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**THE WHITE HOUSE**  
**WASHINGTON**

January 18, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

S. T. E.

I think you had better take this up again about a month from now with General Hershey.

F. D. R.

**THE WHITE HOUSE**

**WASHINGTON**

January 17, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

We showed this memorandum to S.T.E. to handle but we have had no further report on what has happened. In view of the fact that this Medical Board is going to make recommendations to you about reclassification of 4-F's, do you think we should forget about it for the present and see if he is reclassified as a 1-A?

**THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON**

December 27, 1943

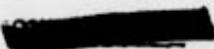
GRACE:

Get word to Hershey what McWutt  
said and say I do hope we can use him in  
the Army or the Navy because the only thing  
the matter with him is that he is a moron.

F.D.R.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 20, 1943

  
MEMORANDUM FOR GRACE TULLY:

Paul McNutt delivered the young man. The Army and Navy examiners rejected him. The cause of the rejection was given by the examiners as "psychoneurosis severe".

The plan is to deliver him again to other Army-Navy examining boards and to continue to deliver him from time to time to such boards, causing him all of the harrassment possible -- and with the view of getting some board some time to accept him for service.

The decision of the board that examined and reported him unfit for service was unanimous.

  
S.T.E.

THE WHITE HOUSE



GRACE TULLY

S.T.E.

Respectfully forwarded to the President:

*E.M.W.*

E.M.W.

*Held*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
ARMY SERVICE FORCES  
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL  
WASHINGTON 25, D. C.

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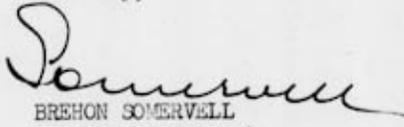
28 January 1944

Major General E. M. Watson  
Military Aide to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Pa:

It is understood that the President desired some information concerning the induction status of Mr. John Jacob Astor. I am informed by the Surgeon General that Mr. Astor was examined for induction into the armed forces but was rejected because of a disqualifying neuropsychiatric condition.

Sincerely,



BREHON SOMERVELL  
Lieutenant General  
Commanding.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

1-27-44

ROBERTA:

Gen. Somervell phoned that he got information from the Surgeon General, who got it from Gen. Hershey, who got it from the White House -- that the President wanted to know why the Army hadn't inducted John Jacob Astor.

He wants to tell Gen. Watson why -- but won't be in his office all morning. He asked if the General could call him between 12 and 1 -- or as soon thereafter as possible.

ld

Call up Somervell  
re J. Astor Jr.

PSF

Gen. Corvus "A"

dr. 3-42

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

November 30, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR

BASIL O'CONNOR  
HON. LEIGHTON McCARTHY

Will you be good enough to send me the kind of a report that I can send to Mrs. Horace William Adams about her child?

As you will see from the enclosed correspondence, all she asked was that we communicate with her husband, which has been done.

F. D. R.

Grace - <sup>OK</sup>  
You said you wanted  
the President to see this  
before it went out; - that  
you had added to what  
he said

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

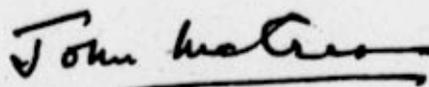
November 18, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MISS TULLY

The attached naval despatch has been sent to the father of the child mentioned in the letter also attached.

You requested that the papers be returned to you for handling by the Foundation's board.



JOHN L. McCREA.

MR. FORSTNER

Please note

*Handwritten:*  
I have  
at M. C. Green  
about 11/27

## NAVAL MESSAGE (NAVY DEPARTMENT)

Telephone Extension No.	ADDRESSEES: (To)	PRECEDENCE
<b>Originator:</b> (From) <b>NAVAL AIDE TO PRESIDENT</b>	<b>ACORN RED PAREN TWO PAREN</b>	PRIORITY _____
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Transmit this dispatch with DEFERRED precedence to all addressees not otherwise designated above.

