MR 000.9 MRS. ROOSEVELT VISIT OF MRS. ROOSEVELT TO PACIFIC ISLANDS

SECTION I — AUGUST AND SEPTEMBER, 1943

Map Room
Box 47
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Sydney - noon September 7 to a.m. September 9.
Rockhampton - p.m. September 9 to a.m. September 11.
Cairns - noon September 11 to a.m. September 12.
Townsville & Mackay - p.m. of September 12.

Leave Mackay - September 13.
Arrive Brisbane - Midday.
Leave Brisbane - September 14.
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TO: CO, HAMILTON FIELD, CALIFORNIA.

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FOR MRS. F. D. ROOSEVELT. TO BE HELD UNTIL HER ARRIVAL.

SISTERS SCHOOL SARAH AN HAMLIN 2120 BROADWAY SAN FRANCISCO.

JIMMY WILL MEET YOU WITH ME ON ARRIVAL NEW YORK FRIDAY. HE
LEAVES FOR HOME THAT NIGHT. ELLIOTT RUTH AND CHILDREN LEAVE TO-
MORROW THURSDAY FOR BRIEF HOLIDAY FORT WORTH. JOHNNY AND ANNE
LEFT HYDE PARK BUT CHILDREN STILL THERE. DO YOU WANT TRUDIE MEET
YOU TOO. I WILL BE APARTMENT LATE THURSDAY NIGHT LEAVING WASHINGTON
SIX PM. WILL BE HAPPY AGAIN ON FRIDAY WHEN YOU ARRIVE. ALL LOVE.

TOMMY

Released from the White House Map Room
at 1550, EWT, 22 September 1943.

CHESTER HAMMOND,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff.
22 September 1943

TO: MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT,
    FT. SHAFTER, T. H.,
    c/o CG, CENPAC.
    #6817

FROM THE PRESIDENT TO MRS. ROOSEVELT.

ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN MADE FOR YOU TO CONTINUE ON TO NEW
YORK ON PRESENT PLANE. SIGNED F. D. R.

Released from the White House Map Room
at 1615, EWT, 22 September 1943.

George M. Elsey
GEORGE M. ELSEY,
LT (jg) U.S.N.R.

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22 SEPTEMBER 1943

TO: MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT,
   FT. SHAFTER, T. H.,
   c/o CG, CENPAC.

THE PRESIDENT TO MRS. ROOSEVELT.

REFERENCE NO. 5844. AM ASKING ARNOLD ABOUT PLANE. JIMMIE
NOT ABLE BE SAN FRANCISCO IN TIME. JOHNNIE HAS LEFT FOR HIS
SHIP. HOPE YOU COME WASHINGTON WHERE I ARRIVE SATURDAY MORNING
OR H. P. IF YOU GET TO NEW YORK EARLY FRIDAY. SIGNED F. D. R.
MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL ARNOLD

The following message has been received in the White House Map Room from the President for your action:

"THE PRESIDENT TO GENERAL ARNOLD.

"IS IT OK FOR MRS. ROOSEVELT'S PLANE TO CONTINUE ON TO NEW YORK AFTER IT ARRIVES AT SAN FRANCISCO THURSDAY NOON, PACIFIC COAST TIME?"

Admiral Brown requests that a reply be sent to the Map Room at your earliest convenience.

Boyce P. Price

BOYCE P. PRICE,
Captain, C.E.

OK - S.F. notified.

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SECRET
From: Ft. Shafter, T. H.
To: War

No. 3844, 22nd September 1943.

Best I can do is reach San Francisco noon Thursday Pacific Coast Time. Transport plane would not ordinarily go to New York but can go with your permission and arrive early Friday. Otherwise will you get me Thursday reservation on commercial plane around 4 PM from San Francisco preferably United. Should arrive that way New York by 3 next afternoon. Ask James meet me there and will see him off. Love from E R to President Roosevelt the White House Washington DC. Meet you in Washington next day or go Hyde Park to see John if he leaving immediately.

No Sig

Declassified by
letter of Adjutant
General to USA,
July 31, 1958.

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MAY 24, 1973
To: Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
Fort Shafter, T.H.,  
c/o CG, Hawaiian Department.  

#6779  

From the President to Mrs. Roosevelt.  

