ISABELLA GREENWAY (KING)

1933 - 1945
March 25, 1933

Dear [Name],

When you can I'd be glad to talk over some things important to us both. It is not a rush matter but we must not miss the opportunity to reflect.

Best,

[Signature]
Mrs. John C. Greenway
Tucson, Arizona

May 31, 1935.

Many thanks for letter. Still think it best to go to Fort Worth leaving Sunday night. Will you wire me today what your plans are for next week and full name of woman in Fort Worth. Expect Martha and all here Friday. Love

Eleanor
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

blwU MO 59 12:15a.m.

Tucson, Ariz. June 1, 1933

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,

The White House.

Understand Elliott in process of telephoning you now from Sacramento unless I hear from you to the contrary I shall carry out your wishes regarding family meeting Tucson Monday night as you suggest will keep you in close touch possibly joining you at El Paso dearest love and gratitude that Martha and Charles may have the joy of seeing you.

Isabella.
Day Letter

June 2, 1935

Mrs. John C. Greenaway
Tucson
Arizona

Elliott did telephone me saying he would let me know whether he and girl would be willing to see me. He asked me not to see mother till afterwards, but I insisted if I did not see her I would write just what I had said to him. Will abide by your decision as to whether it is better to have mother in Tucson or not. I have had no wires from Elliott yet. I shall go to Tucson in any case and if you let them know that I will be there then I will feel that I have done my share. Am seeing Martha and Charles this afternoon. Much love to you.

Eleanor Roosevelt
Mrs Franklin D Roosevelt
The White House.

Eleanor Dear Everything seems to be pending tonight in relation to the veterans and I can only pray that the information we tried to assemble through Ryokman etc will seem convincing enough to necessitate the care of those under the presumptive clause and Spanish war veterans. You know from our talk that all I have contributed is in the sincere belief that Franklins goal is justice and that he has been ill advised in this human equation. Love.

Isabella. GREENWAY

945 P
July 8, 1933

My dear Mrs. Smith:

Thank you so much for the plates you sent me. I am very happy to have them and appreciate deeply your thought of me.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Smith
Care Mrs. John C. Greenway
Tucson
Arizona
July 8, 1933

My dear Mrs. McDonald:

Thank you so much for the baskets which were woven of desert shrubs. I am delighted to have them and appreciate deeply your thought in sending them to me.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. McDonald
Care Mrs. Greenway
Tucson
Arizona
The White House
Washington

Tucson, Arizona, September 27, 1933

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Lovely visit with Elliott, who seems happy, full of plans and much work. Writing details. Dear friends of mine have insisted I urge you to accept invitation Tournament of Roses January first Pasadena, National hook-up, etc. I explained probability Christmas holidays your children make impossible. Whatever you decide suggest painstaking answer account prevailing disappointment political organization Southern California your inability appear your last visit. Dearest love. Hope possibility see you for a moment after October tenth. Isabella.
Eleanore dear:

The plates are from Mrs. Smith - the basket especially woven from palm desert fibers - presented by Miss Sue Donald.

If a letter comes thru to me, I shall see that these ladies receive it - (Their address is over - The Pinnacle) but I have told them how grateful I know you are.

I'm glad & still gasping for breath since we circled the world.

Jo. Belle -
November 14, 1933

My dear Mrs. Greenway:

I am sending you a letter
I received from Mrs. Zula K. Hurt.
I think it might prove of interest
to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Honorable Isabella Greenway
The Willard Hotel
Washington, D. C.
November 14, 1933

My dear Mrs. Greenway:

I am sending you this Registration application for Jackie's dog.

We miss seeing you here.

Sincerely yours,

Honoroble Isabella Greenway
The Willard Hotel
Washington, D. C.
531 South Street
Kensal Rise, New York
November 3, 1933
President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
White House,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President,

I am sending registration application for the Great Dane puppy that I sent to you on October 13, 1933. I hope that this puppy will meet with your approval in every way, and I am sure that when he has attained his full growth, he will be a splendid dog of excellent type and standard.

As regards the quality of this particular puppy, I will not attempt to...
describe in detail as it would be necessary in order to do justice to him, to go back to many generations but I will merely say that this pup is a descendant of Champion breedings over a long period of time and I state frankly without any fear of contradiction that both the sire and the dam of this particular puppy are the two most famous blood lines of the breed known to exist on both continents.

It has given me great pleasure to be able to secure land and cross these two world famous blood lines and it has given me far greater pleasure to pick the
I have business in three cities totaling forty-six puppies and send it to you. I hope you and your family will derive as much pleasure by owning this dog as it has given me to be able to produce and deliver the same to you.

Hoping and trusting that God will grant you good health and strength in order to maintain the ability, courage, and perseverance which you have so far successfully demonstrated and hoping sincerely for the success of each and every undertaking that you have made or will make during your administration I extend my best wishes for your...
future.

Sincerely yours,

(Mrs) George B. Heeler
337 South Street
Herschel New York

P.S. As I am anxious to know whether my sending you this puppy and the manner in which I did, and also if the puppy himself has met with your approval, I would appreciate a word as soon as it is most convenient for you.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. George B. Heeler
MRS ROOSEVELT=
WHITE HOUSE WASHDC=

YOUR INVITATION WARMS OUR HEARTS DEAREST BUT WE KNOW YOU WILL UNDERSTAND THAT IF JACK AND I GO TO THE WILDCARD IT IS BECAUSE WE DON'T WANT TO BE A NUISANCE WILL COUNT ON ALL CHANCES TO SEE YOU LOVE=

ISABELLA.
November 27, 1933

Dearest Isabella:

Do you remember this boy and is there anything you can do to help him? Possibly Lewis Douglass might be willing to do something.

