

LILLIAN WALD

1933 - 1939

My dear Miss Wald:

I am proposing Marion Dickerman for membership in the Cosmopolitan Club and I wonder if you would be willing to second her. If so, will you write a letter to Mrs. Whitney Sheppardson, Chairman of the Membership Committee?

Very sincerely yours,

~~See~~

Miss Lillian Wald
265 Henry Street
New York City

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Very dear First Lady:

I hope the trip was not too strenuous so that you will not be afraid to come again. It was grand to have you and Jane Addams and Alice Hamilton together and Elinor Morgenthau, too. I was particularly glad that you had a chance to meet Alice Hamilton, and I wish that if you carry out your plan of having her come to Hyde Park - the letter from you has not yet reached her and so of course you could not have had any answer - that the President and you will have an opportunity to hear about Germany that she knows so well, and which she has so recently seen. The Times, last Sunday, August sixth, on the first page of the magazine section, had one story and other magazines are to have

contributions from her.

Having seen her, you will understand that she is acceptable even though a woman, to the faculty of man dominated Harvard. She's a wise woman.

My very dear love to you,

Lillian J. Wald.

HOUSE-ON-THE-POND
SAUGATUCK, CONNECTICUT
MAIL AND TELEPHONE, WESTPORT
TELEPHONE 4632

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August 14, 1933

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am enclosing a copy of Margaret Bondfield's statement, which I have taken from the guest book of the settlement, and which Miss Wald promised to send you.

Very sincerely yours,

Deborah H. DeCamp

Secretary to Miss Wald

Lillian D.

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

July 10th to 26th, 1933

My visit to America this time coincides with the birth of the "New Deal" and it will be my inspiration to remember that the day I reached Washington was the day on which child labour under the age of 16 was abolished. By a stroke of the President's pen, America caught up with and passed the point reached in England as a result of more than eighty years of strenuous effort. I am impressed by the reach of the code called the 'blanket code' which sets up a universal maximum of hours and minimum rate of wages, and by the President's broadcast calling upon employers and workers to cooperate in this 'gentleman's agreement' pending the working out of codes for the separate trades. Of course it remains to be seen how long this drive will last and how much of this improvised structure will become permanent. It seems to me that it rests upon an emotional reaction from the terrors of the depression and the people will follow the President blindly while he speaks to them of action and with confidence in their response, very much in the vital atmosphere I found in Russia in 1922, amid the ruins of the old economic and political order, with this important difference, however, that their leaders in Russia have no written constitution and no supreme court in which a single successful protestor may bring disaster to the plan, and Russia has no band of competent technicians and organizers who may and can, in America, build the necessary administrative structure which will turn emotion into habit.

Frances Perkins has done wonders in the face of an un-

paralleled situation of difficulty and by setting up a Federal System of Exchange under a competent and non-political civil service, she will most quickly establish the foundation for the next advance in the direction of provision for the relief of unemployment and old age, etc.

The danger, as I see it, lies in the lack of an administrative machinery for enforcement of the law, and of a trained inspectorate; if there is a great improvement in trade union membership that will help in securing compliance provided collective bargaining and cooperation in industry is frankly conceded by the employers and wisely exercised by the workers. A very hopeful feature is the readiness of the "white collar section" to make common cause with the workers in industry. It is too much to hope such a gigantic revolution can be carried through without some disasters and mistakes, but enough should remain to make this period stand out as a turning point and a great advance in the history of the United States and its influence will be felt throughout the world.

Margaret Bondfield 26-7-33

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August 24, 1933

Dear Mr. Walker:

Many thanks for your letter telling me that you had sent Mrs. O'Day a check for a thousand dollars. We all deeply appreciate it.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Frank C. Walker
Hotel Biltmore
N w York, N.Y.

DEMOCRATIC NATIONAL COMMITTEE

HOTEL BILTMORE
NEW YORK CITY



OFFICE OF
THE TREASURER

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August 17th, 1933.

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

In conformity with your suggestion, I
have to-day sent check for \$1000.00 to Mrs. Daniel
O'Day, at 331 Madison Avenue, New York City.

With kind personal wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

Frank C. Walker.

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August 29, 1933

Dear Mrs. Wallace:

The President and I would like very much to have you and the Secretary dine with us on Wednesday, September 6th, informally, at 7:45.

Looking forward to seeing you both, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Henry A. Wallace
Wardman Park Hotel
Washington DC

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October 14, 1933

Dear Miss Wald:

How very sweet of you to
send me such a delightful telegram.
I very much appreciate your thought
of me.

My mother-in-law told me
she had visited you and found you
feeling very happy and comfortable.

With much love,

Miss Lillian D. Wald
Westport
Connecticut

House-on-the-Pond
Saugatuck,
Westport, Conn.



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MRS ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC

ALL BENEATH THE ROOF OF THE HOUSE ON THE POND JOIN ME IN
CONGRATULATIONS AND LOVING ADMIRATION

LILLIAN D WALD

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October 24, 1933

My dear Miss Wald:

Thank you so much for your letter and for sending the advance copy of "Windows on Henry Street". The President greatly appreciated it and asked me to thank you very much for it. I hope you are continuing to improve.

Much love,

Miss Lillian D. Wald
House-On-The-Pond
Westport, Connecticut

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Beloved First Lady

I feel as if I were
sitting in the vestibule of your
temple and I devoutly hope
that the advance printing of
the chapters in "Windows on
Henry Street" will be of some
little help.

I was urged to get "Prohibition"
out and the November issue
of the Forum magazine has
the best day heart thrill
over the Russian Situation.

November issue (on title Oct. 25) will have
a condensed chapter of my pamphlet
appeal for recognition of Russia.
The book will not be out until
March - Atlantic Monthly press -
but some of us believe the article may
be helpful and the magazine changed
its form with that in mind.
I have it in my heart to hope that
in this extraordinary year of your
husband's and your leadership,
I can contribute even this improved
service.

Paul Kellogg has written to the President
that we could have reprints or copies
sent anywhere and in any number
that may help clear the air of
Russian prejudices
With dear love - Lillian D. Wald,

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January 2, 1934

Dear Miss Wald:

Many, many thanks for your kind telegram. Both my husband and I deeply appreciate your thought of us and your very heartening message.

We both send you our very best wishes for the New Year.

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian D. Wald
Westport
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PRESIDENT AND MRS ROOSEVELT=
WHITE HOUSE WASHDC=

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THIS CHRISTMAS WILL ALWAYS BE MEMORABLE FOR THE WISDOM THE
JUSTICE AND THE GENEROSITY IN RESTORING FIFTEEN HUNDRED
CITIZENS TO FULL RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF CITIZENSHIP
AND YOUR BEAUTIFUL FLOWERS SENT TO ME HAVE MADE ME VERY
HAPPY AND VERY PROUD THANK YOU MANY TIMES AND MAY ALL GOOD
THINGS BEFALL YOU=

LILLIAN D WALK.

January 6, 1934

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Dear Miss Wald:

Of course nothing would give us greater pleasure than to have you come at any time that is convenient to you. I feel, however, that perhaps the early spring will be more propitious as to weather, though we are having very nice days now. I am so happy that you are really better.

With all good wishes for the New Year and many thanks for your letter,

Affectionately always,

Miss Lillian Wald
House on the Pond
Saugatuck
Conn.

HOUSE-ON-THE-POND
SAUGATUCK, CONNECTICUT
MAIL AND TELEPHONE, WESTPORT
TELEPHONE 4632

December 29th, 1933

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Beloved First Lady:
I suspect that you will be glad to receive a note from me, clearly expressed by the typewriter, in preference to my alleged indistinct hand-writing. In the event of 25,000 mail pieces addressed to the President and you, it is, of course, not to be assumed that he or you know the individual messages. I am, therefore, adding to the 25,000 friends my own personal happiness in what is being done and the life giving hopes that come from both of you.

Your beautiful plant is a matter of Connecticut gratification. In the same room with it are the plants that the children of the public schools brought to me.

I am so much better that perhaps my visit to the White House, that you so affection-

ately invited me to, may come off during the
winter, unless you think better of that
hospitality - which I hope you will not.

With deep devotion,

Your friend,

LDW:G

L. W. D. Wala.

March 19, 1934

Dear Miss Wald:

I am just back and I shall be thrilled to read your book. I wish I could see you and tell you about my trip to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. It has been very interesting.

Now that spring is here, would you not be able to come down with your secretary or your maid or anyone you have with you and stay for a few days? We would all love to have you and I think probably the month of April would be the best, although May is really not too warm.

