TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington
TDST New Canaan, Conn., Jan. 12, 1938.

THE PRESIDENT.

Books are splendid and it was about an offer from Collier's that I telephoned you earlier this afternoon. Will write fully tomorrow.

George T. Bye.
PERSONAL

March 15, 1940.

Dear George:

I thought I could get away with it but apparently my literary agent has found me out. All of my novels have been written in Italian except two which are in the Croatian tongue.

Yes, I have written poetry. My only poem is in the possession of the lady to whom it was indited -- now, alas, nearly half a century ago.

Plays? I do not write them but according to certain newspaper columnists I am an actor. It is up to you to get me some royalties on that!

Radio and moving picture scripts? Yes, once upon a time I wrote a wonderful script about the U.S.S. Constitution and the War with the Barbary pirates. I submitted it to Famous Players Lasky. They rejected it. Three years later they produced "Old Ironsides". It was a hit. They made vast sums. I did not even get an acknowledgment for the idea. Hereafter you place my scripts.

As ever yours,

George T. Bye, Esq.,
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New York, N.Y.

P.S. Yours of the 14th has just come. That "before breakfast charity" is being politely rejected by Steve Early.
March 14, 1940

Dear Mr. President:

Someone may have told you that this is a cock-eyed world. Permit me to reveal to you a letter from the American Consul in Madrid, Mr. Robert F. Fernald, inquiring of a friend of mine about a novel that you have written called "Le Due Vite di Giacomo Blake".

When I had the vast honor of representing you as literary agent I had no idea that my good fortune might extend to representing you in the fiction field as well.

I write now for fuller information. Do you write poetry too? Plays? Radio and moving picture scripts?

All good wishes to you.

Faithfully yours,

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.
New Canaan, Conn.,
August 7, 1940.

Dear Mr. President:

The new editor of the New York Evening Post, Mr. Thackeray, telephones to record that he has applied for the privilege of bidding on any syndicate column to be written by you! He was moved to this by an item in the Lyons' gossip column in the Evening Post saying that I would lament your re-election as it would interfere with your writing career.

Mr. Thackeray said Lyons would not divulge the source of this important information excepting that it was someone in the publishing business.

I told Mr. Thackeray I did not know your plans, but that if the opportunity came I believed I could show you you would be happier writing a page for a weekly magazine.

Yours faithfully,

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
September 5, 1940.

Dear George:

You cannot take up that offer to keep me silent because you would be in a very embarrassing position. You would be taking money from the Greenwich Sewing Circle to bring about my defeat — and then you would turn around and make large profits out of me after January twentieth as a public lecturer. I simply forbid you to eat your cake and have it too. Try to get the money from the Sewing Circle some other way. They have lots of it.

Always sincerely,

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The White House
Washington

New Canaan, Conn., Sept. 3, 1940

THE PRESIDENT:

Dear Mr. President: I have been approached by the Willkie crocheting knitting hemstitching and coupon clipping circle of Greenwich, Connecticut, to make an important offer to you if you will refrain from speaking any more during the present campaign. These people seem inconsiderable anguish. Should I see them? Respectfully.

George Bye.