Affectionately,

Hon. Isabella Greenway
House of Representatives
Washington
D.C.

Sending letter from Mrs. Eleanor Harris Krause
322 Clinton Place
Kansas City
Missouri
My dear Mrs. Krause:

You are right in saying that your boy is one of many who are undergoing the same trials, but that of course does not make it any easier for each individual, and I only hope that it may soon come to an end. I will write to Mrs. Greenway and see if she can help in any way to give your boy a helping hand.

Thank you for your very kind letter.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Eleanor Harris Krause
342 Clinton Place
Kansas City
Missouri

cc: Hon. Isabella Greenway
MRS JOHN C GREENWAY
TUCSON ARIZONA

DEEPLY GRIEVED OUT OF QUESTION TO LEAVE WASHINGTON DURING THE
HOLIDAYS BOYS HOME UNTIL JANUARY TENTH AND EXPECT WINTER TO BE TOO
BUSY TO PREVENT MY GOING VERY FAR AWAY UNLESS SOME FAMILY REASON
MADE IT IMPERATIVE STOP WILL YOU BE IN WASHINGTON AFTER OCTOBER
TENTH IF SO WE COUNT ON YOUR STAYING WITH US MUCH MUCH
LOVE

ELEANOR
Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C.  

June 7, 1935

Dear Eleanor:

In connection with the erroneous publicity concerning my affiliation with the "Americans, Inc."
I believe this enclosed copy of affidavit on the part of Mr. John W. Haverty will interest you.

Affectionately,

[Signature]

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

Dear [Name],

I just thought this would amuse you.

Jack and Jane are off on a tour of inspection of France. Bob's daughter, G., and we three go there on Thursday. — devotedly Isabelle —
AFFADAVIT

I, J. W. Haverty, 333 Chalfonte Apartments, 1601 Argonne Place, Washington, D. C., do of my own free will and accord make the following statements of fact:

That I was affiliated with "Americans, Inc.", and served in the official capacity of Executive Secretary during the period from October 26, 1934, to January 31, 1935.

That in May, 1934, or prior thereto, there was organized and incorporated an organization known as "Democratic League of America"; that in August, 1934, or thereabouts, the latter name was changed to that of "Americans, Inc."

That my first contact and affiliation with Americans, Inc. was in October 1934, and that at that time the name of Isabella Greenway, Congresswoman of Arizona, appeared on the list of Directors.

That I believe during my affiliation with Americans, Inc., I had access to all records and papers concerning Directors and Members and I did have occasion to and did make specific search to establish the membership of said Isabella Greenway, and I failed to find any evidence of her acceptance of such membership or directorship.

[Signature]

DISTRICT OF }
COLUMBIA }

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 21st day of May, 1935.

[Signature]
Return to Mrs. Roosevelt

F.D.R.
Eleanor dear,

Don't let anything about you + me worry or burden you -- much will flood in -- philosophically I have accepted the inevitable -- my helplessness to you as a bearer of information, opinion or opinion cannot exist -- while, as a member of Congress I am supposed to be too much influenced by political pressure to allow of sound judgment.

Realize this is an extreme statement -- but it is more or less truth -- + we really can't do anything about it -- it just there --

Happily it is not serious so long as we understand -- + I want you to know that my being to come to you will all the many matters about which I am thinking + working is because I really feel it has no useful place + is just one more thing for you to listen to + one more thing about which sometimes (usually some thing difficult) has to be done --
you've been wonderful about it all - Fair + just.
+ I know you always would be - + I love you for it -
+ don't feel a step further away in your adoration
That has come to be part of life over the years -

Franklin wrote me on leaving asking that I work
for the Economic Social Security bill "as a whole."
A put me very much on the spot - as such in any
For I have knowledge + consent had circulated the petition
Asking for a Caucus to Consider The advisability of
presenting old age pensions in a separate bill -
Sixth is interesting news - I am confused as to why the petition
has not been presented - but when I told the small group of
the steering committee - (the petition) of Franklin's wishes
(Which I had to do) They generously shared the responsibility
of notification - Not calling the caucus -

There are no means of protecting ourselves from lies
other than your generosity - which I know to be unfailing

"You have been constantly in my thoughts. To reduce anxiety in illness - The strain must be unbearable."
The birthday flowers were so lovely - Fragrant, smiling, gentle. All that comes from the heart + that be true
Because there beauty precludes - hurt + kills in the things we like to hear + that - the last are always the bitterest. Most

Wright Annie looked a world better. Devotedly + looking forward
June 27, 1936

Dearest Isabella:

This is just a note to tell you that a girl who went to our school, Jane Holmes, has been ill and is now living at Sonóita. I thought if you were in that vicinity and had a moment that you might call on her.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Isabella Greenway
House of Representatives
Washington, D.C.
TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM The White House
Washington

10/6/36

MRS M. T. SCHEIDER
20 EAST 11 STREET
NEW YORK N. Y.

