. Hughes. It is
extremely good of you to say you will see him.

Sincerely yours,



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

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October 3, 1942

Dear Jim:

I was sorry too to miss a chance of seeing you, but I was told you were in Detroit. The tea went off well, I thought, and I was glad I could be there.

Perhaps some day before long we will have an opportunity to meet.

Sincerely yours,

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Hon. James A. Farley
Hotel Biltmore, NYC

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JAMES A. FARLEY
NEW YORK

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September 28, 1942

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I was sorry indeed that I could not be present at the Tea last Thursday, for Mrs. Johnson, and I was very happy to learn from Alice that it was so successful. Unfortunately for me, I was committed to speak in Detroit on that evening for the Catholic Youth Organization - an engagement I had agreed upon many months ago. Every year at this particular time, the CYO of Detroit has a dinner - in fact it has become one of the outstanding annual affairs in that City and they invited me to be their principal speaker at the dinner a year ago, but I was making plans to be in Hawaii and begged off until this year. Under the circumstances I could not upset their plans and remain in New York.

I want you to know, Mrs. Roosevelt, that I am most grateful to you for your presence at the Tea - it was generous and gracious of you to do it.

Trusting that you are feeling quite well, and that I shall have the pleasure of seeing you some time soon,

Sincerely yours,

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



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December 1, 1942.

Dear Jim:

Many thanks for the Monticello Bulletin article. It was terribly good of you to keep it for my return.

The article is certainly full-some and I only hope it doesn't spur on a lot of "elbow" cousins to write.

We had a grand trip to Great Britain and I was especially glad to have an opportunity to see something of Ireland. We landed in Foynes and drove around Limerick and bought some Limerick lace. Then we went to Belfast and Londonderry. It certainly is beautiful country and even in November the grass was as green as it is here in June. The flights over and back were very smooth and comfortable and once aboard there was no feeling of anything unusual or adventurous.

All good wishes to Mrs. Farley and the children.

Cordially yours,

Mr. James A. Farley
1040 Fifth Avenue
New York, New York.

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515 Madison Avenue,
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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

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As I have been up in Boston all week, this is the first chance I have had to thank you for your nice letter of the 27th.

I am glad that you and the President liked my message on the Soldiers' Vote. I felt that it was about time something was said on that subject.

With reference to Molly, she and I do not agree on everything, but we get along all right.

If you are in the neighborhood of the Committee, or this address, which is my business office, I would, of course, be happy to see you.

With kindest regards and all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

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

James A. Farley

Miss Dully

To show the President ✓
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March 1, 1945.

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Dear Jim:

I was sorry to read in the paper today that your brother had died. It is always sad to lose a member of one's family and I send you my sincere sympathy.

Very sincerely,

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Mr. James A. Farley
1040 Fifth Avenue
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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

It was extremely kind of you to write me upon the occasion of Tom's death. This is the first break in the family since my mother's death over thirty-one years ago and quite naturally it is a great loss. He leaves two dependent children.

Sincerely yours
Jim

March 24, 1945