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TEXT  
AOM FIRST

FOR HORACE WILLIAM ADAMS/X REGRET INFORM YOU THAT YOUR BABY  
 DAUGHTER DIED FOURTEEN SEPTEMBER AS RESULT OF FALL FROM WINDOW  
 WHILE PATIENT AT WARM SPRINGS FOUNDATION X THIS MESSAGE SENT  
 AT REQUEST YOUR WIFE X JOHN L MCCREA NAVAL AIDE TO PRESIDENT

This space is for abstract of previous references. If this is a REPLY, reference numbers of incoming dispatch must be shown here.

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November 17, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR CAPTAIN JOHN L. McCREA:

May I send you the attached letter for appropriate handling.

Grace G. Tully  
Private Secretary

Let. to the Pres., 11/12/42

Mrs. Eleanor Adams,  
2545 So. 11th St.,  
Phila., Pa.

Writer's 15 mos. old daughter about to be discharged after 2½ months at Warm Springs Foundation left alone, fell from window and was killed. Mother is brokenhearted and feels negligence involved. Asks whether any way her husband may be notified of child's death. He is with USN and present whereabouts unknown to her.

COPY

2545 South 11th Street  
Philadelphia, Pa  
Nov. 12, 1942

Dear Mr. President:

I'm writing to you in behalf of my little baby daughter, age 15 months old.

I hope you remember from a while back, I wrote to you for help of getting my baby in Georgia Warm Springs Foundation she was crippled in one leg.

The foundation accepted my baby and kept her there for two and a half months, she was to be discharged in three months she was well and ready to be discharged when a terrible thing happened to her she was alone in the room and fell out the window three stories down and was killed. It broke my heart to hear this. You see I was in the hospital under-going an operation, when this happened, and my husband was called out to sea, at the time. He does not know about the baby as yet. You see I don't know where he is I haven't received any mail from him, and he hasn't received any of my mail, he has been gone for three months now.

My baby died Sept. 14, 1942. They let me see her for 15 min. and then they shipped her home to Philadelphia, that's my home. At the time all of this happened, I was in Pensacola, Florida, where my husband had his duty.

Mr. President, when I took my baby to the foundation, they put her in a big crib, right by the window, well, I didn't like that, so I pushed it away from the window, a little, but I know after I left, they put it right back again. How can they be so careless as to let my baby fall out of the window Mr. President, I'm just a lonely mother, asking you for help to look into the matter. I know you are very busy, but I'm broken hearted over losing my baby. I haven't seen her for 3 months, it makes it so hard to take, not to ever see her again, and she was such a sweet little baby.

Do you think there is some way for my husband to know it, he is only 23 he is such a young man and it will break his heart to find out about this I know but he must know about it.

He is Horace William Adams, A. O. M. c/o U.S.N Navy UUW  
c/o Postmaster, San Francisco, California.

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Please Mr. President, won't you help me.

Yours,

Mrs. Eleanor Adams

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FOR THE PRESIDENT.

E.R.

*[Handwritten signature]*

*[Handwritten initials]*

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PST-

If the President did read my letters when would he find time for detective stories or World War II.

Hillburn, New York  
August 2, 1944

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt;

Please tell the President that his acceptance speech was magnificent, also that I did not mean to intimate that I minded having my letters turned over to the Justice Department. I noticed moreover that they read me sentences plucked from context which shows they did not have the whole of my indiscreet epistles. It is simply their gift of misinterpretation of steering investigations where they choose which maddens one when you are certain that the truth lies at hand and rather shocking truth at that that those who could do something should walk carefully around the sore spot is beyond belief. Now I can stand off from that factory as one who is already completely detached. I know positively that certain work was slowed up deliberately like the 744 lenses for instance. That the explosion bore some fruit is shown by the fact that three days before I left the lady came upstairs and made a public statement in our section concerning the three things I had complained of to Mr. Conroy to the President and to you. --- that we would start working on the 744's again and that the magnifier and test glasses would be locked up every night because they had so often disappeared. That was in itself a major victory to one who had knowledge of the set up. In the first place she had been arrogantly sure that no one would criticize anything she did because of her friendship for Archbishop Spellman. For the same reason she always hired through a Catholic agency and 3/4 of the time she drew the Falange type. Prsani was arrogant and assured also his Brazilian friends our lend lease were very poor stuff. - - that I am sure of. I am also sure that Mr. Morris felt guilty because he had been caught no ( ? ) sooner.