MRS GREENWAY IN WASHINGTON RECEIVED MRS ROOSEVELT'S INVITATION TO DINE IN NEW YORK TONIGHT AS SHE BOARDED TRAIN TO STAYING OVER UNTIL TOMORROW IF AGREEABLE MRS ROOSEVELT SEE HER THEN

MOLLIE SOMERVILLE

(Mrs. Greenway's address -
222 Wyoming Avenue - "North 6636")
December 2, 1936

My dear Mrs. Scheider:

The New York addresses of Mrs. Greenway and Mrs. Breasted are:

Mrs. John C. Greenway
840 Park Avenue
New York, N. Y.

Mrs. Charles Breasted
55 East 72nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signed]

Robert H. Ferguson

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

The White House
Washington

29WU. RA. 46- 2:15 p.m.

Kp. New York, N. Y., March 1, 1937

Mrs. Roosevelt,

Belle Eckles at Willard Hotel leaving for New Mexico tonight

Realizing she will not let you know I am doing so in case you
want to see her. She does not know I have telegraphed you.

Congressman Jack Dempsey will be in touch with her. Much
love.

Isabella.
March 1, 1937

My dear Mrs. Greenway:

Mrs. Roosevelt has directed me to send you the enclosed letter from Miss Isabel Eckles and to ask if you can suggest anything she ought to do.

Very sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt

Mrs. Isabella Greenway
Tucson
Arizona

Other efforts of no avail because she is too old for C.S. exam.
March 3, 1937

Mrs. John Greenway
840 Park Avenue
New York, New York

Can you mail me special delivery today copy of autobiography I gave you to read. Sorry couldn't see Belle Jocles as time was jammed full. Much love

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT
May 18, 1937

Dearest Isabella:

I see that you are coming to the newspaper dance so won’t you come that afternoon and spend the week end? It will give me a chance to see you again and I will be a little more free than I was the last time.

Much love,

Mrs. John/Greenway
840 Park Avenue
NYC

S:DD
Mrs. John C. Greenway
accepts with pleasure
The kind invitation of
The President and Mrs. Roosevelt
for Friday evening—
May the twenty-eighth
at nine o'clock

May 14, 1937

[Signature]
Mrs. Isabella Greenway  
840 Park Avenue  
New York  
NY  
May 24, 1937  

Please come Thursday. Let me know time of arrival so car can meet you. Love  

Eleanor
May 21 - 1887

Dear Eleanor,

This is such a blessed and generous invitation. I hardly knew how you would feel, but I think it is wonderful. All sorts of factors make it necessary that I return forstage day - Smith for the western tour - with Jack.

Would there be a chance of seeing you anytime this Friday before the dance?

I really had accepted the dance with little idea of seeing you but now I know there is a chance of seeing you till just before dinner - Thursday or Friday - if I were to leave five minutes to spare. I'll understand perfectly.

Yours,

Edith
December 8, 1937

Dearest Isabella:

I had already written Mrs. Woodward and Mr. Hopkins in behalf of Nancy Lane. I will write Mrs. Woodward about Belle Eckles, saying if they don't give it to Nancy Lane, that Belle is really better fitted. However, Nancy Lane has congressional and senatorial endorsements.

I do hope you are coming Saturday. If not, do let me see you very soon.

Much love,

Mrs. John C. Greenway
840 Park Avenue
NYC
The White House
Washington

December 6, 1937

Mrs. Roosevelt,

Have just learned of opening in WPA for state director of Womanswork in New Mexico. Could anyone serve the public better than Belle Eckles and I know how truly she needs the opportunity after several idle years due to political juggling and treachery. It's good to live in the world with you and one of these days I'm going to see you. Love.

Isabella.
Mr. and Mrs. John Boettiger

Care Post-Intelligencer

Seattle
Washington

January 6, 1938

Following wire received from Isabella, Arizona Inn, Tucson, Arizona, quote
Overjoyed Anna and John can come Tucson. Of course can take care of them in
either rooms or cottage. Remaining here myself and cannot tell you how
lovely it will be to see them. Will the children be along unquote
All my Love. Mr. Nesbitt died this morning

Mother
Mr. J. F. Cozzens
To Save Park - Intelligencers
Late to, etc.

Following was received from Seattle
at Allegany, Sea., Tucson, Arizona
devote
will you have your preference - see
any line - we received check this morning.

Yours
TELEGRAM

2711, U.R.A. 40-D. L.

The White House
Washington

Tucson, Arizona, January 5, 1938
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Overjoyed Anna and John can come Tucson. Of course can take care of them in either rooms or cottage. Remaining here myself and cannot tell you how lovely it will be to see them. Will the children be along? Love.

Isabelle.

2:30 p.m.
TELEGRAM
OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

From: The White House
      Washington

4/29/39 - Day Letter

To: Mrs. Malvina T. Scheiger
    20 East 11th Street
    New York, N. Y.