Much love to you always.

Affectionately,

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Miss Lillian D. Wald
House-on-the-Pond
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SAUGATUCK, CONNECTICUT
MAIL AND TELEPHONE, WESTPORT
TELEPHONE 4632

March 8, 1934

Beloved First Lady:

I know how difficult it is for any mail to emerge from the avalanche, but I have sent the President and you my book. He and you are so much in it, not only in the printed word but in the implication of much that is said, that perhaps you will read it.

I am asking someone in your office to let me know when you return. I want your attention drawn to a box of flowers, very extraordinary pansies. A neighbor of mine, Mr. Fillow, has "put Westport on the map" for these pansies, and he had a very great desire to send you some.

None of us forget how excited and honored we were to get White House flowers and plants.

I watch your steps and marvel that you do and say the right thing without fail.

I send you my love.

LDW:G

Thomas D. Wald

March 23, 1934

Dear Lillian Wald:

I never saw such perfectly beautiful pansies as those which arrived this morning and perhaps you do not know that pansies are really one of my very favorite flowers. If you will send me Mr. Fillow's address, I will be glad to write him and thank him for his thought of us.

Hoping surely that you will be able to visit us, I am

Affectionately yours,

Miss Lillian Wald
265 Henry Street
New York, New York

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Mr. Fillow my good
neighbor sends to the
President and Mrs. Roosevelt.

Miss Weyl
the first of her famous
dances and with
his loyal good
friend
265 Henry Street
New York City
Compo Road
Westport, Connecticut

March 26, 1934

Dear Lillian Wald:

The pansies were the most beautiful things I have ever seen and I feel I must tell you again how much I enjoyed them.

I was so happy to get your letter and to know you are coming down here. I will count on your arriving Saturday, April 21, and staying as long as you can. I will also expect your secretary to stay here as it will be entirely convenient to have her. I may have to go to New York for the day on the 26th, but by that time I hope you will be so much at home that you will not miss your hostess.

Please let me know what train you will arrive on so I can have a car to meet you. We are all looking forward to your visit.

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian D. Wald
House-On-The-Pond
Westport, Connecticut

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HOUSE-ON-THE-POND
SAUGATUCK, CONNECTICUT
MAIL AND TELEPHONE, WESTPORT
TELEPHONE 4632

March 22, 1934

Beloved First Lady:

How like you you are, in everything you do, but I suppose it is because you are never, even accidentally, anything but yourself.

I am going to say right now that I will come. The latter part of April would be better but I want to come when it is entirely convenient to the President and to you.

If truly and truly, it meets with your own engagements and commitments, the nurses would be happy if my visit to you coincided with their conference. The three National Associations are meeting from April 22nd to the 28th. I am most interested in the National Organization for Public Health Nursing and they would like it if I could come to their luncheon on April the 26th, but I have not promised and I want to come to you when

you say.

If, also, you really and truly can and care to accommodate my Secretary, who is very attractive, she could come with me; but we have other arrangements for her stay in Washington while I am your privileged guest.

I am quite overcome with the favor that has been accorded to "Windows on Henry Street". From the floor in Congress and from various other authorities, it is proclaimed an important commentary of our time.

But I care most to have your opinion, and perhaps the President would be interested to know what conclusions I have recorded about the New Deal; the New Dispensation, I call it.

With dear love to you,

Affectionately,

Lillian L. Wald

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June 30, 1934

Dear Lillian Wald:

Thank you very much for your letter and for the interest you have taken in Madame ^{E.J.} Segalla.

I thought of you when we were in your part of the country but we were very late and, of course, traveling with Franklin means doing just what is on the schedule and nothing more. I hope I shall have a chance to see you when we are in Hyde Park later in the summer.

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian ~~D.~~ Wald
House-on-the-Pond
Westport
Connecticut

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HOUSE-ON-THE-POND
SHRIMPATUCK, CONNECTICUT
MAIL AND TELEPHONE, WESTPORT
TELEPHONE 4632

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June 18, 1934

Beloved First Lady:

Your Secretary sent me a letter some time ago, in the interest of a Madame Segalla. I have been trying to make contact for her. The enclosed may be of interest to you.

I follow your strides with loving interest and admiration; and when I knew you were so near this corner of Connecticut, I was tempted to try to coax a detour.

Jane Addams and Alice Hamilton have been here for a dear week.

Devotedly yours,

Lillian G. Hale

LDW:G

Hartford, Conn.

Miss Lillian D. Wald.
Westport, Conn.

My dear Miss Wald:

Your kind letter received and I thank you
a million for your interest.

I made an application to the Edgewood
School in Greenwich, but received no
reply yet.

I heard from Mrs. Kiddle. She sent her
car for me. I went out to her gorgeous,
residence. She is charming. Ideal,
practical and kind. She promised to write
to certain schools and recommend me.
That is all she could do and I am very
grateful to you and to her.

I received my Conn. State Teachers'
Certificate. Entitling me to teach French,
Spanish, English and Economics.
Just got it this morning and I am very
proud to be entitled to teach four subjects
in the Public High Schools of the State.

Thanking you again for your
kindness. I am, Respectfully,
L. D. Wald

Madame E.J. Segalla.
44 Ashley Street.
June 16 .1934.

HOUSE-ON-THE-POND
SAUGATUCK, CONNECTICUT
MAIL AND TELEPHONE, WESTPORT
TELEPHONE 4632

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Dear Miss Scheider,
Of course, you
must feel free to ask
me for help to you
and your chief in any
way and any time,
I think your correspondent
has written to me also.
I was not able at the
time to see her myself
but I took the matter up

with trustworthy people in
Melford - my sister-in-law,
whose family have lived and
grown in Melford since 1640
but they were not successful
in persuading Mrs. Willard to
allow a fine old judge, who
was her friend, to solve the
problem. Melford is not
far and I will go over in
a day or two and see what I
can do. I will return her
letter with my report to you.
Very sincerely,
Edwin D. Wall.

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September 24, 1934.

Dear Miss Wald:-

I did go through Westport and I am sorry that I did not have time to see you but I was on my way to Newport and had to arrive there at a definite time. I am still hoping that when I am in Hyde Park again for a weekend in October, I will have a chance to run over and see you. In the meantime, I am counting on seeing you in Washington.

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian Wald,
Westport,
Connecticut.

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October 16, 1934

Miss Lillian Wald
265 Henry Street
New York, New York

Will be delighted to have Miss Slade come to tea Wednesday
five p m.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT.

Adm'd. 10/16/34

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HOUSE-ON-THE-POND
SAUGATUCK, CONNECTICUT
MAIL AND TELEPHONE, WESTPORT
TELEPHONE 4832

October 14, 1934

Beloved First Lady;

I am sending a copy of this note to Hyde Park for I know that you and Agnes Leach and Eleanor are planning a trip, and I do not know your poste-restante.

This is to say that Madeleine Slade, Gandhi's right-hand-man, is in the Country for a few days and would like greatly to see you. I think you would like to see her too. She would be happy to go anywhere you desire. Her free time is; all of Monday (October 15) until noon Tuesday, all of Wednesday, and up to noon on Thursday.

Your Mother brought me your delightful message, and I shall be looking up and down the road for your coming.

If you have any message for Miss Slade, I would make it directly to 265 Henry Street, where she is our guest.

Devotedly yours,

Lillian D. Wald

November 1, 1934

Dear Lillian Wald:

Miss Perkins assures me that the health question will be very carefully considered and will not be affected in the general plan. Miss ^{MALIBU} OF Henry Street had written me about it and I had taken it up with Miss Perkins. See

I was very glad indeed of the opportunity to see Miss Blade and thoroughly enjoyed talking to her, although I did more listening than talking. I thought she was a very interesting person and thank you so much for telling me about her.

With love always.

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian Wald
Westport
Conn.

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99 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

October
27th
1934

Beloved First Lady:

I want to thank you for your kindness in seeing Miss Slade. She was very happy, and said that every part of India, every villager, will know of it, and appreciate the courtesy and the honor of your reception.

I know you are moving rapidly for Mrs. O'Day and we are deeply interested. As you may know, she is a member of our Nursing Committee and of our Board of Directors; and numerous of our members shine in the New Deal.

If the President of you have occasion to say something about the necessity of caring for the sick in their homes, I hope it can be said. The enclosed is, I think, an understatement, but may be well worth your giving a moment to read it.

I am still looking up and down the road for your visit, and I get out of the chair so nimbly, comparatively

speaking, that I hope I may be mounting
the steps at the White House for the
precious visit that you and the President
want me to make.