I am also sure that Ernst Boxman was a Nazi. I heard three of his telephone conversations in German and they were recklessly incriminating.

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Here is a great green peace. On this mountain top I have not even the luxury or the pain of the R.F.D. Just the great oaks close me in for miles. My cabin is built half of copper screening

so cleverly sewn together by my mother and little sister and myself years ago that one seems to be sleeping in the forest. Somehow the little Jackson white children are like squirrels and chipmunks. They know instinctively the arrival of the white man. Two of them have been at my heels for days watching me work. I also know by grapevine that the cabins out here are all voting one way. The children begged me for the President's picture "for grandpa" who can no longer leave his doorstep.

I shall probably be in Orange county once a week and come back by New York for any news of work to be done for Marc, etc.

Mr. Wilkie seems sure the President is going to win. He swears by the Roper Pole in fortune. Mr. B. thinks his only quarrel with W. W. is his overconfidence on this subject. He also thinks victory is sure but to be fought for. Feels as I do the importance of doing something about the Italian vote. Some gesture of appreciation of their work in the war that is the Italian Americans. An act that should come from the President.

The Presidents masterly building up of the future through the skillful handling of those difficult conferences leaves us all gasping with admiration, those of us that know the steep going, the desperate hazards and the priceless goal.

I heard a report of Wallace's splendid work from the Chinese end of it. I think he is a great man but that it is bootless and even dangerous to mourn his not being V. P. It is ammunition for the enemy. Here the new leader and P. M. are both very guilty. Roosevelt and Truman make a top notch ticket and a very practical one. Henry Wallace if he is as great as we would like to think knows why and knows also that "you cannot keep a squirrel on the ground". His public career is not ended. At this time electing the President is the important thing - the issues being far greater than personalities except for the peculiar circumstances involved in the case of the President himself. Where he has been blessed or cursed as you happen to look at it by the most tremendous responsibility that any man has taken on himself for hundreds of years.

That is why I snatch everything and bring it to him often tearing my hands in the process.--leaving it to him to separate the dross from the gold!

My mother and his died at the same time and my own mother had considering her strange mixture of tory and democrat the strangest devotion to him. If I failed to tell him of any danger I could see

her looking over her spectacles and saying "I told you to look out for that child!"

Madam Chiang has left China as you probably know better than I leaving behind her an estranged Generalissimo who is more in the clutches of his feudal Lords than ever. The man who ghosted his last two very bad books is a Trotskyite. The purpose is to show a future China with expanded Industry adapted to Feudalism. Wallace did as much as any human could to prevent a civil war. Chiang looks toward darkness. Only our own men and the armies of the north will drive out the Japanese. As in South America, the British frightened by the seriousness of the Economic picture looks backward for fear of looking forward. I think the only answer is the one I heard advanced in regard to the boner Eric Johnston pulled in England.

We must guarantee that if England gives up her dreams of Empire and she surely must by the march of peoples whines is inevitable then we should guarantee her an allocation of world markets. Her panic is natural and even justified. Otherwise she sinks as Britain. Heaven knows I never expected to defend her. But this is practical and necessary. That at the peace table her markets be assured which does not mean a supression of colonial peoples, an Empire or a grabbing of Markets. Johnston's theory left them nothing.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Josephine T. Adams

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*See copy*  
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December 14, 1940

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt, LL. D.  
 Washington  
 D. C.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

The American Antiquarian Society for the past eight years has had an annual deficit, owing to the decreased income from securities. It has been suggested repeatedly by members that some form of appeal should be sent out, asking for an annual contribution. No such appeal has been made since 1935, when over \$9000 was raised for that year.

This Society is entirely dependent upon the income from endowment and upon the generosity of its members for the continuation of its work. The Library's prestige has grown greatly in the last few years, and the aid which we are giving to scholars throughout the country has constantly increased. The inability to purchase books needed to fill in our collections is one of our greatest handicaps. Even with the strictest economy, we face a deficit of at least \$3000, in addition to which we can buy no books, newspaper files or other research material.