Mrs. Isabelle Greenway telephoned from New York regarding presentation of model for American Arbitration Association stop they have been able to change date from 24th to 23rd and are anxious to know if this date convenient for Mrs. Roosevelt stop please telephone answer to Association at Wisconsin 7-2200 address 8 West 40 Street

Mollie Somerville
INHC NEW YORK NY 249P APR 22 1938

MRS ROOSEVELT

20 EAST ELEVENTH ST NYK

IN CASE LETTER SENT BY MESSENGER MISSES YOU I AM WIRING TO ASK IF YOU COULD LUNCH ON MAY 24 AT THE WALDORF AND PRESENT THE MEDAL AWARDED BY THE AMERICAN ARBITRATION ASSOCIATION TO JUAN TRIPPE IN CONNECTION WITH INTERNATIONAL GOOD WILL THE ASSOCIATION ASKED ME TO EXTEND THIS INVITATION AND HOPE THAT YOU MAY COME AND TO TELL YOU HOW TRULY THEY WOULD APPRECIATE IT

LOVE

ISABELLE

305P
April 21, 1938

Mrs. John C. Greenway
840 Park Avenue
New York

Dear Mrs. Greenway:

In the event that you are seeing or communicating with Mrs. Roosevelt tomorrow on bestowing our medal on May 24th at luncheon, you may wish to see the design for the medal.

Very sincerely yours,

Frances Kello
First Vice President

Mrs. John C. Greenway
840 Park Avenue
New York
YOU ARE CORDIALLY INVITED TO VISIT OUR EXHIBITION ROOMS WHERE THE ORIGINAL BAS-RELIEFS OF A REPRESENTATIVE GROUP OF AMERICAN SCULPTORS, AND REPRODUCTIONS, ARE ON EXHIBITION.

FULLY NINE-TENTHS OF THE AMERICAN SCULPTORS’ MEDALLIC WORK HAS BEEN REPRODUCED IN OUR WORKROOMS. DIES AND REDUCTIONS OF SCULPTORS’ MODELS, FOR THE UNITED STATES COINS, STRUCK AT THE MINT, WERE MADE BY US.
Dearest Eleanor:

In the excitement of yesterday's exciting luncheon I forgot to talk to you about Miss Blanchard's hospital bill, about which you wrote me. It is a bill owing to the hospital in Tucson, which is in the process of complete re-financing. It is a charitable hospital insofar as it is a non-profit institution, but at this moment it is being completely reorganized and I, who hold merely the titular position of President, have no idea how this particular bill could be handled.

I wrote to the Executive Committee and explained the tragic circumstances surrounding Miss Blanchard's death and her gallant fight to meet all her obligations, with the hope that it would be possible to wipe this sum off any unpaid record of Miss Blanchard's. I have not had time to hear yet what can be done but will let you know just as soon as I do.

Ever affectionately,

Isabella
June 7, 1938

Dearest Isabella,

Thank you so much for taking care of the hospital charges for Mary Blanchard.

Anna and John and the children arrive on the 10th and I am overjoyed at the prospect of seeing them. They stay until the 20th. It seems a very short time but I am grateful for as much time as I can have with them.

I plan to stay at Hyde Park all summer and hope for some peace and quiet.

Devotedly,

Mrs. Isabella Greenway
840 Park Ave., N.Y.C.
Elena dear —

This explains the

clean up of the recent indubitable

I hope little Miss Blanche and —

If only more of us could have some of

courage — like her —

A heart full of love to Anna

When you see her — + may the

doomed — find its harvest for you —

demur —

Isabella —
20 May 1936.

Mrs. Isabella Greenway,
640 Park Avenue,
New York, New York.

My dear Mrs. Greenway:

I received a letter today from Jeremia Metzger, M.D., Superintendent of the Tucson Hospital. He states that inasmuch as Mary Blanchard's bill was prior to the present management, that in consideration of my portrayal of the circumstances and your suggestion, he is happy to clear the record.

I deeply appreciate this cooperation on your part.

Sincerely yours,

Robt. C. Baker.
October 13, 1938

Dear Isabella:

I wish they had let me know when you called up last night. I would have loved to hear your voice. Elizabeth had been in to tea and we talked about you and she told me of seeing you.

I am so anxious to see you and so annoyed to have missed your call. Will you be in New York City for some time now? If so, I will try to make a date next time I go up, in November.

Much love, dear.

Affectionately,

Mrs. John C. Greenway
845 Park Avenue
NYC
November 16, 1938

Isabella dear:

I know a formal invitation is going to you for the annual Gridiron Widows' Party on December 17. I do hope you can come down.

Of course you are to spend the night with us and it will be a great joy to have you.

Much love always,

Mrs. John C. Greenway
820 Park Avenue
NYC
132 EAST 92ND STREET
NEW YORK

[Handwritten text]

Mr. Roosevelt —

The White House
Washington, D.C.
Dear Daisy,

A chance to see you — Of course I'll come.
I love the prospect — That is I.

Mrs. John C. G.

Dec. 17, 1918

132 East 92nd Street
New York
ATwater 9-3477
January 18, 1939

Dear Isabella:

Thank you for letting me know about Mrs. Miner. I asked her to dine with us last night as Elliott was here.

We did have such a good time together and I hope we can have another party when I am in New York in February.

