Greetings to the Holland Society of New York
(via telephone)
Reading Copy

Delivered by the President over telephone from Oval Room at White House to Holland Society at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in New York. --Jan. 17, 1935.
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MY FRIENDS AND ASSOCIATES OF THE HOLLAND SOCIETY OF NEW YORK:

Presidential plans for future engagements are, I find, to my sorrow, more susceptible to change than the plans of any private citizen. I had counted for many months on being with all of you tonight on the occasion of the Fiftieth Anniversary of the Holland Society. At least I take some comfort in the fact that it required a reception in the White House to the Supreme Court of the United States to keep me away from your dinner.

I need not tell you of my long interest in and association with the Holland Society. I feel a just pride in what the Society has stood for as the exponent and recorder of the great contribution made, through three hundred years, by men and women of Netherland descent in the building of the United States.

Our early forebears brought from the Netherlands a quality of endurance against great odds -- a quality of quiet determination to conquer obstacles of nature and obstacles of man. That is why for many years I have been so deeply interested in the preservation of the records and monuments left in New York City and the Hudson River Valley by the Dutch pioneers. The influence of New Netherland on the whole Colonial period of our history, which culminated in the War for Independence, has not as yet been fully recognized.
It was an influence which made itself felt in all of the other twelve Colonies, and it is an influence which manifests itself today in almost every part of our Union of States.

To all of you I send my greetings. We honor those men and women of early days who made so much out of such small beginnings. Let us who treasure their memories not fall short of the measure of their deeds.
ADDRESS OF THE PRESIDENT
at the 50th Anniversary of the
Holland Society of New York
Waldorf-Astoria Hotel, New York City
(Telephoned from the Oval Room Study at the White House)
January 17, 1935, 8.45 P. M.

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Mr. President and associates of the U.S. Secret Service and World War II veterans.

I have the privilege today of taking you on the occasion of the visit of the U.S. Secret Service to the White House to the task which is undertaken a tradition in the White House to the installation of the United States to keep an eye

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The President, at 8:45 tonight, E. S. T., will address the Holland Society of New York, meeting at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel in celebration of its fiftieth anniversary. The address will be telephoned by the President, speaking from his Oval Room study in the White House a few minutes before he and Mr. Roosevelt receive the guests attending the White House reception in honor of the Judiciary.

RELEASE is automatic at 8:45 P. M., Eastern Standard Time. Please safeguard against premature release.

STEPHEN EARLY
Assistant Secretary to the President

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