Devotedly yours,

Lillian S. Wald

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

November 24, 1934

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Dear Lillian Wald:

I shall be delighted to have you come on the 10th. I must be away from noon on the 12th to the morning of the 14th, but if you can stay on I shall be more than happy to have you do so. It will also be most convenient to have you bring Miss Cummer.

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian Wald
House-On-The-Pond
Saugatuck
Connecticut

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 Miss Cummer
 Tell Mrs. Kelley
 Elinor's letter
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 SAUGATUCK, CONNECTICUT
 MAIL AND TELEPHONE WESTPORT
 TELEPHONE 4832

November 19, 1954.

Beloved First Lady:

If you honest and true
 want me to come in December, what do
 you say to my coming about the 10th?
 That will have your masquerade party
 over and done with. You did not say
 how long you wanted me to be at the
 White House but will you say whether
 two days was what you had in mind?
 I expect you to be entirely frank and
 also entirely frank if you want and
 have a place without inconvenience
 for my secretary, Miss Cummer.

Your visit and Elinor's
 was a great happiness.

I should have spoken to-
 night at the big dinner but the doctors
 thought it was too close to my other en-
 gagement and sent me home. They are
 reading my speech and I was very proud
 to select Florence Kelley and you as
 having marked progress for women in this
 world of ours.

I quoted the furrier who said: " I am crazy about Mrs. Roosevelt. It seems too good to be true that we should live to see a President's wife not afraid to be democratic".

Let me know at your leisure just what is convenient for you and the President and the White House about the visit.

Devotedly yours,

William S. Wald

LDW/MS

November 15, 1934

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Dear Lillian Wald:

Elinor Morgenthau and I did have a perfectly delightful day and were so happy to have the opportunity of seeing you.

Thank you very much for sending me a copy of "The House on Henry Street".

I am counting on your coming to visit us whenever it is convenient to you and hope that you will let me know.

Always affectionately,

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Miss Lillian D. Wald
House on the Pond
Saugatuck
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HOUSE-ON-THE-POND
SAUGATUCK, CONNECTICUT
MAIL AND TELEPHONE, WESTPORT
TELEPHONE 4632

November 10, 1934.

Beloved First Lady:

Your and Eleshor's visit was very precious to me. I hope that you were not too much fatigued for that would be a grief. I want to keep the memory of your visit without alloy.

I am sending you with this a copy of The House on Henry Street, as you said you would like to have the set. You already have Windows on Henry Street, a copy of which I sent to you and the President the day it was published, and another copy which I see was included in the Library of 200.

I am going to tell the story of the furrier in my speech on woman's influence and would you mind if I added the tribute of the Southerners, Virginians were they not?

When this agony of getting

the budget for the nursing service is over I will submit the day of my visit but you must know that if your house is filled, and the limit of your hospitality reached, which I suppose never, never could occur, I will come at another time.

Tell the President that though it is little that I can do, I feel sometimes as if I am one of the flying butresses to his great edifice.

Devotedly yours,

William D. Hall,

LDW/MS

December 5, 1934

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Dear Lillian Wald:

I am looking forward with great joy to having you and Miss Cummer and the date is perfectly convenient. We will have you met at the station and brought in through the south grounds so that you will not have any stairs to negotiate. That is the way my husband always goes in and out.

Affectionately yours,

Miss Lillian Wald
The House on the Pond
Westport
Connecticut

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2011.11.24
THE HOUSE ON THE POND
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE: WESTPORT 4632

November 28, 1934.

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

Beloved First Lady:

Miss Cummer and I will
plan to arrive sometime on the 10th.
If the weather is good we will pro-
bably fly but I will let you know
definitely before we come.

Would your secretary be
good enough to let me know if it
makes any difference which door we
enter at the White House?

It will be thrilling to
be there and precious to see you and
the President. I am not sure that
we will want to stay on if you are
not there but we can talk about that
later.

May at least one of
those turkeys that are sent to
you taste luscious!

Devotedly yours,

Lillian W. Wald

LDW/MS

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THE HOUSE ON THE POND
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE: WESTPORT 4832

December 3, 1934.

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

Beloved First Lady:

I am afraid that I did not say in my previous letter that if anything has developed that would make it better for me to come with Miss Cummer at another time, please do not hesitate to say so.

I hope you are not too tired and I am bubbling over - if a "flying buttress" can bubble!

Devotedly yours,

Lillian B. Wald

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THE HOUSE ON THE POND
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE: WESTPORT 4632

December 24, 1954.

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

Beloved First Lady:

Even at the risk of having poor Mrs. Scheiber and your staff give an additional groan over the mail, I cannot resist telling you a story which came to me a day or two ago which I think that you and the President will chortle over. This is the story:

A woman in my neighborhood - very precise, very rich, very grande dame and generous too in her way, is preparing to go for a winter's rest to a point in Florida which she says is perfect. It has been acquired by a group of her friends and in describing it she says there is no place in the south particularly where one can feel so comfortable and rested. There are

no Catholics and no Jews and no Democrats
and every Republican is a hundred percent
Republican.

Isn't this a peach, and it's an
excuse for my saying once more what is in
my heart for you, the President and the
Administration. I hope the pansies added
a bit of pleasure to your party.

Devotedly yours,

William S. W.

LDW/MS

January 11, 1935

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Dear Lillian Wald:

I want to send you just a line to thank you for all your sweet notes and to tell you that I enjoyed enormously the story of the impossible Heaven. How horrible it would be!

I hope the winter is bringing you continued improved health. We still talk of how much we enjoyed your visit and hope to see you again before so long.

With much love,

Affectionately,

S:O

Miss Lillian Wald
Westport, Conn.

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THE HOUSE ON THE POND
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE: WESTPORT 4632

December 26, 1934.

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

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Beloved President and Beloved First Lady:

Connecticut is very proud, not to mention any individual unimportant resident such as myself, to have the lovely poinsetta on the table in the living room admired and treated with great reverence by the visitors who come. I reluctantly relinquished to two great admirers the cards that hung upon the plant and the young lad who was entrusted with the President's and his darling sister who got Mrs. Roosevelt's card marveled at my willingness to entrust the treasures to them.

I hope you had time to pass on my story of the Heaven in America where no Catholic, Jew or Democrat could ever penetrate. What a dull Heaven it must be!

I hope the Kentucky people
will not make your bag until your mail
admits of one more piece.

My dear love to you and may
you be given the strength to carry the
burdens that you carry, but you are at-
tended by so much good will and so much
pride in you and the Administration that
I have it in my heart to hope that
strength and humor to bear the responsibility
will attend you.

Your devoted,

Lillian O. Baker

LDW/MS

*and please give my
best to your daughter
and to your splendid staff
L. O. B.*

January 21, 1935

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Dear Lillian Wald:

I would love to see Anna Louise Strong. Do you think she would care to come to lunch with me on Saturday the 26th? If so, I will try to get Franklin here or arrange for her to have a chat with him afterwards. Thank you so much for thinking of it.

Affectionately,

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Special
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Miss Lillian Wald
House On The Pond
Saugatuck
Westport, Connecticut

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HOUSE ON THE POND
SAUGATUCK
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4632

January 17, 1935.

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

Very dear First Lady:

Anna Louise Strong, whom you may remember as the girl who went to Russia thirteen years ago and who in that thirteen years has been back numerous times to lecture and to try to have us see Russia as she sees it has just visited me. Her numerous books have been well received and she is just finishing a volume which Holts will bring out. From many connections and for many reasons she knows Russia now better than anybody else and she knows it better now than she did two years ago.

It occurred to me that you might like to see her informally. She is in New York until the end of the month and then goes on a trip across the continent, sailing back from California and stopping in Siberia to see some of the Colonies.

It is whispered, though I do not know it as a fact, that the rich Jews in Europe and America are negotiating for ten thousand

HOUSE ON THE POND
SAUGATUCK
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4832

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German emigreers to go to Buro Bidgin. Anyway Anna Louise Strong is going to visit the place in Siberia.

If it means anything at all to you let me know when if at all you would like to have her call on you. She is an attractive creature and fair.

I remember once arranging for a distinguished man who was first to recognize the Soviet philosophy as a great phenomenon to meet Justice Hughes but alas, he turned out soon after to be a very red Communist. The interview with Justice Hughes may have accelerated that!

I am enclosing this extract from UNITY. They have perfectly delightful letters from a California college girl who is in Russia now, apparently crushing the young males whether red or blue or black. Please show it to your daughter. I think she will be very much interested.