Much love,

Mrs. John C. Greenway
132 East 92nd St.
NYC
Dearest darling —

That an honor to be asked as one of your allowed guests. I'm just overwhelmed — so pleased that plans to 12 best, (on business & school holiday trip) — dream I can't accept — — I can't imagine what a thrill I get — when I think you have builded & are building — The fact I was to be included on your professional invitation!!! — Dear Sam to truly sorry — + your kindness in asking me — dreams come too much — — I understand too much when I said — Gentlemen is it not a little hard to advise young people to a policy of expediency rather than one of ideals — All devoted —

Isabella —
MRS HARRY ORLAND KING
132 East 92nd Street
New York, New York

A world of love and many happy returns of the
day Isabella dear from your devoted

Eleanor Roosevelt
April 23, 1940

Isabella dear:

I was perfectly delighted to get your letter and so glad that you are working on the unemployment situation. It was dear of you to write, and I do hope this spring, when I am in New York, I may have a chance to see you. In all the visits I have made this past winter, I haven’t had a single free minute.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Harry King
132 East 92nd St.
NYC
April 20

Eleanor, darling,

Across the wide world,

came your birthday message — and that a part you have played in those personal mile stones + all the days of my years — between — + as many others — you have blessed this world beyond the limit of measure — + I only hope your consciousness lasts long enough to reap the harvest of realizing your own fulfillment —

Thank you for the telegram which made me so happy — I measure my joy after all these years of talking t have a chance to be working — on the
Employment - problem with a non-political organization. The chances are it will come to naught - but its very satisfying dreamtime.

We had such fun with the Clough & Bee Boys - on The Easter Holiday.

All devoted with a hayo a kiss -

& every thing cozy & heartwarming

That could defy this grim world.

Isabella
June 13, 1940

Dearest Isabella:

I am so distressed not to have known you were here. Please do let me know. I so love to see you and it has been such a long time.

Much love always.

Mrs. Harry King
132 East 92nd Street
New York
New York
Eleanor darling,

I love you too much
to call you — on my unplanned
visit here — — it makes me
unhappy & not to pay my respects — but when I picture the reality of
your hours & your efforts to make it
possible (against all odds) to
give me the selfish pleasure of seeing
you — I just can't do it. —
This is to tell you — I love you in a

I know you understand it is to save you

Yours sincerely
Isabella.
August 29, 1940

Isabella dear:

I had not seen any publicity, and as far as I know, the New York papers have not carried anything about your visit to Mr. Wilkie, nor your support of him, as yet.

I am of course, sorry to have you openly on the other side, but I realize that you have to do whatever you think is right.

It is a little difficult, however, for me to understand, with your knowledge of Congress, why you think that Mr. Wilkie can accomplish the things which he promises. Also, it is hard for me to believe that knowing his record as you must have read his testimony as a utility head, how you can feel safe in his future attitude toward labor and social reform.

As to the third term, I never have felt very strongly about that and I think that Franklin felt more strongly about the traditional part of it than I did. I do not think he made up his mind as to what he thought he ought to do until he really found that he was being nominated. I think he always had a feeling that if the situation in the world was really serious, he ought to do whatever the convention decided. I feel they nominated him purely because he probably knows more about world conditions than anyone else, and might therefore be more useful to the country. I never asked him what his decision was going to be up to the time of the convention, because I felt that it was such a serious one, that only the person involved should make it, and he should make it with no urging one way or the other from anybody else. After all the rest of us carry no responsibility.

You may well know that I would not look forward to four years more in the White House with joy but at the present moment, what any one likes or dislikes does not seem very important.

I should view Mr. Wilkie's election with apprehension for the things which I care about, but
of course, I should consider if he were elected, that all of us had to hope that he would prove to be a successful President and that we would give him the support which any President must have in the next few years. I am afraid I would watch with considerable apprehension for fascist tendencies in him and in the group which nominated him.

I felt I had to say this to you so you would understand what my feeling is, but of course, as far as I am concerned political differences never make any difference in one's own personal feelings.

Every good wish to you and yours,

Devotedly,
Aug 19

Eleanor dear —

Here comes another

chapter or one I don't like. The experience

I haven't a doubt that some

of the publicity (for which I am in no way

responsible to date) has reached you about

my support of Wilkie — that you have

wondered why you have not heard from

me —

For two many reasons to inflict on

you — I made my mind up before the

Democratic convention that I couldn't endure

a third term — I didn't really believe, right

up to the last moment that it would come about.

In addition to that you know my overwhelming

conviction that more and different programs

could — should be followed thro' current

employments
After meeting a stone wall I rebuff in many constant efforts in those various departments of Government in including that in which you - Franklin gave me such real help at the Department of Commerce last year - became entirely disheartened -

I want to see Mr. Wilkie in Colorado Springs and have his statement of his program in behalf of reemployment - it has elements that to date have not been tried in which I believe there is hope -

you + $ (I think) have much the same realistic sense of the pitfalls and precariousness of the human equation in all things in including Government - but I must be kept on trying and hoping -

How I love to admire you - you know -

There was enough to read between the lines
If your convention speech to convince me that you were not instrumental in initiating the third term policy — or your statement (a while ago) — that to date we have brought the time to think — is I believe one of the great truths of this period — it is in the hope that further constructive effort can be forced that I am going to join those Democrats who feel as I do —

You would know how to do what I am doing if I were felt as I do —

I feel very confident that any participation will be kept to important issues — that our lifelong family relations will be safeguarded to the best of my ability — I am prepared forever for the fact that in a political campaign others will not respect or help in keeping the whole on the plane it belongs —
A heart full of love always —

It is understanding that surpasses all words — it will survive in spite of everything —

Dorothea

Isabella —
January 13, 1941

Dearest Isabella:

I was so glad to get your letter and am so anxious to see you. I am going to be in New York City on the 17th and would love it if you could lunch with me at the Cosmopolitan Club, 122 East 66th Street, at one o’clock that day.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Harry King
132 East 92nd Street
NYC
Dear Eleanor,

How like your sweet voice;

