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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

6-10-35

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.

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Dexter Cooper
personal file
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MR. DEXTER PARSHALL COOPER

This is the letter I referred
to Miss noon and she

a copy of a proposal for
employment from
Maj. Fleming

C O P Y

WAR DEPARTMENT

OFFICE OF THE CHIEF OF ENGINEERS

WASHINGTON

May 24, 1935

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. DEXTER P. COOPER

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 \$113,000 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

DRAFT OF:

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
PASSAMAQUODDY 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 Passamaquoddy 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.

Dexter P. Cooper,
Eastport, Maine
Two witnesses.

The United States of America
By _____
Philip B. Fleming, Major
Corps of Engineers
District Engineer.

PSK

Cooper, D. & G

P. F. (2)

MRS. DEXTER P. COOPER
EASTPORT, MAINE

april 24th

Dear Franklin,
Since writing you, I have
thought the matter over, and
although what Mr. Cury
has to tell is important, as
all rascality of a public
servant is important, it is
destructive, not construc-
tive at all. It has
therefore occurred to me
that if you will give me
the time you would have

given him, 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 which ever one of them you like, and get more detail.

I cant help feeling this to be very urgent so I hope you can arrange it very soon

affectionately
Gertrude Cooper

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February 8th ..

[1939?]

Cooper, D & G

156 EAST 56TH STREET • NEW YORK

File
Benson
Jan 3

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 Boo was
thrilled beyond words.

Don't you feel
that giving his widow
security, and his
son an education is
a monument far
more what Dexter
would want than

one on the highest point
of Treat Island?)
do.

affectionately
Gertrude Cooper

trouble with the army
supervisors 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
get a better type of
man, and I knew the
one I wanted. I didn't
say anything about the
70 man side camp, but

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MRS. DEXTER P. COOPER
VANDERBILT MANSION
HYDE PARK, NEW YORK

Aug 28

1941

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

> 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 first, 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! > 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 20th
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

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VANDERBILT MANSION
HYDE PARK, NEW YORK

camp every day. Then
the head aches are all
there, & it is none of
my business how they
are housed & fed, as
long as they are turned
over to us, fit for work.

Bob has been working
with a patent lawyer
in New York on some
patents which she is

with the transmission on the 30
r. 40 Tor tanks, & this young
engineer has what looks
like a very good idea. Boo
is going to work on it this
week, & 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 Dick has been working in
holidays & week ends, have
decided to put him through
Harvard - Don't that swell?
I'll see you next week end,
even if you don't see me!
affly exertude

P.F. Cooper, [1942] D.D.

[Handwritten signature]

Ken Coates
3-4-42
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MRS. DEXTER P. COOPER
HYDE PARK-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK

Dear Mr. President,
There are about
forty men that I
can't live with out
I do see anything
that can be done
about it?

P.S. I don't
mean our guests
of the 3rd floor
etc
affectionately
Bertrude

Received

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gen. Comm. 23-42
Nov. 11, 1942

MRS. DEXTER P. COOPER

HYDE PARK ON HUDSON

NEW YORK

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*Cooper
D & B*

Dear Franklin,

When the photograph arrived yesterday, I was forcibly reminded, by my extreme pleasure in getting it, of the way I used to feel when you asked me to dance at the "Hops", after I had

formally waited upon
your mother 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

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Cooper D.D.S. File personal

Jan 8 7-43
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MRS. DEXTER P. COOPER

HYDE PARK-ON-HUDSON, NEW YORK 1943

Dear Mr. President,

Each time I think
"He cant 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

opponent back on its
pink heels. Once more
I fervently thanked God
that we have you for
President.

I hope you will be
pleased to hear that
"Boo" made officer's
candidate school. She
was very pleased and
excited over it - she tells
me she has never been

busier, and never happier in her life.

Thanks for our raise! It is most welcome to all of us. Of course I think you gipped we \$3,000 fellers, but then —

We are not squeaking, however.

Only if I'm not careful, the people working under me will be

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getting more than I do - they are
crawling up fast -

affectionately and
more power to you

Gertrude

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Casper, D. @
New Corner "C" 3-44
January 27, 1944

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

Dear Mr. President,
Things seem to be
running along very well
here. You probably know
that we have started
selling the joint tickets
for the library & this
house. There are some
small kinks to iron
out, but on the whole

it works very well.

Have you heard that we have opened a canteen in the Sun two 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

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the evening, with their
wives, sweethearts or
friends - they are begin-
ning to feel very much
at home over there, and
Mrs. Fesser lets
them come right out
in the kitchen and
help - We had 34
there 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 came while she was in the hospital, and as you know, this nasty

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few saps all your energy
and ambition; and some
of the officers at her
not persuaded her that
she should stay where
she was & not go over
seas - she gave in, and
has been sorry ever
since she got back
on her feet. However,

He likes the sound of
the Washington job, if
it goes through -

Doc 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 talents
but it is what he
wants - They all want
to get into the thick of

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it, and we wouldn't
want them to feel other-
wise -

Have a good rest &
take care of yourself.
affectionately
Sentrude