Devotedly yours,

William J. Wald

LDW/MS

January 29, 1935

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My dear Miss Wald:

I have today finally gotten around to sending you the photographs of the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and hope you will be pleased with them.

I am apologetic for not having written to you long before this to thank you for the delightfully-inscribed copy of your book, which I shall cherish very highly. I shall be on the lookout for the bag for Mrs. Roosevelt and see that she gets it immediately.

With much admiration, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Lillian Wald
House on the Pond
Saugatuck
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HOUSE ON THE POND
BAUGATUCK
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4632

January 24, 1935.

My dear Mrs. Scheider;

Busy you and your busy desk rise before me and I should not like to bother you but I have ordered the bag, black lined with white, shell frame and it is being made.

It ought to appear at the White House very soon and I wonder if you would keep an eye on it and deliver it into our lady's hands. I know how packages can be mistaken for uninteresting reports and if it is not too much and you ever have an odd moment may I remind you of the autographed pictures of the President and his dear wife that you were so ready to make my possession? If there is any choice I love the picture of the President in profile.

With warm regard and greetings to your associates, I am

Sincerely yours,

Lillian S. Wald

LDW/MS

Do not put too much emphasis on the profile as any pose Mrs. Roosevelt selects will suit me

February 4, 1935

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Dear Lillian Wald:

The bag has arrived. It is perfectly lovely and I am crazy about it. Many many thanks!

I hope that the days you are spending in bed simply mean that you are getting a good rest and not that you are feeling ill.

You were quite right about the girl and I have told her that if she could give her time I thought she might get a chance to learn what she wants at Henry Street. Otherwise, she would have to search around to find a way to use her spare time.

With much love, I am

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian Wald
House on the Pond
Saugatuck
Westport, Connecticut

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BAUGATUCK
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4832

January 30, 1955.

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

Beloved First Lady:

It was a birthday present to
me to get the dear pictures and please
Thank Mrs. Steiger a thousand times.

I hope the bag is quite right.
They have written to me that it was care-
fully scrutinized before it was put in
the mail box.

I am not going to the Ball
although I am one of the President's
Committee because the snow is deep, the
weather is cold and I am for a few days
in bed enjoying the beautiful white expanse.

Devotedly yours,

William D. Wald

LDW/MS

3204 SHERIDAN ROAD
CHICAGO, ILLINOIS

Feb. 13, 1935

Dear Mrs Roosevelt,

I am glad for your sake that you are more optimistic than I am, and I thank you very much for the way you took my letter. To a person as sincere as you I felt that I owed the most sincere and thoughtful analysis I could make.

But wisdom did not begin and will not end with me, and you have thousands of wise people helping you as well as millions who trust your leadership. So perhaps you may succeed either in repairing the capitalist system to fit human needs or in making a more or less painless transition to some system that will. If anyone can, I think you can.

In any case, if there is ever any time when anything I know can be of use to you, please call on me. This applies not only to your term or terms in the White House, but to any time in whatever future awaits us,

Cordially yours,

Anna Louise Strong

March 2, 1935

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Dear Lillian Wald:

What you sent me was quite sufficient about Harry Hopkins and allowed me to speak with authority instead of just because of my own personal belief.

I am glad you can wait a while for the stamp. I will ask again about it.

I think of you very often and shall certainly come over as soon as I get an opportunity.

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian Wald
House-On-The-Pond
Saugatuck
Westport
Connecticut

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February 21, 1935.

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Miss Lillian D. Wald,
House on the Pond,
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 the 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,

James A. Farley.

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HOUSE ON THE POND
SAUGATUCK
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4432

February 25, 1965.

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

Beloved First Lady:

Mr. Farley went to a good deal of trouble about the subject. I enclose a copy of his letter to me. I think his comparison with the scout movement, boy or girl, is not valid. The Settlements, particularly Henry Street, long anticipated this movement and the executive has graciously acknowledged his indebtedness but, as I wrote to Mr. Farley, though England has two of the very few statues to women dedicated to nurses in London - Florence Nightingale and Edith Cavell - America created the public health nurse, one of the three original contributions, according to Dr. Welch.

There is no particular reason for having the stamp this year but sometime if the matter should be discussed, I would be glad to have the President note the difference.

I follow you day by day by sight and by ear and I am hoping the weather will clear before long and that you will take the road to me.

Lovingly yours,

HOUSE ON THE POND
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WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4832

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P.S. Did you want any more data about H. K?

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March 12, 1935

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Miss Wald is not writing or dictating letters as yet but she is definitely "out of the woods" Dr. Poole said yesterday. She asked that I write to you today about what is, and has been for many years, so much in her thoughts...the attitude of the college student toward National and World affairs.

The new interest among college students in affairs outside of the former student horizon Miss Wald feels is largely due to you. Men representatives from various colleges through-

out The United States presented their colleges' reactions to National and Foreign problems versus the old attitude of closing out the World during college years, Miss Wald listened in via radio, and has since followed up that great event by further inquiries among college students, and has much of interest to report to you. She longs to feel strong enough to listen in to your next broadcast on this subject, but feels now that she will not be equal to it.

Your pink roses were greatly enjoyed not only by Miss Wald but by the entire New York Hospital. Everyone felt the thrill and glamour of having flowers sent by the First Lady of the Land.

May I join Miss Wald in loving and sincere good wishes to you and yours.

Constance C. Cummer

HENRY STREET SETTLEMENT
NEW YORK

MAIN HOUSE
265 HENRY STREET

March 26th 1935.

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Dear Miss Wald:

It is grand to be home and we thought you looked better than you have since you have been ill, when Paul and I came up to the hospital last night.

Everything seems to be going well at Henry Street but I am so distressed at news from Cuba. On our way home I read the news but one can never be sure of what is really happening from the papers, and I hoped it was exaggerated as so often foreign (and domestic) news is, but I found a letter from one of the women in Cuba whom I came to know quite well while I was on the Commission last June, waiting for me. She is anything but an alarmist. She is one of the most outstanding and level-headed women in Cuba, so I feel that what she says is to be trusted.

The part that is most distressing to me is that I feel, and I know so many Cubans feel, too, that we are partly responsible for the present military control. While the President has been so farsighted in his treatment of Cuba, and they have felt a new relationship was beginning for them, the American Ambassador has continued to play an interfering role in Cuban politics. While I was there, they were beginning to be frightened and discouraged by Caffrey's growing intimacy with Batista. His morning horseback rides were on everybody's tongue and they felt that the balance of power would be taken out of the hands of Mendieta and put in Batista's because of the backing America was giving him. Caffrey was very frank in his friendship for Batista and certainly anything but diplomatic. The Cubans felt that again their government was being manipulated by outsiders.

Those who know Mendieta associate the extremes to which civil liberties are invaded, and the mass arrests and repressions, with the army and with Batista, leaning on support from the American Embassy. On my desk on my return was this proof of an article in the Christian Science Monitor, giving the conclusions of an investigation. You will see that it is specifically claimed that efforts were made to get these findings in advance before President Roosevelt, and that these efforts failed. It seems wrong to tell you anything sad but I am very full of this, but the many thoughtful Cubans I met were so eager to see Cuba have a "New Deal" that I can't bear to think of what is happening now.

Our colored chorus is coming over to sing to you & welcome Paul and me back home. Their voices could reach you in the hospital they are so loved. We hope to get you out tomorrow but may not make it - home & Helen

March 15, 1935.

Dear Miss Hall:

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"Today I received six 'Surveys' with your article on Cuba - The Island Next Door, and Mr. Kellogg's comment on Cuba. Thanks, I enjoyed them and they helped me react against the despondency created by last week's events.

"Nothing can describe the anxiety and anguish of those days in which the poor civil power Mendieta had seems to have faded and given way to an omnipotent military hand, empowered to suffocate by terror the employe's strike initiated to support the teachers' demand for school material and decent salaries - and which afterwards acquired a more revolutionary character by being (?) by the proletarians.

"The constant firing in the streets at night - the shrieks of those whom they give 'gone' (horse whip) to - the numerous bodies of those whom they murder (leaders) appearing here and there, many of them after having been reported as detained in the police stations; the hundreds of government employees now dismissed on the one hand and the lack of cohesion of the revolutionary groups on the other, make one pessimistic, for these factors seem to create an unsurpassable barrier for the constructive government we stand in such need of. Everything that is not crime and cruelty and misunderstanding appears Utopic in the Cuba of today.