Gifts made to this Society constitute a permanent benefit. Money is spent by this Library, not for a temporary purpose, but to preserve material for all time. With the destruction to-day of so much of the world's civilization, the permanence of the printed word is more than ever apparent.

While we hope for gifts of from \$100 to \$500, of course we should accept gratefully any evidence of confidence in our work. Even if this form of gift should constitute an annual Guarantee Fund, in no case would it be assumed that a donation this year involves a future commitment.

Yours sincerely,

*Samuel E. Morison*  
 President

*Chandler Bullock*  
 Treasurer

*Clarence S. Brigham*  
 Director

**THE WHITE HOUSE**  
**WASHINGTON**

*W.C.  
Powers*

MEMO FOR THE PRESIDENT:

I have read this and do not see  
that I can do anything about it.

E.R.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

January 21, 1941

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

MEMORANDUM FOR

E. R.

Please read and return  
and say nothing about this to  
any one.

F. D. R.

Reply forwarded to  
The President  
G.M.W.

JOHN EDGAR HOOVER  
DIRECTOR

**Federal Bureau of Investigation  
United States Department of Justice  
Washington, D. C.**

January 14, 1941

PERSONAL AND  
CONFIDENTIAL

Major General Edwin M. Watson  
Secretary to the President  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear General Watson:

Information has been received to the effect that the American Youth Congress will hold a "Town Meeting of Youth" in Washington, D. C. on February 7 - 10, 1941.

On the agenda of this meeting, the days of February 7, 8, and 10 are devoted to visits to Congress and Governmental agencies by representatives of the American Youth Congress for the purpose of discussing with such members of Congress and heads of such Federal agencies, the efficacy of following the program of the American Youth Congress.

In view of the apparent gigantic size of this proposed meeting of the American Youth Congress, which is intended to be nation wide, I wanted to call your attention to this matter.

I have caused a study to be made of the program of the American Youth Congress. In addition thereto, this Bureau has reduced to memorandum form a comparison of the program of the American Youth Congress with the program of the Communist Party, U.S.A. I am attaching hereto a memorandum covering that subject dated January 13, 1941. I thought that the President and you would

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Major General Edwin M. Watson

be interested in having your attention called to the almost complete identity of purpose and aim of the American Youth Congress with that of the Communist Party, U.S.A.

With assurances of my highest regards,

Sincerely yours,

*J. Edgar Hoover*

Enclosure

BY SPECIAL MESSENGER

January 13, 1941

PROGRAM OF  
AMERICAN YOUTH CONGRESS

"....a foreign policy directed toward keeping America out of the war in Europe...."

"....a foreign policy....away from any intervention of American dollar diplomacy in Latin America or the Far East."

"Peace is....the best defense of our country and the liberties of our people."

"...we oppose those policies, which, in the name of national defense, have been leading America ....toward involvement in war..."

PROGRAM OF  
COMMUNIST PARTY, U.S.A.

"Combat the imperialist policies ....to spread the war and involve the United States in it."

"We want to keep our country out of the imperialist war."

"Defeat Wall Street's imperialist policy of economic and political domination, and military adventures in Latin America, China, and the Dutch East Indies."

"....protect and advance the peace, liberties and welfare of our people....defend the interests of our nation."

"All projects for military aggression are entitled 'national defense plans.'"

"....we oppose...traffic in arms and munitions with belligerents in Europe and with Japan."

"....we oppose....loans and credits to belligerent countries. ..."

"We insist that our armed forces must not be sent to fight on foreign soil."

"The right of wage earners to organize into unions of their own choosing."

"The right of wage earners to freedom of speech, assembly, action and worship."

"Stop the sale and shipment of munitions and armaments to the imperialist belligerents."

"Oppose all war loans and credits to the warring imperialist powers."

"No armaments or American soldiers for imperialist wars or adventures."

"Protect the freedom and independence of the trade unions."

"For the organization of the unorganized."

"For unrestricted freedom of speech, press, radio, assembly and worship."

"The right of organized wage earners to bargain collectively with their employers."

"....immediate passage of the Federal Anti-Lynching Bill..."

"....immediate passage of the ....Geyer Anti-Poll Tax Bill."