Certainly continue on the plane if it is normally coming  
east. All well. Johnny and Ann here with children. Elliott and  
Ruth still in Washington.

21 September 1945

Released from the White House Map Room  
at 1230, EWT, 21 September 1945.

CHESTER HAMMOND,  
Lt. Colonel, General Staff.
21 September 1943

TO:  MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT,
     FORT SHAFTER, T.H.,
     c/o CG, HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT.

    # 1797

THE PRESIDENT TO MRS. ROOSEVELT.

I WILL BE HERE UNTIL FRIDAY EVENING. NORwegians HERE ALSO.
WE ALL ARRIVE WHITE HOUSE SATURDAY MORNING. JIMMY IS IN WASHINGTON
BUT HOPES TO GET TO H. P. THURSDAY EVENING. HE WILL HAVE TO RETURN
WEST FRIDAY EVENING OR SATURDAY MORNING. LET ME KNOW PLANS. MUCH
LOVE. F. D. R.

NOTE FOR MRS. ROOSEVELT FROM COLONel HAMMOND. ABOVE TELEGRAM
SENT TO YOU SEVERAL HOURS AFTER REPEAT AFTER MISS THOMPSONS.

Released from the White House Map Room
at 1730, EWT, 21 Sept 1943.

CHESTER HAMMOND,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff,
Assistant to the Military Aide.

[Handwritten note: Declassified by Letter of Adjutant General to GSA,
July 31, 1958.]
21 September 1943

TO: MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT,
    FORT SHAFTER, T.H.,
    C/O CO, HAWAIIAN DEPARTMENT.

SVC 1783

MRS. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT FROM MISS M. C. THOMPSON.

JIMMY HERE PLANS SPENDING THURSDAY NIGHT AND FRIDAY HYDE PARK
WAITING FOR YOU. ELLIOTT AND RUTH AND CHILDREN HERE BUT PLANS
UNCERTAIN. AM CONCLUDING THIS MEANS YOU RETURN NEW YORK AND NOT
HERE. IF YOU CHANGE AND COME HERE OR GO TO ANNA PLEASE WIRE AS
JIMMY ONLY WAITING HERE FOR YOU. I WILL PLAN TO GO NEW YORK LATE
THURSDAY AFTERNOON TO MEET YOU FRIDAY. ALL LOVE.

M.C.T.

Released from the White House Map Room
at 1615, EWT, 21 September 1943.

CHESTER HAMMOND,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff.
INCOMING MESSAGE

FROM: FT SHAFTER 210240Z
TO: CGATO WASHINGTON D.C.
PERIOD: TWENTY FIRST
IN REPLY CITE: PAW 9393

SCAN FOLLOWING MESSAGE FROM MRS ROOSEVELT TO THE PRESIDENT QUOTE ALL WELL PD HOPE TO ARRIVE SAN FRANCISCO THURSDAY PD ASK TOMMY TO SEND ME NEWS OF CHILDREN AND ALL PLANS FOR ME ALSO NAME OF SISTYS SCHOOL PD TELL THUDE SAW JOE PD HE WELL AND GOOD SPIRITS PD MAY I CONTINUE WASHINGTON OR NEW YORK THIS PLANE INSTEAD OF COMMERCIAL PD LOVE UNQUOTE YY TO GEORGE FROM RYAN YY WILL YOU RELAY THIS TO PRESIDENT AND ADVISE US FURTHER

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By W. J. Stewart Date MAY 24 1973

(The making of an exact copy of this message is forbidden.)
To Hyde Park, a.m. 17 Sept.

9-17-43

Plane carrying Mrs. Roosevelt remaining at Espiritu Santo and she has gone on to Guadalcanal.
PRIORITY

FROM: OPNAV

TO: COMSOPAC.

16 SEPTEMBER 1943

PLEASE DELIVER FOLLOWING TO MRS. ROOSEVELT FROM MISS THOMPSON.

THROUgH AND I ALL WELL ANXIOUSLY WAITING YOUR RETURN. MAIL SENT

YOU HAMILTON FIELD. LOVE

M. C. T.

Released from the White House Map Room
at 1130, EWT, 16 September 1943.

ROBERT H. MYERS,
Lieutenant (j.g.), U.S.N.R.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
16 September 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Roosevelt departed from New Caledonia at 1800, EWT, September 15 (0900 New Caledonia Time, September 16), and arrived at Espiritu Santo at 0040, EWT, September 16 (1540 Espiritu Santo Time, September 16).