"More women are imprisoned now than ever were in Machado's period. Today there are 64 political prisoners in Guanabacoa and poor Miss Goanche is having a dresdful time trying to accomodate them, without proper means or resources. They are now sleeping two in each cot, on benches, etc., and even so, several have to sleep on the floor. Tomorrow, I expect to go out there and see whether the Lyceum can do anything to help out. I will take one of the Surveys - the others I will distribute in the Lyceum. I gave one today to ~~Miss Lopez~~".

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"I am sorry I have not been able to write on pleasanter subjects, but as I know you are accustomed to sympathize with human troubles, you will understand how I feel, and how impossible it would be for me to write a different kind of a letter at present.

"I hope for better times for Cuba and I do wish you all the happiness you deserve."

Cordially

PS Portel Vila is imprisoned and his wife has been extremely worried over his fate. She has not seen him yet but has been able to ascertain he is alive.

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New York Hospital
East 68th Street
New York City

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March 27, 1935

Beloved First Lady,

I do hope that you know how much I have loved the flowers, and though the world's a good place my convalescence could of course not be as I wished. When you come to see me at Westport I will tell you all the gory details but it turns out to be a good thing.

I got so mad at the Nation's article about Frances that I have just written them as sassy a letter as I know how.

Please remember me to your faithful staff.

With love to you,

Always your devoted friend,

Lillian S. Wald
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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
White House
Washington, D. C.

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P. S. I am so glad that Mr. Howe is better.

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April 2, 1935

Dear Lillian Wald:

Thank you so much for your
letter. I cannot tell you how happy
I am to know that you are better. I
hope you will be very careful and not
overdo until you are entirely well
again.

Affectionately,

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Miss Lillian Wald
99 Park Avenue
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March 27th
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Beloved First Lady,

I know you want me to give you the advantage of any personal information which comes my way, and I am sending the enclosed in the hope that it may be of value. It has just reached my hands today. A few Cubans have come to us since the Commission, getting as much as they can from Henry Street.

Please tell your gardener that the White House flowers make the greatest hit here in the hospital.

Devotedly,

William D. Wood

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

June 4, 1935

Dear Lillian Wald:

Many thanks for your very sweet
note. Both the President and I are
grateful for your kind thought of us.

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian Wald
Saugatuck
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HOUSE-ON-THE-POND
SAUGATUCK, CONNECTICUT
MAIL AND TELEPHONE, WESTPORT
TELEPHONE 4632

July 20, 1935.

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

Handwritten:
The White House

Beloved First Lady:

We are all so annoyed at the disappointment in the Supreme Court and stand ready to be with the President and the Administration for support of any measures that may nullify their outmoded realization of the functions of the Supreme Court. Some folks seem not to know that the world do move!

I hope all is otherwise well with you, your course will never be diminished while red blood courses through your veins. I hope you are coming this way and will let me know in time that the flag of welcome may be flying.

Devotedly your friend,

William D. Walden

LDW:MS

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July 29, 1935.

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

Beloved First Lady:

John Haynes Holmes' play, "If This be Treason", is an exciting event dramatically and for social propoganda. The Theater Guild will probably give it during the winter's program, but an exceptional company under exceptional conditions is giving it for the week at the pretty little theater in Westport.

Dr. Holmes and his wife are my guests and today we had the inspiration to suggest that you come over for the play. I do not know exactly where you are but I am sending this letter to Washington, where I know your kind secretary will get it into your hands as soon as possible, and the copy to Hyde Park.

Dr. Holmes will come from New York on Thursday or Friday, which-

ever night will suit you best, if you can come, and of course bring Elinor or Nancy or anyone you choose to companion you. Please telegraph in answer to this and Dr. Holmes will adjust his engagements according to your decision.

With dear love and hoping that it will be possible for you to come,

Your devoted,

Lillian D. Hall.

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Of course for dinner
before the 10th.

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BAUGATUCK
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4632

July 30, 1935.

Mrs. Roosevelt,
Campobello,
Eastport, Me.

Beloved First Lady:

We are very much excited
over John Haynes Holmes' play, which
had a wonderful reception last night.

We hoped that you could get
here but I know you are far away. If,
however, you should be thinking of
turning towards Connecticut, do come.
Dr. Holmes is returning Friday for the
performance that night.

Devotedly,

LDW:MS

William D. W.
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The White House

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Westport, Conn., July 29, 1935.

Mrs. Scheider:

Please let me know where I can reach Mrs. Roosevelt Thank
you.

Lillian D. Wald.

*Reut via 7/29 - Syd Eke - to address all
communications to Trippe M.*

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WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4632

September 27, 1955.

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

Beloved First Lady:

The President and you are much in my thoughts and I follow all that he does and all that pertains to the Administration and to you personally, though I cannot separate you from the Administration.

Bad luck would have it that I have been in bed again, a recurrence of that disgraceful cardiac condition, which means that I was cut off from active correspondence and the President's letters lie in my portfolio unanswered, but if he is aware of it at all he will understand that I have not been idle and so many things have shaped themselves about the taxation that his disciples must feel informed and satisfied.

I was especially delighted with your speech on keeping out of war and I am hoping profoundly that you will see John Haynes Holmes' play "If This be Treason",

Theatre Guild. production. The whole country ought to be made aware of it. We have never had anything like it and it thrilled the audiences here in Westport where there was a trial production.

What I thought was extraordinary was that there was the identical reaction that we have been accustomed to get from war excitations. The country ought to be roused and if you can see it or can possibly participate in the debate the Theatre Guild is carrying on I think it would be of very great importance. After all, the best that the theatre can do is to exercise its authority to get people to think and that, as we know, is the age-long message of the theatre, to educate and to entertain.

The Press has been good, with the exception of the Herald-Tribune which, true to type, jeers at the production. The enclosed was written after its production here.

Anyway, this is one of a thousand messages that I have in my heart for you and love for you and a very strong desire to see you and happiness that you are surrounded with such true friends.

Your Devoted

LDW:MS

William J. Wild

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HOUSE ON THE POND
BAUGATUCK
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4632

October 8, 1935

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt;

Miss Wald asked me to write to you tonight, as she has not had a good day.

She is anxious to know the date you will be able to see the play "If This Be Treason" and to know how many tickets you desire. Dr. Holmes' letter just reached Miss Wald telling her that he wishes to have you and your friends come as his guests.

Please let us know as soon as you are able to plan the date.

Miss Wald and I have many delightful visits recalling the happy time we had with you as our guests at the White House last winter. She sends you her devoted love and I join her in her greetings.

Sincerely yours,

Constance C. Cumner
Constance C. Cumner

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HOUSE ON THE POND
SAUGATUCK
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4632

Oct. 25, 1955.

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

Beloved Eleanor Roosevelt:

Dr. Holmes was perfectly delighted that you could come to the theater and see his play. I hope it will go through the country. It closes this week in New York. Though the house has been filled every night the play has cost \$10,000 a week and that is prohibitive, but it has created a great deal of thought and I, (and so will he) appreciate your sending me your comments. I cannot tell you how comforted I am that you value lay support. I think England's action is largely influenced by the Labor vote and America by the women, and how fortunate we are to have you, beloved First Lady!

I am optimistic enough to hope that some day you will be driving in this direction and no more affectionate welcome will you find in any other place under the sun.

Please remember me to your dear associates.

Devotedly yours,

Arthur D. Wald

LDW:MS

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October 23, 1935

Dear Lillian Weld:

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I am enclosing a copy of the letter which I have written to Rev. John Haynes Holmes. I felt that he would want me to be entirely frank with him.

I did enjoy the play and thank you very much indeed for making it possible for me to go.

I hope that you are able by now to be up and round.

Much love,

Affectionately,

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HOUSE ON THE POND
SAUGATUCK
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4632

October 17, 1935.

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

Beloved First Lady:

John Haynes Holmes is so
happy to welcome you and he has ar-
ranged his church program so that
he will be able to meet you on Mon-
day night.

Dear love to you as always,

Lillian D. Wald

LDW:MS

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October 30, 1935

Dear Lillian Wald:

I am sorry to be so long in thanking you for your remembrance of me on my birthday, but I have been away and things have piled up. Many, many thanks for your kind thought and your good wishes.

Always affectionately,

Miss Lillian Wald
House-on-the-Pond
Saugatuck
Westport
Conn.

December 3, 1935

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Dear Lillian Wald:

It was very kind and thoughtful of you to write, and I will see that the things you send me are brought to the President's attention.

I am so sorry that I am not going to see you at the dinner.