"....support further loans to China."

"....expansion of W.P.A. appropriations...."

"....the passage of adequate housing....programs...."

"....the full right to organize, strike and picket."

"Pass the Anti-Lynching Bill."

"Pass the Geyer Anti-Poll Tax Bill..."

"Maximum support for the great Chinese people..."

"Expand W.P.A....."

"For a Federal housing program."

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"....the passage of adequate  
....health program..."

"Enact an adequate federal  
health program..."

"We are opposed to...compulsory  
military training or conscription.  
..."

"We are opposed to....M-Day plans  
and the militarization of our  
country."

"....we favor expansion of  
N.Y.A. and C.C.C. under civilian  
control and on civilian projects."

"Extend the N.Y.A. and the C.C.C.  
under civilian control and on  
civilian projects...."

"Pass the American Youth Act."

"Adopt the American Youth Act."

"....we call upon the govern-  
ment of the United States to free  
Puerto Rico and the Philippine  
Islands."

"For the immediate and complete  
national independence of the  
Philippines and Puerto Rico."

"....vindicate once again the traditional principle of the right of asylum..."

"Adequate Federal aid to education to abolish the present inequalities between the states, to remedy the inadequacies in facilities, and to provide economic assistance for underprivileged children."

"....devotion to the inalienable rights of the American people as guaranteed by the Bill of Rights..."

"....labor's right to organize, to bargain collectively, to strike and to picket are fundamental to our civil liberties."

"We are opposed to....the abridgements of labor's rights by our present government through the perversion of the Anti-Trust laws..."

"Guarantee the traditional American right of asylum..."

"Guarantee free education to all youth and children, Negro and white, by extending Federal and state appropriations."

"Defend the Bill of Rights..."

"....the full right to organize, strike and picket."

"Defeat the anti-labor drive under the Sherman anti-trust law."

"We are opposed to the attacks upon the National Labor Relations Act...."

"We are....opposed to the attacks upon the Walsh-Healy Act."

"We condemn the F.B.I. and the Department of Justice in their stimulation of war hysteria and flagrant violation of civil liberties...."

"We demand the preservation and extension of the work of the La Follette Civil Liberties Committee...."

"We demand the....immediate dissolution of the un-American Dies Committee."

"Big business....attacks.... the National Labor Relations Act...."

"Big business....attacks....the Wages and Hours Law...."

"Stop the attacks upon labor by the F.B.I. and the Department of Justice."

"Pass the La Follette-Thomas Oppressive Labor Practices Bill...."

"End the dictatorial powers of the Dies Committee...."

"....extension of suffrage to the personnel of the armed forces of the United States."

"....support of the civil liberties of conscientious objectors either in peace-time conscription or in war time."

"....we urge the Congress and the President to repeal all anti-alien legislation."

"....extension of suffrage to the personnel...of the American Merchant Marine."

"....urge the adoption of a six hour day, a thirty hour week nationally, without pay reduction of any kind or speedup of work..."

"....the right to vote for all men in the armed services...."

"Guarantee the civil rights and freedom of action of labor, including the Communists, and all other anti-war, anti-imperialist organizations."

"Repeal the vicious anti-alien and sedition laws."

"....the right to vote for all ....seafaring men."

"For higher wages and the thirty-hour week without reduction in pay."

"We demand that discrimination be ended against the Negro people."

"Extension of the...Wage-Hour Law to all agricultural workers."

"....for the enactment of national American standard old age pension based on right, not need..."

"For equal rights for Negro workers...."

"Extend unemployment insurance to cover domestic, agricultural and all wage earners not now covered by the law."

"Establish an old-age pension system providing \$60 monthly for all over sixty."

PSF

Gen Cones "a" 3-44

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

file  
personal.

October 16, 1944

Memorandum for Miss Tully

Dear Grace:

Father has seen the attached letter from Paul Appleby and asked me to send it to you for your files.

The story behind it is that Mother asked me to see Aubrey Williams about this situation some three weeks ago and, at Father's suggestion, I turned the matter over to Paul Appleby, who has handled it as per the attached letter.