Very respectfully,

WILSON BROWN, Rear Admiral, U. S. Navy.
NAVAL MESSAGE

FROM

RELEASED BY
15 SEPT 1943

DATE
2129

TOR CODEROOM
YORK

DECODED BY
DE LANNAY

PARAPHRASED BY

INDICATE BY ASTERISK ADDRESSEES FOR WHICH MAIL DELIVERY IS SATISFACTORY.

LT COMDR KELLY 150932 NCR 5180

UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED THIS DISPATCH WILL BE TRANSMITTED WITH DEFERRED PRECEDENCE.

ORIGINATOR FILL IN DATE AND TIME

DATE

TIME

QCT

TEXT

(REO WASHN DELIVER TO MISS M C THOMPSON THE WHITE HOUSE WASHN DC) (COMSOPAC ORIGINATES)

ARE YOU AND TRUE WELL. WIRE ANSWER COMSOPAC.

ER.

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By W. J. Stewart Date MAY 24 1973

NAV AID....ACT

FILE.....

Sent to Miss Thompson,
Sept 16, 1943 (1045)

No. 3 F-I OR CHARTROOM.

No. 4 SPECIAL

SEALEO

Make original only. Deliver to communication watch officer in person. (See Art. 76 (4) NAVREGS.)
RADIO HONOLULU
TO: PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT
012260 NCR 6619

MANY THANKS FOR MESSAGE
GOOD LUCK AND LOVE TO KILLOTT WHEN WE GOES.
TELL TOBY ALL WELL.

LOVE, H.R.
AUSTRALIAN LEGATION,
WASHINGTON, D.C.

13th. September
1943

Dear Mr. Secretary,

I have been asked by Dr. Evatt to convey to you the following message for transmission to the President.

"Mrs. Roosevelt is on the eve of completing her Australian programme, which has run according to the schedule given to you. Everywhere she has been most enthusiastically received and has created a profound impression. The last two days have been spent in visiting United States establishments, hospitals and military training centres. She will return to Brisbane tomorrow morning, Sunday, and will leave on Monday morning on her return journey. Her health is excellent. Best wishes."

Yours sincerely,

OWEN DIXON
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 9, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Roosevelt arrived at Rockhampton, Australia, at 0700 GCT, September 9 (1700 September 9, Australian Time).

She plans to remain in Rockhampton overnight.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

CHESTER HAMMOND,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff.

1. Italian Fleet - leaving

[handwritten annotation:]

[illegible text]

2. State reports message from Mr. [illegible]

[handwritten annotation:]

[illegible text]
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

7 September 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Roosevelt arrived at Sydney, Australia, at 4:50 A.M., Sept. 7, 1943 (10:50 P.M. Sept. 6, Sydney time). She is proceeding to Canberra.

Very respectfully,

CHESTER HAMMOND,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff.
3 September 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Mrs. Roosevelt arrived at Sydney, Australia, at 3:50 a.m., GCT, September 3rd (11:50 p.m., EWT, September 2nd). Mrs. Roosevelt is proceeding to Canberra.

Very respectfully,

[Signature]

CHESTER HAMMOND,
Lt. Colonel, General Staff.
THE CITADEL
QUEBEC

20 August 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MAJOR PASCO:

The President read General MacArthur's radio concerning flight 321 (C-4914) and the drafts of two messages of reply submitted by General Marshall.

He then dictated the attached message to General MacArthur, information Admiral Halsey, in lieu of the proposed drafts.

GEORGE M. ELSBY
Lieutenant (jg) U.S.N.R.
FROM: The President
FOR: General MacArthur
INFORMATION: Admiral Halsey

20 August 1943

Can not make plans flight 321 at this end. Can only tell you party wishes simplest and shortest program in Australia possible. Matter should be taken up with party. Primary purpose is to visit American troops and hospitals.
MEMORANDUM FOR

The PRESIDENT:

The attached radio has just been received from General MacArthur. I submit drafts of two messages in reply, which have been referred to the State Department in Washington. The State Department informs me that they have no objection to these changes. If these messages meet with your approval, please return them to me today as it is urgent that they be dispatched without delay.

Incls.

