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[Thanksgiving Day Proclamation]

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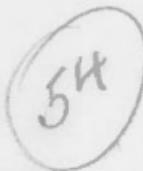
ENCLOSURE

TO

Letter drafted

ADDRESSED TO

The Honorable
Marvin H. McIntyre,



Mr. Fonster.

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thinks this can go
along for signature.

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~~signature~~

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D.C.



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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
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November 7, 1935

My dear Mr. McIntyre:

There is enclosed a draft in duplicate of a proposed proclamation designating Thursday, November 28, 1935, as Thanksgiving Day. Copies are also enclosed of letters approving the proposed proclamation which have been received from the Attorney General and from the Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget, and of a warrant authorizing and directing me to cause the seal of the United States to be affixed to the proclamation.

Sincerely yours,

William Dudley
Acting Secretary.

Enclosures:

Draft proclamation, in duplicate.
From Attorney General,
November 6, 1935.
From Acting Director of the Bureau
of the Budget, November 5, 1935.
Unsigned warrant.

The Honorable
Marvin H. McIntyre,
Assistant Secretary to the President,
The White House.



Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C.

November 6, 1935.

Through the Secretary of State.

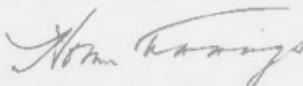
The President,
The White House.

My dear Mr. President:

I am herewith transmitting a draft of a proposed proclamation, presented by the Acting Secretary of State and submitted to me by the Acting Director of the Bureau of the Budget under date of November 5, 1935, designating Thursday, November 28, 1935, as Thanksgiving Day.

The proposed proclamation has my approval as to form and legality.

Respectfully,



Attorney General.

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My dear Mr. Attorney General:

Herewith is the draft of a proposed Executive Proclamation, presented by the Acting Secretary of State, designating Thursday, the twenty-eighth of November, 1935, as a Day of National Thanksgiving.

This Proclamation has my approval as to form.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) D. W. BELL

Acting Director.

The Honorable,

The Attorney General.

Enclosures:

Copy of letter of Acting Secretary
of State, November 5, 1935.
Draft of proposed Proclamation.

PMP/abp

THANKSGIVING DAY --- 1935

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-eighth of November, 1935, as a Day of National Thanksgiving.

In ~~Thanksgiving~~ through a period of national stress our country has been knit together in a closer fellowship of mutual interest and common purpose. We can well be grateful that more and more of our people understand and seek the greater good of the greater number. We can be grateful that selfish purpose of ^{our} personal gain, at ~~their~~ neighbor's loss, less strongly asserts itself. We can be grateful that peace at home is strengthened by a growing willingness to common counsel. We can be grateful that our peace with other nations continues through recognition of our peaceful purpose.

But in our appreciation of the blessings that Divine Providence has bestowed upon us in America, we shall not rejoice as the Pharisee rejoiced. War and strife still live in the world. It avails little for mankind that we should say ^{that} we are not as other men are. Rather, must America by example and in practice help to bind the wounds of others, strive against disorder and aggression, encourage the lessening of distrust

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among peoples and advance peaceful trade and friendship.

The future of many generations of mankind will be greatly guided by our acts in these present years. Every development forbids and precludes a return to the selfish paths of the past. We hew a new trail.

Let us then on the day appointed offer our devotions and our humble thanks to Almighty God and pray that the people of America will be guided by Him in helping their fellow men.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

DONE at the City of Washington this
day of November, in
the year of our Lord nineteen
hundred and thirty-five, and
of the Independence of the
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the one hundred and sixtieth.

By the President:

Acting Secretary of State.

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By the President:

Secretary of State.

THANKSGIVING DAY — 1955

BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

A PROCLAMATION

I, FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, President of the United States of America, hereby designate Thursday, the twenty-eighth of November 1955, as a Day of National Thanksgiving.

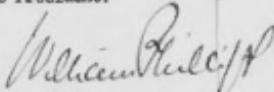
Our country has been passing through a period of stress that has brought us together into a closer fellowship of mutual interest and common purpose. With grateful hearts it should be our effort to show forth in our lives a truer appreciation of the blessings that Divine Providence has bestowed upon us. We may pray and hope that a time of peace and opportunity is at hand for all nations.

Let us then, on the day appointed, observe again our revered custom and offer, with our devotions, humble thanks to Almighty God.

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By the President:



Acting Secretary of State.

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

November 6, 1935.

Dear Miss LeHand:

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I am sending up by this pouch the draft Thanksgiving Proclamation. Frankly, it has given us a great deal of trouble and I do not think any of us are satisfied with it. The original draft did not meet the approval of the Attorney General for one or two good reasons. However, in my opinion, this draft is somewhat colorless. I do so want this Proclamation to be a splendid document and I feel that, if possible, the President himself may wish to add some touches to it.

I am calling it to your attention in this way so that it will not be signed by the President in the ordinary routine.

Sincerely yours,

William Bullard

Miss Marguerite LeHand,
The White House.

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Let us then, on the day appointed, observe again our reverent custom and offer, with our devotions, most earnest and humble thanks to Almighty God.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Original of this has been sent to the Attorney General for his consideration and transmission to the President.

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