Affectionately,

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HOUSE ON THE POND
SAUGATUCK
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4833

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Nov. 25, 1935.

Mrs. Roosevelt,
c/o Mrs. Morgenthau,
1133 Fifth Avenue,
New York City

Beloved Lady:

There are several things that I want very much to impart to you, one of them which does seem important and which ought to come before the President and his publicity men but I am sure he is too absorbed until after Thanksgiving. However, I think I will write the purport of it to you and if you judge that immediate action should be taken you will let me know.

I am sorry I am not seeing you at the dear Morgenthau's dinner. They came out yesterday and it was good to see that loyal couple and are they proud of "little Henry"?

It pleased me greatly to have a hard-boiled Republican, who erstwhile had been critical, tell me that he must say now that you are a great asset to the Administration. I would have a different appraisal but I like to know that the impervious skull had been penetrated.

Devotedly yours, *Jellie*

T.N.W. MC

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January 7, 1937

Dear Lillian Wald:

Thank you very much for calling
my attention to the article in The New
Republic. I will get it and read it
at once.

Affectionately,

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January 12, 1957

Dear Lillian Wald:

I am deeply grateful for your kind letter and was so amused by the story. I do hope I will be able to see you before too long.

I think a grand time to receive the pansies would be on Inaugural Day and I cannot tell you how pleased I would be to have them. It is very generous of you to want to send them to me.

Sincerely,

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

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HOUSE ON THE POND
SAUGATUCK
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4832

January 7, 1937.

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

Very dear First Lady and very dear Friend:

That invitation told the old story of your devotion, your consideration and your loyalty to the least of us. I wish and wish and wish that my legs could carry me where my heart is but I have to acknowledge that they are not any use at all and unless something brings you to Hyde Park during the months that are not good for travel I will have to wait, and wait with hope that when the summer comes and I can lie in the garden you will come with the blessing that your presence brings and the hope that you inspire.

We listened to the noble, and withal simple, speech of the President - simple because it was understandable to everybody who listened with heart as well as with brain - and I rejoiced from my invalid bed that I had lived to know that democracy met the hopes and the wishes of those who have and who do believe.

I have so many times given expression to my own faith where the Roosevelts guide that I can do no more than repeat it and I do with all my being. Some day I will relate to you all the persecutions and funny stories of the campaign. The richest one is that of a woman who attacked me because I came out for the President as a humanitarian when he had so many pigs killed, and she charitably added that the only possible excuse would be that I probably did not read the papers!

Devotedly yours,

Julia S. Wald

LDW:MS

P.S. I should like to be your florist this year for some special occasion where the unique pansies of Mr. Sniffen may make even the White House more interesting. He still refuses to sell the plants and you are alone in getting the leaves. It would be a pleasure to him and a happiness to me to be your decorator again.

Antony

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January 21, 1937

Dear Lillian Wald:

Many, many thanks for the
pansies. They were perfectly beautiful
and I enjoyed having them more than I
can tell you. You are very kind and
I am deeply grateful.

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian D. Wald
Compo Road
Westport, Conn.

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TELEGRAM

The White House

Washington

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West Port, Conn., 517P Jan., 1937.

Mrs. Roosevelt,

The White House, Washington, D.C.

Flowers carrying loving congratulations sent four thirty.

Lillian D Wald.

*Very beautiful
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beautiful
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Miss Habel
Laura Sniffen
Canaan Street
Westport, Connecticut
Nathan Lane

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June 7, 1937

Dear Lillian Wald:

I was glad to talk with Anna Louise
Strong and I will do what I can.

With many thanks for your letter and
with all good wishes, I am

Affectionately,

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Miss Lillian D. Wald.
Westport
Conn.

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HOUSE ON THE POND
SAUGATUCK
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4632

June 1, 1937

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

Very dear First Lady:

I hope that it was worthwhile, asking for an interview with Anna Louise Strong. I think that interest in those Spanish children may be my "Swan Song", but I do care tremendously and I am doing my very best to enlist reasoning about their plight. I have large correspondence about them and I know with your limitless sympathy, which has no boundaries, and your affection for the whole world and capacity to visualize the situation that the Spanish children cannot fail.

Affectionately yours,

Lili S. Wall

LDW:MS

June 16, 1937

Dear Lillian Wald:

I have passed your letter on to
the President.

I will be going to see you soon.

I know your garden is lovely now.

With much love,

Affectionately,

RETURN TO MRS. ROOSEVELT

THE PRESIDENT HAS SEEN.

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TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4832

June 14, 1937.

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

Beloved First Lady:

It doesn't seem a friendly act to add to your pile of letters, but when you went through Westport I did have a homesick pang for you. Yui

However, this letter is to thank you first for your interest in the Spanish situation, but mainly because I have been deeply worried about the repeated suggestion of influencing Senator Wagner to come to New York.

I think he would mess up the LaGuardia mayoralty and I do not know that with all his great talents Wagner is an executive, for the mayoralty of New York is an executive job.

The point is that the Administration's best friends and I, as an insignificant member, think it would be a terrible tragedy. He is needed in Washington, the President needs him. A job to beat Tammy is another story entirely.

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Strictly between you and me, I don't mind if
the other prominent nominee is sacrificed on the altar
of loyalty, TAMMANY LOYALTY!

Our garden is so beautiful, it's worth
turning the little car this way to see, if there
is any time left before or after the wedding.

Dear love and a passionate desire,
whether in or out of bed, to serve.

Devotedly yours,

LDW:MS

J. M. S. Wald

June 28, 1937

Dear Lillian Wald:

It was nice to have Karl Anderson's
letter and I am glad that you sent it on
to me. Many thanks and all good wishes.

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian D. Wald
Westport
Conn.

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June 21 1937

Dear Miss Wald:

I have a desire to add to our recent conversation about the new aspect and vitalization of American painting. To confirm our agreement - that the encouragement given to the artists by the present administration in Washington had great deal to do with it. I have just returned from Washington, and saw there the murals commissioned by the Procurement Division of the Treasury Department. I like to tell you that I was greatly stimulated and encouraged for American painting in the future, by what I saw. For, not only were most of the murals excellent technically, it seemed to me the emotional approach and results were of something we can have pride in. Something, close to me

way of thinking, and living. I found
no European influence in any of them.

And God! was I glad. From
across the way I wish you a good-

day

Sincerely
Karl Anderson

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October 13, 1937

Dear Lillian Wald:

It gave me a great deal of pleasure to know that you thought of me on my birthday, and your telegram added greatly to a very pleasant day.

I hope that things are going well with you and that you are feeling better.

With deep appreciation and much love,

Affectionately,

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The White House
Washington .

Westport, Conn., Oct. 10, 1937.

Mrs. Roosevelt,
The White House.

Continue as you are and enrich the world and especially
your loving friends.

Lillian D. Wald.

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November 24, 1937.

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

Beloved First Lady:

I have cheering words from your visit in Chicago and I am awfully pleased that you wrote of me in connection with Jane Addams. I don't think we will ever see her like again but I am grateful for the time we had her and for her influence, which is undying.

I am writing this note particularly to tell you how much I liked that picture of you in yesterday's Times. It is so sweet and so yourself - most impressive. My thought of you is how precious everybody is to you - a real claim which you never set aside.

I am going to get the book as soon as it can be delivered and I think of all the young people who must have it and who will have it if I have any authority for guiding their selection of a library.

You will no doubt be at the White House for Thanksgiving. Anyway, I am sending this letter

to you with a heart full of gratitude that I have lived to know you for what you are. I wish I could send you flowers for your Thanksgiving but I know your gardener doesn't want competition and I have it in my heart to hope that when you are ready for the unique pansies that grow in Westport, you will let me know and Mr. Sniffen will take pride, as he has in the past, in having a suitable small part in your gracious hospitality.

I rejoice that you are surrounded by the faithful and they express you in their simplicity and naturalness and sincerity.

Tell the President that I think enduring a tooth-ache is another call upon invincible courage.

My love and good wishes to you always and
always,

W. H. H. H.

LDW:MS

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December 10, 1937

Dear Lillian Wald:

Many thanks for your note and for what you say about my book. I value your opinion most highly.

It was very kind of Mr. Sniffen to offer to send the pansies again. Will you tell him that I will be delighted to have them for the Diplomatic Reception on December 23, if that is convenient for him.

With every good wish,

Affectionately,

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Miss Lillian D. Wald
Westport
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SAUGATUCK
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4532

December 9, 1937.

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

Beloved First Lady:

I was a companion on your trip,
and an anxious friend awaiting your opinion
of the President.