In our self - here we are
one and all - reeking again
The blessing of your sweet thoughts
fulfilled - & such delicious
so dear as I have - & Frances &
Jack's ties were under the Xmas
Tree - It was as ever - lovely & in
comprehensible to me. How you can
manage - to sustain the heart warming
flow of expression of friendship, over
the years as they have come to you
- I was sorry to miss your call. Jack
& I had gone south to get the letter of his
Cold -

If I'm should receive a note from old
Grandma - just ignore it - To this awful
old + strange > She mentioned — her last
letter planning to write to you about a pension
she sees her constantly & one + tanks with her diet
have cared for them always. — Mother having left a
very substantial sum — + the receives
pensions from — charity cutcheon + brother,
Bob & me —
This been slipping rather rapidly lately + is
very pitiful — I a photo of you is always
on the table — I'm sorry to bother you about
this but just wanted to warn you in case
you did hear — not to heed it —
May the new year bring peace out of
anguish — May you have the comfort
of our unfailing efforts in behalf of
greater good —
with devoted affection + love —
Isabella —
Letter of 11/5, 1941

From Mrs. Reitzen
Sent to Civilian Defense
1/4/41
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"This letter, etc."
October 24, 1941

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

In your recent letter to Mrs. Ruth T. Lucas, Secretary of the Volunteer Office, 1001 Huron Road, Cleveland, you very kindly offered to assist in the changing and improving of our local setup in order that we may handle the bigger job of volunteer activities under the Civilian Defense Program. May we refer you to Mrs. Lucas' reply to your letter, which gave a summary of what we have done during the past ten months to re-organize the Volunteer Department of the Welfare Federation to serve the community as the Civilian Defense Volunteer Office.

We took immediate steps to change the name of the office on receipt of your letter, from "Volunteers Association for Service and Defense" to "Civilian Defense Volunteer Office."

May we refer you to the following paragraph in Mrs. Lucas' letter, for quote, "Our biggest problem at the moment is trying to coordinate the various types of women's organizations that are springing up with the idea of helping with Civilian Defense."

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However, both in national publicity in the form of magazine articles like the one which appeared in the recent issue of Liberty, and in your own syndicated column ("My Day"), the American Women's Voluntary Services are given prominence. This has created confusion in the minds of the general public here, particularly in women's organizations.
The local American Women's Voluntary Services came into Cleveland after our committee had been organised. We offered them opportunities for cooperating with us, of which they did not wish to take advantage. They registered their own volunteers—about two hundred—and started training courses, some under qualified Red Cross instructors, some courses of very questionable value. Following training, they have placed no volunteers.

Our Civilian Defense Volunteer Committee is using the staff of the Welfare Federation Volunteer Department which has had eleven years experience in recruiting and placing volunteers.

Since last April we have enrolled five thousand volunteers. From the file set up during the summer we referred eleven hundred names of women to the Red Cross for interview and placement in service with them. A few more than one thousand other women were referred to the Red Cross for training. At present our direct placement of volunteers with the Health and Welfare Agencies averages only fifty a month, but this will increase when the staff of the Civilian Defense Volunteer Office can spend more time on placement and less time in trying to straighten out this confusion in the minds of the community. We cannot do a comprehensive job of enrollment, training and placing of volunteers, however, unless we have the authority and backing we need to secure respect and cooperation in the community. Nor is it enough, we are afraid, for us to say that we have that authority since, as we have said, others are making the same claim.

As volunteers ourselves, several of us have had some experience over a period of years with the problems and possibilities of volunteer work, and we are anxious to do anything we can to secure the best organization possible for the Civilian Defense Volunteer Office here. We trust that the meeting of women representatives from the state organizations which Miss Wilmer Shields mentions in her letter to Mrs. Lucas this week will clarify this matter of cooperation with local Defense Councils. We shall endeavor to do the comprehensive job of enrollment of all volunteers, men and women, provided we can have the authority referred to above.

In conclusion, is it possible for you to state whether a city like Cleveland shall handle its own task of enrollment, training and placement of volunteers through its Civilian Defense Volunteer Office or whether the American Women's Voluntary Services shall assume a definite part in this task? May we add that it is to the general public as well as to the organizations themselves that this needs to be made clear?

Such a "clarification from the top" is most urgently needed since we are wasting much valuable time and energy in fruitless efforts to obtain more than lip-service and often less than that from certain women's groups here, in contrast to the splendid support given us by the large organizations on our Coordinating Committee and by all the subcommittees of the Mayor's Defense Council.
October 24, 1941

We know that your interest is in having a unified community for defense and that you are interested in using existing community resources. We are, therefore, laying our problem thus frankly before you, believing that you would prefer us to do this, and we shall deeply appreciate your giving it your consideration and transmitting to us your suggestions.

Very sincerely yours,

Maud E. Corning

Maud E. Corning (Mrs. Warren H.)
Chairman, Civilian Defense Volunteer Office

British War Relief
Mrs. Harold T. Clark
Mrs. Howard Eells, Jr.

Greater Cleveland Chapter-American Red Cross
Mrs. J. B. Anderson
Mrs. Charles A. Otis

Junior League of Cleveland
Mrs. Robert Clements

Welfare Federation
Mrs. Alfred Kelley
Mrs. John McQuade
Miss Eloise Davison,
Assistant Director of Civilian Defense,
United States Government,
Dupont Circle Apartments,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Davison:

We members of the A. W. V. S. who had the privilege of lunching with Mrs. Roosevelt and yourself last week were happy with the result. We have returned feeling that we have been assured of a useful place in the Defense Program. Those who have struggled for two and a half years on a program of national self-reliance for women will be able to realize their goal in usefulness.

