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Memorandum for Miss LeHand:

You may be interested in looking at this yourself, and you may want to turn it over to somebody.

M.H.M.
Mr. Dexter Parrish Cooper

This is the letter referred to in this note, and also
a copy of a proposal for employment from Maj. Fleming
The following is submitted as the basis of an agreement between
the United States, yourself, and Dexter P. Cooper, Incorporated,
covering all rights and interest which Dexter P. Cooper, Incorporated,
will surrender to the United States in connection with the development
of power in Cobscook Bay, St. Croix River, and other American waters
in and adjacent to Eastport, Maine.

An audit of the accounts of Dexter P. Cooper, Incorporated, and
of the personal account of Dexter P. Cooper, as carried on the books
of the Company, was made by Mr. S. E. Fuerst and assistants, the
results of which accompany this memorandum. This audit discloses that
the total expenditures of Dexter P. Cooper, Incorporated, actual and
contractive, amount to $583,313.54.

This sum includes all cash received, all accounts payable,
including Dexter P. Cooper's unpaid salary, and interest on
moneys advanced the Company to June 1, 1935. The books show that
the item of accrued interest was discontinued after Jan. 1, 1932.

If this interest ........................................ $ 78,802.50
be deducted, the total expenditures amount to ........ 504,511.04

Accounts payable, including salaries and bills for
supplies and services total ............................. 10,174.59

The unpaid salary of Dexter P. Cooper, as carried
on the books equals .............................................. 24,400.00

If these sums be deducted from the prior total, we
have as the amount of the cash actually expended..... 376,329.59

Of this total, Dexter P. Cooper contributed....... 1,079.59
and the four companies, Westinghouse, General Electric,
Boston Edison, and Middle West Utilities............... 375,250.00

The audit further shows that of the moneys actually expended
on accounts payable, that there was disbursed on account of
the Canadian Dexter P. Cooper Company.............. 34,680.43

The agreement between Dexter P. Cooper and the four companies
provides that it shall be in effect from its date until June 1, 1935,
and in the event the financing or construction of the project shall
not be commenced on or before said date, (unless prevented or delayed
by the refusal or failure of Cooper to perform his undertakings therein),

the agreement shall terminate on said date without any obligation on the part of Cooper with respect to the funds advanced by the Companies.

According to the terms of this agreement, and as the work will not be financed or construction of the project commenced prior to June 1, 1935, the obligation of Dexter P. Cooper and the Dexter P. Cooper, Incorporated, for accrued interest will cease on that date.

The items for accrued interest may, therefore, be properly deducted from the total expenditures, leaving the other expenditures and accounts payable at..................$ 410,904.10

Deducting the expenditures made for the Canadian project, or..........................34,680.43
from this sum we have as the total actually expended or due on the American project..................376,223.67

It is to be noted that the sum included in the audit as expenditures for the Canadian Company represents the minimum which should be charged to that part of the enterprise located within the Dominion of Canada. A large amount of the surveying and boring, which are charged to the American project, lie within Canada. Other engineering investigations, boating, laboratory expenses, and miscellaneous items, are so carried that it is impossible to differentiate between the part of the expenditure made in Canada and the part made in the United States. This is charged to the American project as the full investigation is considered as having been necessary for the final completion of the American project.

Of the total expenditures as heretofore stated, $375,250 were advanced by the electric companies. As their rights in the project terminate on June 1, and as Mr. Cooper can claim no rights on account of the expenditures of these companies, we may deduct this sum from the last total, leaving $973.76 as the balance due Mr. Cooper.

It will be noted that, on the basis of this settlement, Mr. Cooper will receive on account of his work on the project $115,000 in salary and his expenses while engaged on the project, or about 1/3 of the total expenditure. In his agreement with the four companies, Mr. Cooper stated that payment of this salary, plus 5% of the contract costs should the project be financed, plus a proportion of the stock of the company should it be financed, would repay him adequately for his services. Mr. Cooper has already received a salary.