Father will have to see Mr. Thatcher if the occasion should arise.

A.R.B.

EXECUTIVE OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT  
BUREAU OF THE BUDGET  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

October 14, 1944

Dear Anna:

Here is my report on my visit with Bill Thatcher.

The visit lasted a full day. I told Bill I had a message for him from the President--that the President values highly the social significance of the Farmers Union, recalls his first acquaintance with it through Bill and always thinks of the Farmers Union, Bill Thatcher and Jim Patton in one breath, that he is concerned about Jim's illness and his organizational worries and hopes that Bill will come to bat to see that all difficulties are surmounted and Jim's position strengthened. There was never a moment's doubt about Bill's response. He said he had no other inclination, but if he had, the desire of the President would be governing; he would get in touch with Jim at once, would be active in the state and national meetings and in general would do the necessary.

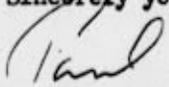
I also told Bill the President hoped to see him one of these days.

Bill hopes, as I do, that there will be no discussion of all this. Further, I intend to see that Jim and his boys play up more to Bill and refrain from talking ill of him. My plea to Bill was for unity, and it works both ways.

Bill has actually been a more thorough supporter of the President than any of them. He has never joined in any of the criticism that the others on various occasions have voiced. He called an employees meeting at which I talked. He followed by "hoping that they would all do everything they could for the re-election of the President."

I hear from Denver that Bill already has got in touch with them there. I think it is going to be all right.

Sincerely yours,

  
Paul H. Appleby  
Assistant Director

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File personal family

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Jan 3  
Carroll  
"A"

LADY ARCHER-SHEE.  
TELEPHONE *ASCO*  
TELEGRAMS, BARCH, ASCOT.  
STATION, *ASCO*

Pollwood.

Highland Falls.

N.Y.

THE WHITE

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August 19th

ASHBURY LODGE,

ASCOT,

BERKS.

My dear Franklin.

I thank you for the prompt answer that you have sent me about Letters. I am afraid that any letters sent through the British Embassy would be opened by Berlin, as all letters have to be sent through Germany. They are definitely censored by them, especially from the British F.O. I have succeeded in getting money through to him by the Finnish Relief Fund. I shall try them for letters, as they must get their letters through somehow, or try the Finnish Legation. As it is the letters will take months to get to him.

I am taking back my native nationality as soon as I can, as it is a help, in these puzzling times. Kitty is joining me as soon as she can, with her child. I do hope that there will be a childrens ship soon, that perhaps she could get on. She is going to live with me here. Edith cannot get out of England, and Lucy is busy and doing good. The boys are well, so that I am not worried about them at all.

It certainly is warmer here, than in England.

Love to the Family.

Yours  
James P. Archer-Shee

Will be with you in a moment.  
Following the letter  
with you. She is a  
mother to me & I love her.

Lady Archer-Tree

J

Pellwood  
Highland Falls, N. Y.

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TELEPHONE - HIGHLAND FALLS 508  
TELEGRAPH - HIGHLAND FALLS

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PELLWOOD  
HIGHLAND FALLS, NEW YORK  
January 11, 1941

Handwritten notes: "All Personal See Carrio 'A'" and "1/11/41"

My dear Franklin;

Your letter of the 10th came this morning, and I thank you very much for the advices you have given me, but I cannot do any more, as Dick has decided for himself and left Sweden on Monday. He cabled me of his departure and says that he will cable me from Istanbul. This of course means that I shall not see him until the war is over, and once he gets to Turkey he can get to Egypt and will join a unit in Egypt. My son-in-law is in Cairo, which makes me feel slightly better about it. I have no idea how long it will take him to get to Istanbul, nor do I know where to address him as he is not likely to linger there, and a letter to the Near East takes two to three months. Conditions certainly are very mixed up for me at this moment.

Yours affectionately,

Lance P. AS

Love to the Family. Gungled you are having a much needed rest. YP

Archer-shree

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Gen. Louis  
"A"

August 21, 1941.

Dear Frances:-

Ever so many thanks for yours of the sixteenth. I am particularly glad to hear that you think Mama is really better. As you say, she will have to be careful this Winter.