We feel that Mrs. Roosevelt, Mrs. Morgenthau, you and Miss Shield clarified the points listed in the accompanying memorandum. We wish to present these at the Board of Directors' meeting shortly, and unless we hear from you that we have been inaccurate in our impressions we will report them as the result of our meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Chairman of the Board

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July 22, 1941.

Dearest Isabella:

I was delighted to get your letter. I know you will do a grand job. Life seems to be very full for all of us these days.

With my love,

Devotedly,

Mrs. Harry O. King,
132 East 92nd Street,
New York, New York.
Dearest Eleanor,

Every one interested in the American Women Volunteer Services were so pleased & grateful to me for your kind & helpful comments in my day. We do so want to cooperate with the Mayor & become even more useful in the Defense Program.

It is overwhelming & encouraging to realize the volunteer services are growing in national & local - we are organized in 22 States - & the fire & police departments seem so satisfied with the adequacy of the training in all the stated subjects. Everyone seems so relieved & grateful to find a place to work.
They can write on the common object of self-reliance in defense and not despair with their best friends all day on the vast controversial issues consuming the energies of so many.

Its heartening and inspiring. This word of yours will help immeasurably, I know, and we are so grateful.

It was sad to be away this Spring when you sent the lovely flowers — but your thought has not faded —

Ever with devoted affection

Isabella —
October 7, 1941.

Dearest Isabella:

Dr. Reinhart is one of the five on the volunteer participation committee for the corps areas. They work with the regional director and there are not more than five in any corps area. However, I feel sure that Mrs. Stanhope Noxon can in some way be tied in with the work of that regional office. I will take it up with Miss Davison who is in charge of women's participation, and find out what her suggestions might be.

I hope that you will be able to come down here for the meeting of the national women's organizations, and if you do why don't you come and spend the night with us?

Much love,

Mrs. Harry G. King
132 East 92nd Street
New York, New York.
TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

5th RA 26-D-L. 8:26 A.M.
New York Airport North Beach, N.Y. Oct. 13, 1941

MRS. ROOSEVELT,

So grateful your letter about Mrs. Nixon and particularly appreciate your dearness in invitation. Unable accept as will explain looking forward hear you luncheon today. Love.

ISABELLE
We

Dear Eleanor

I'm sure we are most

grateful & we are most

appreciative — & glad to

feel we may be of some use in

part of the official defense

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October 13, 1941

Dear Isabella:

I am glad to see the letter from Mrs. Rosenberg and am glad that you are reaping such splendid results from the work of the American Woman's Voluntary Services.

Thank you for sending it on to me.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Isabella Greenway King
American Woman's Voluntary Services, Inc.
1 East 57th Street
New York, New York
October 10, 1941

Dearest Eleanor:

The attached gives an idea of what the American Women’s Voluntary Services has to offer. We have been given some wonderful assignments like this one from Mrs. Rosenberg, and we are very pleased and happy over the results to date.

Of late quite a few other organizations have brought us some of their problems, and we have been able to help them out.

Ever, with devoted affection,

Isabella —

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

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AMERICAN WOMEN'S VOLUNTARY SERVICES

We are a private voluntary organization of loyal American women of all races, creeds and political faiths.

We are supported only by voluntary contributions.

We accept any helpful services from our members and friends.

We make available to our members useful instruction and training.

We use the services of our members on assignments from other organizations and institutions, (Civic, Governmental and private), when requested and if practical, as well as on A. W. V. S. programs.

We encourage our members to use the training they receive through the A. W. V. S. by offering their services to the Civilian Defense Volunteer Office.

We emphasize our desire to undertake responsible assignments at this critical time from all Defense agencies wishing to use our services.

We cooperate with many other agencies, such as the Red Cross, the U. S. O., the Citizens' Committee, American Legion Auxiliary, etc.

"UNITE AND SERVE"
July 18, 1941

Mrs. Isabella Greenway King,
Chairman of the Board
American Women's Voluntary Services
1 East 57th Street
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. King:

In accordance with the plans which I discussed today
with you and the representatives of the American Woman's Voluntary
Services, I am happy indeed, as Regional Coordinator, to designate
the American Women's Voluntary Services to develop a State-wide system
of free automobile transportation—without cost to either passenger or
the Federal Government— for Service men and defense workers in New
York State, where existing facilities are inadequate or impractical.

The development and operation of such a program will be
the responsibility of the American Woman's Voluntary Services and I
leave the working out of complete details for this in your capable hands.

I think it is agreed that such a program should be one which
supplements existing transportation facilities, rather than one which com-
petes with them. In other words, we wish to offer transportation where
present schedules and facilities cannot handle the problem.

On behalf of the Federal Advisory Council, I wish to assure
you that our organization will be glad to extend its full facilities to
yours. You will have our full and complete cooperation to help you make
this program a successful one.

I know that you will keep me fully advised of the progress
you make and tell me whenever I can be of help.

I know of no organization at the present time in New York
State which could do this job better than the American Woman's Voluntary
Services, and I therefore believe that you will be making a most valuable
and unique contribution to the defense program.