As it has been and undoubtedly will be impossible for Mr. Cooper to finance the project privately, the other anticipated benefits may be said to be worth nothing. The United States, however, has agreed to employ Mr. Cooper as consultant in the construction of the project.
with an honorarium of $50.00 a day plus expenses, which should, in view of the small commercial value of the project, be adequate compensation for the other anticipated benefits.

(SIGNED) BREHON SOMERVELL,
Major, Corps of Engineers.

Accepted.

Dexter P. Cooper
AGREEMENT BETWEEN

THE UNITED STATES AND MR. DEXTER P. COOPER
ENTERED INTO THIS DAY OF
BY THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA AND DEXTER P.
COOPER FOR PERSONAL SERVICES OF SAID DEXTER
P. COOPER AS CONSULTING ENGINEER ON THE
PASSAMAQUODY TIDAL POWER PROJECT.

1. It is mutually agreed that the personal services of Mr. Dexter P. Cooper shall be engaged by the United States of America, through its designated representative, and Contracting Officer, the United States District Engineer at Eastport, Maine, on a consultation basis in connection with the design and construction of the Passamaquody tidal power project at Eastport, Maine.

2. Under the terms of this agreement, said Dexter P. Cooper shall perform such special investigations, studies and/or reviews as may be referred to him in writing by the District Engineer at Eastport. In view of necessity, under the conditions of the Emergency Relief Appropriation Act of 1935, from which the funds for this project are allotted for prompt and expeditious construction in the interest of early relief of unemployment, said Dexter P. Cooper shall conduct such investigations, studies and/or reviews as may be referred to him by the District Engineer as expeditiously as possible, consistent with securing correct information and results.

3. It is agreed that the United States shall consider fully all suggestions, advice and reports submitted in writing by said Dexter P. Cooper to the District Engineer, but it shall not be binding on the United States to adopt and/or execute them. Said Dexter P. Cooper shall be advised by the District Engineer in writing of the action taken on all such reports submitted by him.

4. It is agreed that as reimbursement for his personal services, said Dexter P. Cooper shall be paid Fifty Dollars ($50.00) per day for each day upon which he is actually engaged upon the work referred to him by the District Engineer, plus his travel expenses while engaged upon said work, said travel expenses being limited to those authorized for civilian employees of the U. S. Government.

5. Adequate office space, engineering and clerical assistance and office and drafting equipment and supplies shall be made available at Eastport for said Dexter P. Cooper by the United States, adequate for the efficient conduct of work referred to him by the District Engineer.

In witness whereof, the parties hereto have executed this agreement as of the day and year first above written.

The United States of America

By

Philip E. Fleming, Major
Corps of Engineers
District Engineer.

Dexter P. Cooper,
Eastport, Maine
Two witnesses.
Dear Franklin,

Since writing you, I have thought the matter over, and although what Mr. Casey has to tell is important, as all masculinity of a public servant is important, it is destructive, most destructive; at all. It has then for me occurred to me that if you will give me the time you would have
given hin, I can tell you very briefly what he has, and also give you the constructive ideas about which Dexter has talked to me. If I can see you as I did before, with out anyone knowing it, it would be best, I am sure. Perhaps Eleanor would ask me for lunch or tea and I could see you for a few minutes.
afterwards. Then, if you think it well, you can see Mr. Emery and Dexter, or whichever one of them you like, and get more details.

I can't help feeling this to be very urgent, so I hope you can arrange it very soon.

Affectionately,

Gertrude Cooper.
February 8th, 1939

Dear Franklin,

When we left you yesterday, the sun was shining brightly, the birds were singing and the leaves were practically out on the trees—to say nothing of the green grass!
It was grand to see you again, and I was thrilled beyond words.

Don't you feel that giving his widow security and his son an education is a movement far more what Dr. Carter would want than
one on the highest point of Treat Island? I do.