Chief of Staff.
SECRET

WAR DEPARTMENT
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INCOMING MESSAGE

URGENT

EYES ONLY

From: WAR (Relay of No. C-4914 from BRISBANE)
To: BOSCO

No. 123  20 Aug 43

(Personal attention Chief of Staff, War Department, from MacArthur C-4914). On August 18 Michelberger as my representative visited the American Minister at Canberra and showed him my directive as contained in War Department radio 6726, August 13, and 6791, August 13. Also, my tentative itinerary provides for one day in Brisbane after arrival and then one night in Melbourne, luncheon at Canberra, two nights in Sydney and then progressive advancement northward to include one night at my Headquarters at Port Koresby. It has been my intention to give high priority in this visit to American Red Cross and welfare activities as well as visits to American and Australian hospitals and camps.

This morning I have received from Mr. Johnson a copy of the following letter received by him from the Commonwealth Minister of External Affairs: (Eyes Only)

"With reference to your intimation to Colonel Hodgson last night of a tentative program for Flight 321 visit to this country I think it desirable to acquaint you immediately with the views of the Commonwealth Government regarding the itinerary. These views have already been communicated to Washington but I understand that, owing to the absence of Mr. Sumner Welles and the departure of Flight 321, it will be necessary now to arrange details direct with Flight 321 en route.

"It is felt that suggested program for Flight 321 allows for an undue proportion of time to be spent in Queensland. In the light of my discussion of the visit in Washington, may summarize the Commonwealth Government's views of the nature of Flight 321 tour here as follows:

A Flight 321 should be received by and meet the Australian Government whose guest they will be.

B It is hoped that Flight 321 will use this visit

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WAR DEPARTMENT
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INCOMING MESSAGE
URGENT

From: WAR (Relay of No. C-4914 from BRISBANE).
To: BOSCO

To make contact with the Australian people, especially women's war organizations.

It is assumed also that Flight 321 will wish to see something of welfare and Red Cross work connected with American Army outside operational areas.

"With a view to a balanced itinerary as above I would suggest that to save unnecessary travel and hardship Flight 321, instead of returning to New Caledonia after visiting New Zealand for the purpose of landing at Brisbane, should come direct from New Zealand to Canberra with subsequent arrangement as follows:

1. September 5--arrive Canberra;
2. September 6--Canberra;
3. September 7--leave for Melbourne in morning;
4. September 8--Melbourne;
5. September 9--leave Melbourne for Sydney;
6. September 10--Sydney;
7. September 11--leave for Brisbane;
8. September 12, 13 and 14--in Queensland.

"I think that an initial landing at Canberra is the most appropriate in that Flight 321 will be received here by the Governor General and the Commonwealth Government. It is proposed that the details of the program except in Queensland be arranged by the Commonwealth Government and that the Queensland program be arranged by General MacArthur in consultation with the State Governor whose guest Flight 321 will be while in Brisbane.

"I will be grateful if you would arrange to have the above itinerary considered urgently by General MacArthur's Headquarters and, if he concurs, for it to be communicated to Flight 321 for approval at as early stage of outward journey as possible. I understand from Sir Owen Dixon that Flight 321 has kept plans open in many respects and that both the Army and the State Department in Washington are

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entirely agreeable that program should be finally settled by communication direct en route.

"You will of course appreciate that we would be grateful for an early reply from General MacArthur so that detailed arrangements can be put in train. I may add for the most confidential information of General MacArthur that, when I was in Washington, the President desired me to make sure that Flight 321 did not visit operational areas."

Michelberger has visited Sydney to talk with Mr. Gamble, Senior American Red Cross delegate in Australia. While Mr. Gamble had received instructions from Mr. Norman Davis which could have been interpreted as giving him full responsibility for the visit of Flight 321, Pacific, nevertheless Mr. Gamble as well as Mr. Johnson was perfectly willing to follow any program approved by me.

In view of the radical difference between the views of Dr. Evatt and my instructions as received from the War Department, I feel that the situation should be clarified without delay and request further instructions.

No Sig
Draft of message for General MacArthur (re Mrs. R's visit)

Reference your C 4914 of 20th August, President approved and State Department has no objection to proposals of Australian Government concerning Flight 321 itinerary while in Australia and the proposed change has been radioed to the Flight en route with the request that if approved by the party this information be furnished direct to you. In view of this change and the instructions which were given to you concerning responsibility for security arrangements, please advise the Australian Government that while Flight 321 is their guest between the periods specified in their proposed itinerary, the Australian Government will be responsible for security measures. Subsequent responsibility for security will be in accordance with instructions previously issued to you and Admiral Halsey.