I shall be delighted, of course, to be Godfather to John's baby -- whatever the sex!

I hope to see you all very soon. I wish I could have got to Campobello but it was just a little bit too far away from my route on the return trip.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Martin Archer-Shee,  
Campobello,  
N. B.

Campobello

Aug. 16th

Dear Franklin:

First let me say how glad I am that Granny is really better & more her own cheerful self. She is really rested & fresher, but must go slow next winter. She has a slow road ahead of her & must learn that at 86 she cannot do what she did at 60. That is the truth.

Now for my second. My son John as you know is married & his wife is presenting him with the next generation very soon. They both admire you & your work & acts, and both have written to me to ask on their behalf, if you will be willing to be an Honorary Godfather to their future member of the Archer-Shee Tribe! Jack hopes for a son & I hope won't be disappointed. It is asking a favor, I know, but they both want you to do this very much. I should be pleased, too, as it would be another tie with true & loyal friends. I get many letters from England showing the support you have on the other side & the confidence you inspire. Now you have added to this by your meeting with Churchill. Rumor has been rife here that you & C. were meeting ~~at~~ the wolves, at Granny's cottage & there were 17 cars crossed the car ferry on Sunday last, when they thought you might be here.

Mildred Prince has sold her house & land. She plans buying a small spot on the Island & building a home for herself. All the cottages are open this year. Ellen has been wonderful about Granny & has earned our complete gratitude, as I didn't like to step in & take hold & she has. You owe her many thanks. We all love Granny so much here that we have tried to do our best for her. The nurse is a complete success & rules with a firm & kindly hand. Keep her as long as you can.

The weather is unlike our usual condition & is raw, rainy, misty, & many east winds -- Quoddy is talking today.

We had a meeting at the Community Hall as to whether to have a Dr. or not. The clinic was asked to enlarge its borders & work & something may come of it all.

This is all the local gossip I can think of at the time. Love to Eleanor & I hope she will keep well with all her rustling about.

Your loyal old friend,

Frances P.A-S.

an American again

Camp Wheeler  
Aug 16 1883

Dear Franklin.

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her nursing about.

Your loyal old friend  
Louise P.A.S.  
an American again.

Personal



H. E. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington  
D. C.

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Pres. Arthur - Div.

Secy. of Calif. Dem.

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sends two folders

addressed by Pres.

Arthur. Asks for

a photo.

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THE HILL HOUSE, OCEANO (San Luis Obispo County) CALIFORNIA  
. . . . . Phone Arroyo Grande 233F21

Dear Mr. President: Now  
that I am an officer of  
the Party - could I have  
a picture of my Chief?  
Loyally yours, Charles

EXECUTIVE MANSION,  
WASHINGTON.

ackd<sup>12</sup>  
1/4/1909

Dear Mr President:

This is an example of  
the ~~papers~~ <sup>stationery</sup> I enclose  
2 envelopes of. They  
are in my grandfather's  
own hand, addressed  
to his son, my father. I  
thought they would be  
nice for your collection.

Most loyally yours

(over) Chester Arthur III

P.S. Note the seal,  
which is the same  
as I use today.

REGISTER  
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The President of Mr. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

THE HILL HOUSE : OCEANO : CALIFORNIA

PSF



Man-of-war to fetch me in case of  
emergency!  
I haven't  
the faintest notion what is happening  
in the World just now. No news  
on this ship. During the 24 hours  
I spent in Naples, I gathered that  
the Italians are really fearful of  
trouble with France. What a  
stupid move on their part. Just too  
when Europe seemed to be settling  
down for a breathing spell.

I met the Prince of Piedmont at  
lunch in Naples. Such a nice  
young man. He told me "the dream  
of his life was to go to America".  
I know that you would like him,  
& I imagine he would be very



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[1940?]

Feb. 21st 1951

Gen  
Cove  
"A"

Dear Franklin.

As none of my weekend  
guests ever take the trouble to  
return a borrowed book, picture  
my surprise and pleasure when  
The President of the U. S. did so!  
Thank you ever so much.