Now your friend and my old neigh-
bor, Mr. Sniffen, asks when you want your
pansies. They are the show of Westport, so
I was delighted that he did not wait for me
but volunteered the offer.

Naturally I think of you a great
deal as everybody in the world does, and the
publication of the book seems to emphasize all
the things that have made you what you are, and
drawn forth the love of individuals and the
people.

Let me know if there is any special
party that you want the pansies for and they will
be forthcoming.

Your devoted friend,

William Brewster

LDW:MS

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to Mrs. Roosevelt
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December 17, 1937

Dear Lillian Wald:

I will be very happy to have Mr.
Sniffen send the pansies for the President's
Birthday, January 30.

Many thanks for your note, and
with every good wish, I am

Affectionately,

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HOUSE ON THE POND
SAUGATUCK
WESTPORT, CONNECTICUT
TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4822

December 15, 1959.

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

Beloved Lady:

Mr. Sniffen was promptly interviewed and he says if you have a suitable occasion he would rather send his pansies for one of the January dates. The pansies are larger, the stems longer, and he is a little prouder of them in January than he is in December! So please ask one of your kind secretaries to select the date and the pansies will be forthcoming and will emphasize the link between you and the White House and Mr. Sniffen and me.

Devotedly,

Lillian D. W.

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December 27, 1937

Dear Lillian Wald:

I like the editorial so much and I will try to write as good a one for Christmas, perhaps next year.

Many thanks for your letter and for your warm hearted greetings to all of us.

Much love.

Affectionately,

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Miss Lillian D. Wald
Westport
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December 20, 1937

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

Very dear Eleanor Roosevelt:

Mr. Sniffen will be no gladder than I that we are represented on the great birthday. Thanks for your answer.

I think so often what your advice can be to people at Christmas time - so many valuable things can be emphasized, and I am afraid that the fundamental is forgotten.

I thought you would be interested and accept as a Christmas card the little editorial I wrote for the magazine. For your information I will tell you that the President who could not accept the present was Wilson, and Mr. Goldberg was the kindest hearted little man, or big man, that I have met, and that's saying something!

He had a "family liquor store" and it was because we could not offer a gift from the liquor interests to the White House that we could

not grant his request, though goodness knows his "family store" was inoffensive and he supplied the nurses with all the customers they could send - sick old ladies who needed a bottle of his innocuous wine.

Please give my greetings to your dear daughter and to the grandchildren and to all those who dwell beneath your White roof, from President to secretaries.

Lovingly,

Lillian D. Wald

LDW:MS

Giving



Miss Wald is founder and chairman of the board of the Henry Street Settlement, New York, one of the world's most famous social service centers

THE most important lesson in giving I have ever received came from one of my neighbors on Henry Street.

Some time ago, a naturalized Rumanian immigrant came to me with a request which I was unable to grant. I carefully explained to him the reasons. Then, to ease his disappointment, I asked him for a little advice and help in finding a job for a blind jeweler in my block. We hoped to establish him with a newsstand, but the whole matter rested on selecting a location that was promising. Said I, "We believe this will set our blind man up without asking for charity, but all will depend upon getting a suitable place." I did not ask for money.

Said my Rumanian friend in immediate response, "I give you a hundred dollars."

AS he had come to me, asking a favor, and was offering his gift in impulsive reaction to my story, I was reluctant to take the money, and so explained, adding, "If you go home and think it over and still want to send it, I have no right to refuse help for my blind neighbor."

Whereupon I received my lesson. Said my friend: "Miss Wald, it's me

that wants to give the hundred dollars—the real me. If I go home and talk it over with my sons, they may say, 'Father, that's a lot of money. Rich people would not, maybe, give so much,' and the chances are I send you twenty-five dollars; but that would not be the real me. The real me says a hundred dollars." Then he took out his checkbook and made his sign (he had never learned to write) and left with me the check for one hundred dollars.

I SHOULD like to pass that lesson on to the world, because I am convinced that there is too little encouragement for people to be their real selves when giving. I do not like to see a person tricked into unwise or fanatical generosity through a sudden and calculated appeal to his emotions, but I do believe

that we should be true to the warm, sympathetic, and adventurous spirit of giving which lies behind our masks, no matter how cold and circumspect they may be. Women have told me that they were often thwarted in their program of giving by men who were close to them, who were too protective; that in making wills, they were often discouraged from expressing their feeling for those in need. Generous men are sometimes called weak and are held up to good-natured ridicule by their wives and friends because they yield often to the noblest impulse that a human being may have—to share what he has with others. And I have known children to be rebuked by their elders for giving away a treasured possession.

BEWARE lest those who admonish against unwise giving are not fortifying their own selfishness. "Let the government do it" is a mere defense. The desire to give is an emotion, your real feeling for human life on this earth. Its expression should be encouraged. The generous heart should be exalted. And the impulse to give should be carefully nurtured and educated, so as to serve most effectively in the world today.

LILLIAN D. WALD
Guest Editorial Writer

January 3, 1938

Dear Lillian Wald:

Many thanks for your letter. I have read the French manuscript of Eve Curie's story of her mother, as well as Mr. Sheehan's translation, and I agree with all you feel about it.

I am glad you found such a splendid way to share the poinsettia and that it served such a good purpose.

I will give your message to the President.

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian D. Wald
Saugatuck
Westport
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December 31, 1937.

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

Very dear Lady:

I wonder how much of you or how much of the service made your cross-country journeys so calm and pleasant. I have my own suspicions!

I want to tell you how very much I appreciate your book and I am completely engrossed in Madame Curie's. I cannot tell you how affected I am by the simple recital of an extraordinary woman, and almost as much by Mr. Sheean's translation. I hope you will read it. I find myself at half past one in the morning turning on the light and reading it, and Madame Curie herself seems like a vial of her own extraordinary radium.

How glad to give bits all the future

The poinsettia too is so fine - I will confess to you something that I did and I think you will approve of it. Mary Beard, the Rockefeller nurse, had fifteen nurses from fifteen foreign countries, largely from Asia, dining with her on Christmas day and I sent your poinsettia to her. She lives around the corner and I thought they

would have something to "write home about", and we added all the personalities that glorify our White House now.

Please tell the President that he is much in my thoughts and very much, of course, in our discussions.

With love to you and good wishes, I am now and always

Your devoted, admiring friend,

Lillian S. Wald

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P.S. The wonderful pansies will come in time for the President's birthday. I will visualize them in your silver vases.

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January 17, 1938

Dear Lillian Wald:

I am so sorry that you have had a relapse and hope that everything goes well. You were sweet to write at such a time to praise my book, and I value your praise very highly.

You may tell Mr. Sniffen that I would like to have the pansies arrive on the 29th, so as to have them fresh for the President's birthday dinner that evening.

With my love and every good wish, I am

Affectionately,

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Miss Lillian D. Wald
Westport, Connecticut

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13th January, 1938.

Beloved Lady,

I cannot tell you with what emotion I have finally laid down "This is my Life"..... You will for ever be a leading light and example as woman, as citizen!

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This is an immediate note to ask one of your Aids to let me know what day you want the flowers for the Birthday Party. Mr. Sniffen says they could arrive Saturday, Sunday or Monday - as you may desire.

I have had a relapse since the holidays and am still in the Doctor's charge and not allowed to have any visitors, sign any letters or have even anyone talk to me. But I send you my loving thoughts and all good wishes,

Very sincerely,

p.p.L.D.Wald,

M. Wald

January 31, 1938

Dear Lillian Wald:

I have received the lovely giant
pansies from you and ⁶⁻²Mr. Loren Sniffen and
they are surely a great joy to have. Thank
you many, many times for your thoughtfulness
in having them sent to me.

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian Wald
Compo Road
Westport, Connecticut

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April 27, 1938

Dear Lillian Wald:

Many thanks for your letter. I am
glad to know that Margaret Bondfield is in
America and I will try to see her. I am
also looking forward to seeing you soon.

Affectionately,

May 17, 1938

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Dear Lillian Wald:

I have your letter about saving the
+ Saugatuck Valley and have already had one or two
others, which I have passed along. I will also
write to Governor Cross.

Affectionately,

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Delivered to
Mrs. W. W. W.

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June 24, 1938

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Dear Miss Wald:

On account of Mrs. Scheider's illness, I have been rather tied down, but she is coming home next week and so I hope I will be able to see you before long.

Cordially yours,

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Arch
6/24/38

June 22nd, 1938

Beloved First Lady:

I am following your career as published from day to day, and hoping you will be dropping a word as to the time of your coming to the "House on the Pond".