Affectionately,

Gertrude Cooper
Trouble with the Army supervisor who were put in charge here, that when I wrote asking for a full camp, it was with the idea that a full camp might yield a better type of man, and I knew the one I wanted. I didn't say anything about the 70 man side camp, but

Dear Franklin,

you will think me a very changeable person I am afraid, when you hear that I have agreed to not having a C.C.C. side camp. I want to explain as briefly as I can.

We had so much...
I started making inquiries, and it doesn't look as if we would be any better off than with our original 50 men. We had trouble from the start, getting enough food for the boys, and having the camp kept clean. The Signal Corps outfit can tell you what condition they found it in! I realize, of course, that the good men are being taken into the regular army, so they are up against a big problem. Under these circumstances, it seems advisable to have the boys brought over from the main
getting for some work
she has done for 20
century Fox. The lawyer
apparently thinks she is
bright, because he has
asked her to do some
research for him in
the evenings on a
transmission for
tanks. It seems
they have had trouble
camp every day. Then
the head aches are all
the same, so it is none of
my business how they
are housed or fed, as
long as they are turned
over to us, fit for work.

Boo has been working
with a patent lawyer
in New York on some
patents which she is
with the transmission on the 30 t. 40 for Tandy, this young engineer has what looks like a very good idea. Bob is going to work on it this week, and if it really looks good, she is anxious to tell you about it. She won't bother you unless it seems well worth your while, so you may hear no more about it.

The Polaroid Corporation, for whom Jack has been working in holidays & weekends, have decided to put him through Harvard—don't that swell?

Do see you want week end, even if you don't really need it.
Dear [Name],

There are about forty men that I can’t live with out. Is there anything that can be done about it?

Affectionately,

R.S. I don’t mean our guest of the 3rd floor

[Signature]
Dear Franklin,

When the photograph arrived yesterday, I was forcibly reminded, by very extreme pleasure in getting it, of the way I used to feel when you asked me to dance at the "hop," after I had
formally waited upon your brother in the morning and asked her to ask you to dance with me! The cases seem quite similar and my enthusiasm has not abated! Thanks ever so much affectionately Gertrude
Dear Mr. President,

Each time I think "He can't do any better" and each time you do!

I took a long lunch hour and listened to every word yesterday. It certainly was a marvelous speech. I bet it rocked the
opposition back on its
pink heels. One more
I fervently thanked God
that we have you for
President.

I hope you will be
pleased to hear that
"Boo" made Officer
Candidate School. She
was very pleased and
excited over it - she told
me she has never been
truer, and never happier in her life.

Thanks for the raise! It is not welcome to all of us. Of course I thank you. I'll go ahead and say that $3,000 fellers, but then—

We are not squawking, however. Only if I'm not careful, the people working under me will be
getting more than I do. They are
crawling up fast.

affectionately and
more power to you.

Vertrude.
MRS. DEXTER P. COOPER  HYDE PARK-ON-HUDSON  N.Y.

January 27, 1944

Dear Mr. President,

Things seem to be running along very well here. You probably know that we have started selling the joint ticket for the library & this house. These are some small deeds to win out, but on the whole...
it works very well. Have you heard that we have opened a canteen in the Jun teon nights a week?

It seems to be a great success. The men here are the kind who like a home-like quiet place to spend
the evening, with their library, sweetheart or friends. They are beginning to feel very much at home over there, and Mrs. Fessen felt them come right out in the kitchen and help. We had 34 steak last night.
between shifts.

I spent the weekend with Boo, and she is rather expecting a transfer to Washington. Her orders to go with the air corps on the job. I told you about the case while she was in the hospital, and as you know, this nasty...
Flu saps all your energy and audition, and some of the officers at her post persuaded her that she should stay where she was not go over the sea. She gave in, and has been sorry ever since she got back on her feet. However,
She likes the sound of the Washington job, if it goes through.

Dad is in Norfolk waiting to be sent out as Engineer Officer on an L.S.T. It seems somewhat of a waste of his particular talent but it is what he wants. They all want to get into the thick of
it, and we wouldn’t want them to feel otherwise.

Have a good rest and take care of yourself affectionately.

Beatrice