I am addressing a letter similar to this to Mrs. Alice
T. McLean, President of the American Woman's Voluntary Services.

Very cordially yours,

Signed: Anna M. Rosenberg
Regional Coordinator

also
o.c. to Mrs. Bernard F. Gimbel
Element of Noise
Important in Mock Raids

To the Editor of The Herald:

I should like to call to your attention a point which I think has been overlooked in the present mock air-raids on the Boston area—a point which vitally concerns civilian defense and morale. One part is not sufficiently played up, that of noise.

So far as a civilian can tell, the present tests are little different from peace-time air reviews. Two types of noise are missing: the wall of the siren and the deafening bangs of the anti-aircraft.

From personal experience of the air-war in England, Greece and Egypt, I most strongly urge the civilian defense authorities to produce these typical sounds in connection with mock air-raids, in order to begin to acclimatize the nerves of civilians.

The only way to prevent panic—and no one is immune from panic if totally unprepared for the weird and terrifying sounds of the siren and anti-aircraft—is to let us all have at least an initial experience without tears. One of the few genuine surprises which air-raids bring to civilians is their confusion as to which is the noise of bombs exploding and which the noise of their own protective guns. The noise of the latter far outweighs the former, and it is prudent for authorities to see to it that civilians can distinguish.

Dry-firing may be cheaper, but a little blank-firing would do more good all around. Furthermore, in an industrial area like Boston, there are a certain number of factory sirens which people are accustomed to hear now and then—also fire sirens—and it would be advisable, if people are to be able to tell which is an air-raid siren and which is a factory or fire-siren, to give them demonstrations in connection with a certain amount of anti-aircraft gunnery practice, particularly at night.

RALPH HARPER.
Formerly with the British Winthrop. Council in Athens.
October 21, 1941

Dearest Isabella:

I am enclosing a copy of a letter which I have just written to Mrs. McLean. I thought it would be well to send you this memo of my understanding of our conference here at the White House last week.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Isabella Greenway King
American Women's Voluntary Service
1 East 57 Street
New York, New York
October 31, 1941

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Chairman of the Board
American Women's Voluntary Services, Inc.
1 East 57th Street
New York, New York

e/s to: Miss Shields
Miss Davison
MRS ROOSEVELT,
CARE MAYOR, ROSSI CITY HALL SFRA=

A WORD OF COMMENDATION FROM YOU ON TIRELESS WORK OF AWVS IN SANFRANCISCO WOULD MEAN EVERYTHING TO MEMBERS AND CHAIRMAN MRS STANHOPE NIXON. GRATEFULLY=

ISABELLA GREENWAY KING.

AWVS.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE.
December 12, 1941

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

Dearest Eleanor:

It is amazing that you could find time to write this wonderful letter from California. I appreciate it very much.

I hadn't known that our Motor Corps had offered its services in your official trip.

We are, I understand, already functioning in your Motor Corps services, as you suggest, in many places with the Councils of Civilian Defense.

Your suggestion in connection with the men on the water front, which was not to shout from the rooftops, is, of course, splendid, and we are very glad to know of this opportunity to be useful.

Ever so gratefully and with dearest love,

Isabella

ISABELLA GREENWAY KING
Chairman of the Board
January 30, 1942

Dear Isabella:

I have read your letter of January 27th to Miss Thompson and I so much appreciate the feelings you express on behalf of the A.W.V.S.

Thank you for the information about what Lady Lindsay and others are doing for the Coast Guard men. This is grand.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Isabella Greenway King
A.W.V.S.
295 Madison Avenue, NYC
January 27, 1942

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

My dear Miss Thompson:

Thank you for your gracious wire which we one and all find very disappointing. The A. W. V. S. feels that Mrs. Roosevelt has been so cooperative and broad in her contributing interest that we are truly disappointed that we may not thank her in person.

So much that has been complicated is beginning to iron out into effective united service throughout the country that we are very happy.

If the occasion ever allows, will you tell Mrs. Roosevelt that her suggestion that we feed the Coast Guard in our private homes when possible on their long watches is being put into practice. She would be interested to know that Lady Lindsay serves six meals in her house in Long Island during the twenty-four hours to these very men and it has become a general practice in California.

Very sincerely yours,

With warm friendship,

Isabella Greenway King
Chairman of the Board
February 10, 1945.

Dearest Isabella:

I was so glad to hear from you and to know you are in New York City.

I would so love to see you and hope you can come to my apartment, #29 Washington Square West, on Thursday, the 15th, at four o'clock, for a really quiet hour.

Do come if you can.

Much love,

Mrs. Harry King
132 East 92nd Street
New York, New York.
Feb 6 1945

Eleanor darling -- The two of us have been
in a merry go round but we have finally
come face to face or mouth to mouth -- I'm
not as mean as you would seem -- Please you
and as always, The way
in which you carry on in Xmas gifts + greetings.
To this new rather large family -- is to me (+ all)
I just one more proof that you are you
+ that no one ever has. (I don't believe ever will)

measure up to you --

I expect Xmas with my Auntie Cutchen in California
She is a shut in -- + if we all fell -- that one of
us + with her would break her many lonely times
since Uncle's death -- + I only returned recently --

Jack was so truly pleased + touched
with your note to him. Thats

A heartfelt love + infinite devotion always

I shall be here in the afternoon if you'd like to come by.

Isabelle