I am very, very far away. Docking  
at Alexandria in the morning. My  
first trip to Egypt, and terribly  
excited about it, as have wanted  
to come for years. Incidentally  
not a very pleasant corner to be  
caught in in case of War. Will you  
please send your best & fastest

popular at home. He has all the qualifications. I do not believe that anti-Facists would include him in their dislike of the Italian Government, do you?

I am due back for Easter - and there is there any reason that you should not take me out to the San Francisco Fair! Remember, we talked about it? Have a tentative date in Washington April 12<sup>th</sup> or could go off right afterwards. Please arrange!

Franklin does again thanks for returning the  
note. You certainly remember everything.

Effectively

Helen (over)

Am deep in Egyptian Supra-tics. What anti-quity

To the greatest President since Lincoln  
& the greatest American woman

Chester & Esther

ARTHUR

Send their warmest greetings and wish you  
a Merry Christmas and a very  
Happy New Year.

The Hill House  
Oceano, Cal.

Telephone  
Arroyo Grande 233-F-91

Chester Arthur & Esther Arthur



STANDARD FORM No. 14A  
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT  
MARCH 10, 1926

# TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

MRS. HELEN ASTOR  
RHINEBECK  
NEW YORK

LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU THIS WEEKEND STOP WILL CALL  
YOU ON SATURDAY MORNING

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

FROM

The White House  
Washington

*RF*

*4-3*  
*Carroll*  
*"A"*

\*\*\* 16-0481

*File personal*  
October 1, 1940.

Am touring through the  
Hotel Windham Green Mts!

Bellows Falls, Vermont Sept. 25<sup>th</sup>

Dear Franklin. First to  
congratulate you on your splendid  
Defense Program - you are  
magnificent! And second,  
to remind you that when I last  
saw you in June, you said  
you would give me a job in  
the Autumn. I have  
just returned from the "wide  
open spaces" full of health and  
energy, and anxious to go to  
work for the U.S.A. I  
talked with Bill Johnson of my  
over

scheme - He appeared highly and said he would speak to you when he next saw you - But I do not know what that will be - So am writing in the hope that you might give my suggestion a thought and perhaps let me discuss it with you this weekend in Hyde Park -

My idea is to have the women of the country organized into various classes and categories of usefulness to be ready when, and if, an emergency arises -

The English Women are a wonderful example of such organization, and it is my thought that what they have done should be followed as closely as possible -

## Hotel Windham

*Bellows Falls, Vermont*

I would suggest that Mrs Bordin  
Harriman head such a  
movement — her name is so  
outstanding just now — & then  
have a chairman in each  
state, with sub-committees etc.  
Perhaps I could help in N.Y.  
Plenty of professional women  
would volunteer I am positive.  
I mean business women who  
could help in the organization  
of such a gigantic task.  
Don't you think that this is the

propitious moment for such a  
plan?

I will not make this letter  
any longer, as I hope that  
you will give me time to discuss  
the subject with you this  
weekend.

Always affectionately

Helen

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file personal

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 31, 1943

MEMO FOR S.T.E.

Major Lavenport gives me the following information on John Jacob Astor:

Local Selective Service Board No. 44  
1109 Lexington Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Business Address:  
30 Rockefeller Plaza,  
New York, N.Y. Telephone: Circle 621-88

Home Address:  
998 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N.Y.

R.R.

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where JJA III soon will be  
certain belongs, that's  
J.E.

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON

July 12, 1943

*Hull*  
MEMORANDUM FOR MISS TULLY:

John Jacob Astor is classified as 3-A under Selective Service, which means that his draft board still considers him to be maintaining a bona fide family relationship. This development follows a re-hearing of his case conducted after the divorce became final, so apparently he has custody of the children, at least on the part time basis.

*J. McC.*

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WAR DEPARTMENT  
OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF STAFF  
WASHINGTON

June 26, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR MISS TULLY:

John Jacob Astor's local draft board is still trying to decide what to do with him. The divorce is now final, and under its terms, he has custody of the children for six months out of the year. It is possible that he can establish his draft ineligibility on the basis of a bona fide family relationship but this matter rests entirely in the hands of his local board.

*JWC*

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Date- 8-7-70

Signature- J/P

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