Please advise the War Department of any further changes that are made.
With reference to your visit to Australia, the Australian Government has proposed a change in the itinerary as follows:

Instead of returning to New Caledonia after visiting New Zealand the party would proceed directly from New Zealand to Canberra with subsequent arrangements as follows:

- September 5 - Arrive Canberra
- September 6 - Canberra
- September 7 - Leave for Melbourne in morning
- September 8th - Melbourne
- September 9th - Leave Melbourne for Sydney
- September 10th - Sydney
- September 11th - Leave for Brisbane
- September 12, 13, 14 - in Queensland

While in Australia Flight 321 will be the guest of the Australian Government and the Flight will use this visit to make contact with the Australian people, especially the women's war organizations. If this is agreeable please communicate it without delay to General MacArthur so that he may pass the information on to the Australian Government which will make arrangements accordingly. The State Department has been informed of the change in itinerary and has no objections. The President has approved it. However, it is subject entirely to your own desires. Please acknowledge receipt and inform the War Department as to your decision.
White 88 (17 Aug 43)

HS

This telegram must be closely paraphrased before being communicated to anyone. (SC)

Canberra

Date: August 14, 1943

Recd 6:45 p.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington

168, August 14, noon

[Redacted]

Department's 331, August 12, 4 p.m. I communicated information in Department's telegram confidentially to Governor General's office last evening. The Military Secretary informed me that a few minutes previously he had been informed by External Affairs that Mrs. Roosevelt would arrive at Sydney September 1st. I understand Commonwealth authorities intend to ask that visit be postponed three weeks for following reasons: earliest date for meeting of new Parliament will be September 22nd, latest date September 27th. Until then Commonwealth Ministers and Government will be absent from Canberra.

There has been delay in dispatching this message to Owen Dixon because of present serious illness of Hovett. I was unable to explain disparity in dates or points of arrival Australia.

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By R. H. Parkes
WAR DEPARTMENT
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OUTGOING MESSAGE

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CINC SWPA
BRISBANE, AUSTRALIA

August 12, 1943

Number 6726

Arrangements have been completed for the flight of Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt from the United States to Australia via Hawaii, New Caledonia and New Zealand and return to the United States. Code identification of this flight will be given in a subsequent message and all future references to the flight will be by the code flight designation. The name of the passenger should never be used. Reference to the code flight designation will be sufficient. Travel will be accomplished in aircraft to be furnished and operated by the Air Transport Command. You will be responsible for local reception, ground security, and air protection measures if and when required within your area. Proposed itinerary contemplates 10 days in Australia. Responsibility for planning local flights within Australia is assigned to you and the airplane furnished by Air Transport Command may be used for such flights if so directed by you from Marshall for MacArthur's eyes only. No public release of information concerning this flight shall be permitted until after flight has reached Australia or New Zealand, whichever is first reached, and then only pursuant to specific policy concerning publicity of this flight, to be furnished you by Major George Durno, War Department Public Relations Liaison Officer accompanying flight. Aircraft to be utilized will not be restricted to use of this passenger alone. However, number of passengers transported will be limited to 6 total. Responsibility for the determination of the number of and the specific passengers is assigned to the Air Transport Command. Advise Brigadier General William Ord Ryan, Wing Commander, Pacific Wing, Air Transport

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R.R. 1166, Sec. 8(E) and 5(E) or (E)
O.S.D. letter, May 3, 1972

By RHP, MARS Date DEC 12 1973

THE MAKING OF AN EXACT COPY OF THIS MESSAGE IS FORBIDDEN
Command, Hickam Field, as to all air protection measures being placed into effect by you to safeguard flight on all legs within your area. Where any leg of the flight falls within 2 areas, you will coordinate such security measures with the adjoining area commander. Proposed itinerary will be furnished in subsequent message. Pass to Carpenito. Entertainment of passenger will be kept at minimum by presidential directive. Nimitz and Halsey have been advised of details of flight.

ORIGINATOR: General Arnold

INFORMATION: OPD  
SGS  
White House