Mr. Duffus, poor man for his sins, is writing a story of me- and writes to me that he has written to the World Telegram for permission to quote you in one of your columns- to publish your gracious lines about me, and your visit here. He adds, "you surely will be glad to say "yes, but the form must be complied with.

Lovingly yours,

William B. Wald

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July 30, 1938

Dear Lillian Wald:

I am planning to come over to see you but something seems to come up every day that makes it impossible for me to get away. I have had Anna's children here but they are leaving and after I get back from a week on Long Island I am sure I will be able to make a definite date.

Affectionately,

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

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TELEPHONE: WESTPORT 4632

July 20th, 1938

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York

My dear friend:

Are you planning a journey to the "House on the Pond?" I am afraid I have asked this before and have had no satisfactory reply.

Has any movement reached your ears about Judge Allen's appointment to the Supreme Court should there be a vacancy, and possibility of her being appointed? Do you have a record of those who are espousing her, please put me down and record our approval and support of the many who may come your way.

We mourn Judge Cardoza's death and are glad that even for part of the time he was our neighbour and

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received the untiring care of the Lehmans.

Will you let me know whether you have read Frau Lips story of the Nazis as she knew them. She is an Arayan, as we like to think them before the taint of Hitler came upon them.

This is in no way to deflect from the warm desire to see you personally and who ever may escort you.

I am now and always will be your very devoted

Lillian S. W. M. A.

I look in vain for
all part of your
inimitable beauty,
I wish I
could see -

September 27, 1938

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Dear Lillian Wald:

Thank you for your sweet letter. I wish I knew of something cheerful and optimistic about the world picture, but I don't. It looks very sad to me.

I am so sorry the summer has gone and I have not been over to see you. I tried to keep my summer free so I could do the things I enjoy, such as visiting you, but I did not succeed very well. I am still hoping to come, however.

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian D. Wald
Saugatuck
Westport
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September 19, 1958.

Mrs. Roosevelt,
Hyde Park, N. Y.

Very dear Lady of the Country - Lady of the White House:

I have just had occasion to write to Nancy, your devoted one, and to tell her how very much I hope that we can seat Mrs. O'Day.

But above all this you dominate and nothing, not even world politics can dim the picture. If there is anything cheerful or optimistic that can be done about Europe, please steal the time and let me know.

I am putting this letter in one to Nancy to be sure that it gets to you! I don't blame your secretaries who, if they are not worn out ought to be.

Dear love to you,

Lillian D. Wald.

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October 13, 1938

Dear Lillian Wald:

Your note was enough of a gift for my birthday. The thought and affection of those whom you love and admire means more than anything more tangible, as you well know judging from your biography. I finished it and enjoyed it and have written a review for the Survey, though it is not entirely finished. I hope they will like it.

What a wonderful life you have led, what you have done for humanity! I think your philosophy of doing the individual thing is a wise one for it spreads to the utmost corners of the earth.

Much love,

T.L.

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

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TELEPHONE WESTPORT 4532

October 10, 1938.

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

Beloved First Lady:

I know, without the thing being retold, that you should have no time for the likes of me. Our country is quite big enough to occupy you, and especially in the present condition of the world, and your family's misadventures. I suppose everybody in the United States has said "how do you do it?" but patience and grace are given to us according to our strength to bear them and lucky you have the strength as well as the burdens, so there!

I don't know what to send you for your birthday but when I am up and out of bed perhaps intelligence will come to me and I have my mind fixed on something that you can keep.

Mr. Duffus sent you a copy of my
Biography. We wondered if you liked it and
whether it gave you any insight into the
friend who loves you so well.

Your devoted

Lillian F. ...

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December 17, 1938

Dear Lillian Wald:

I am deeply appreciative of any word from you always and I am more than sorry that I have not been over to Westport this year. I will come to see you the first opportunity I have.

Affectionately,
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December 5, 1938.

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

Beloved Friend:

Every day I think that I must write to you for I feel very close to you and the Administration and to Washington. But it seems as if there is so little that I can do now that I cannot expect to have busy people give me any attention.

I wish I could fill this letter with optimistic messages that my faith continues that the world will be better for us all and how can it fail to be better when you are steady and gifted in all ways? You seem wonderful to me. Several hundred times in one day what did the Bible say? I am not so familiar with what the Bible has said but I do feel sensitive to the meaning of all good people that the world can be saved by a handful of good people and surely there can be no-one "gooder" than you.

The latest incitement to see this is your review of the book. I like it so very much and I am pleased that so many people seem to like it. It makes me feel very proud and very happy for Mr. Duffus' sake as well as for my own. Mr. Duffus was grateful for your generous review and says that he would write you but he is afraid your mail is so voluminous that his letter would probably not reach you, but I think that your secretary would keep it for your eyes.

If you have a minute, will you read the enclosed? I would be glad to have him carve something for you, but I'm sure it would be a kindness for you to have him do it.

Your devoted florist lets me know that the pansies are in bloom, so when you have a party that you would like to have adorned with the pansies from Westport, just say the word!

I am still in bed the greater part of the time but I can get up and sit in front of the fire at least once a day.

Dear love to you over and over again,

Silliam H. Wald
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February 14, 1939

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Dear Lillian Wald:

Thank you so much for your letter.
We would love the pansies for March 4 if
Mr. Sniffen cares to send them.

I hope you are feeling better and
I am still hoping to get over to see you. I
leave March 5 on a lecture trip and get to
Seattle on March 26 to stay with Anna until
after the baby is born.

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian Wald
House on the Pond
Seugatuck
Westport, Conn.

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February 11, 1939.

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

Beloved First Lady:

Our flower man, Mr. Sniffen, telephoned today that he had received no word about the pansies that were due Mrs. Roosevelt and I think he misses the privilege of sending them. I am sure, if I had not been ill, I would have thought of an occasion to suit the flowers but I know you will have just the time and place for them and if you will let us know what it is we will all be happy.

I follow you on your migrations and observe all your good deeds and sorrow with you in your perplexities, which are inevitable, and I am, though not a complete person,

Fully and devotedly yours,

Lillian H. Wald
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March 7, 1939

Dear Lillian Wald:

I have written to Mr. Sniffen, and
I want to tell you, how much we enjoyed having
the puzzles for March 4. They were the most
beautiful I have ever seen.

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian Wald
Saugatuck
Westport
Conn.

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Memo

March 4, 1939

Recd. Large box Giant Pansies

To - Mrs F. S. Ross

From -

The Hillier Flower Company
Westport, Connecticut

No card in box

look up Hillier
Walt's letters &
think... most
beautiful
box ever seen
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May 1, 1939

Dear Lillian Wald:

I was distressed to hear that you were not so well and hope you are better by now.

I have been so anxious to get over to see you, but life seems so full all the time and the next few weeks are more crowded than ever.

Will you please have your secretary drop me a line telling me how you are?

Affectionately,

Miss Lillian Wald
Westport
Conn.

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June 14, 1939

Dear Miss Weld:

I am wondering if you are well enough to see me on Friday, June 23rd. If you are, I would love to drive over just to call on you. I don't want to come if it will be any strain at all, but I have been thinking about you a great deal.

Affectionately,

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Miss Lillian Weld
Westport, Conn.

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The White House
Washington

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West Port Conn., Dec. 24, 1938.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt:

A million thanks again for all your attention, for all your goodness and, for yourself. I like the book, the poinsetta graces Connecticut too. May the coming year be less vexacious. It could'nt be fuller of tribute and loyalty to you and the President. Please scatter my love and congratulations, and to all with you, who have made this administration the greatest in the history of this country. Love to your children, your grand children, those here and those to come. Your lovingest.

Lillian D. Wald.

Eddie Welch

BOSTON, MASS.

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Miss Lillian Wald,
Westport, Conn.

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Dear Miss Wald:-

I am enclosing a news write up which I would appreciate having you read. The reason is that I have carved a sperm whale of rose wood which I ^{am} going to send to Mr. Roosevelt as a gift. I would like also to carve and send something to Mr. Roosevelt. I have been informed that you are a very dear friend of Mrs. Roosevelt and I thought it would be a very fine idea to carve some thing for her from a piece of wood from your land. I would also like to carve some item from you. Many of our native woods are very fine. I have used lilac wood and it is very beautiful. Would you give me permission to call some day soon and get a small piece of some sort of wood and carve something. I do hope that this note will not offend you. May I hear from you?

Thanking you in advance,

sincerely yours,

Eddie Welch.

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