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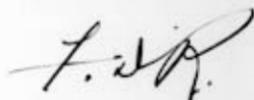
October 28, 1932.

Dear Doc:

Just a line to thank you for your many letters.

Do be careful what you say as Missy now cannot possibly open the mail and it consequently is read by some of the girls here in the Mansion and if they read your letters through, the hair would rise on the back of their necks.

Sincerely yours,



Mr. Ralph E. Crosby,
124 Beechwood Road,
Summit, New Jersey.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 28, 1934.

Dear Doc:-

I know you will want me to be quite frank with you. Letters come from you couched in language which I am not only ashamed to read myself but which I blush to think have to be read by any member of my staff or my family.

Language unbecoming a gentleman in distinctly distasteful to me whether I occupy the office of President or whether I am in private life.

I am forced to write this because, quite frankly, I am so disgusted that it is the only thing to do.

Very sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Ralph C. Cropley, Esq.,
124 Beechwood Road,
Summit, New Jersey.

Letter sent from President to Ralph C. Cropley
Dated--January 5, 1935.

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Dear Doc:

The Leviathan has arrived and is really lovely. You did a grand job on it. I am sure you know how much I enjoy these little models.

In regard to your letter of December thirtieth, in which you sound as if you felt that you had been neglected, I feel that I must write you perfectly frankly and tell you that I really do not read all of your letter each week. Apparently you have no conception of the amount of mail which I must read. As a matter of fact, letters from my own family, which come to me unopened, stay on my desk sometimes two or three days before I get a chance to read them. Two or three page typewritten letters, which do not have to do with Government affairs, are simply out as far as I am concerned.

Of course, I appreciate your writing me and know how much time you put into the letters but if you will stop and think about it, I am sure you will understand my position.

As I know your letters usually have a story which cannot be seen by anyone in the office, I must tell you, quite frankly, that your letters go promptly into the waste basket.

I hope this letter finds you feeling much better. It carries with it my best wishes for the New Year.

Always sincerely,

Ralph C. Cropley, Esq.,
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New Jersey.

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August 1, 1935.

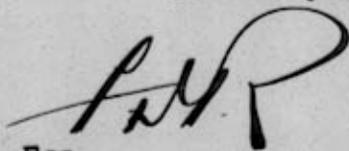
Dear Doc:-

No. 1. I do not think I have ever met Nelson Rockefeller and it would be much better if you could get Kermit to arrange some way for you to meet him.

No. 2. I am not in the least bit opposed to an exhibit in Radio City but why not dress the exhibit up under the auspices of the Museum of the City of New York? It would be grand if they could take you on to run the show.

The model of the "Mauretania" they say is very popular at the Smithsonian.

As ever yours,



Ralph C. Cropley, Esq.,
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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 26, 1935.

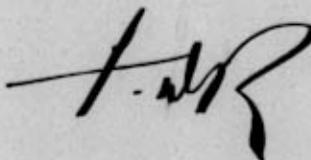
Dear Doc:-

That question of a Marine Museum has been often discussed. The New York Historical Society wanted to do it many years ago -- so did India House -- so did Port Society -- so did the Metropolitan Museum, etc. As I remember it, when the Museum of the City of New York was started six or eight years ago, all, or most of the people interested, decided that this Museum should include the Maritime history as well. That means exhibiting models of ships which have been running to and from the port of New York, whether these ships were American flag or foreign flag.

Therefore, instead of trying something new in Radio City, why not see the people who run the Museum of the City of New York? Incidentally, they have a number of my models on exhibit there. They can take loans of models as well as gifts.

I hope all goes well with you and that you have had a grand trip. I meant to send you a line but in the rush you had actually got away.

Always sincerely,



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Summit,
New Jersey.

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WASHINGTON

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August 22, 1935.

Dear Mr. Cropley:-

The President asks me to thank you for your two letters. He cannot possibly, much as he should like to, go into the question of Decentralization of Industry but suggests that you talk it over with the Secretary of Commerce. If you wish us to, we shall be glad to arrange an appointment.

Unfortunately the President has not an evening free. In fact, in these closing days of the Congress he works most of the night.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Le Hand

M. A. Le Hand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Ralph G. Cropley, Esq.,
124 Beechwood Road,
Summit, New Jersey.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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August 28, 1935.

Dear Mr. Croyley:-

I have been glad to call
the office of the Secretary of Commerce
and have arranged an appointment for you
and Mr. Hill for Thursday morning,
September fifth, at eleven o'clock.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Le Hand

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WASHINGTON

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Cropley

Hyde Park, N. Y.,
September 10, 1935.

Dear Mr. Cropley:-

Just a line to tell you that,
as you know, the President was not in
Washington when you were there and your
letter arrived after I had left, as I spent
two days in New York before coming to Hyde
Park.

Very sincerely yours,

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HOTEL METROPOLE.

LONDON, W.C. 2.

Oct 6th 1935

Dear Steffer:-

It is a vile Sunday - cold - trying
to rain - you know the kind. Before
me on the desk stands a very good
model of the blessed "Mauretania".
On this floor, my dear sister in law
is telling the world what a hard
twice she has in life, her sub-conscious
self tries trying to evoke sympathy.
You know how some women are.
They don't mean to be a wagger, but
just are. Really what they need is
a swift sock on the jaw to make
them snaf out of it. Brother has
taken the attitude of turning a
deaf ear, feeling its the best method.
Knowing women & how hysterical they
get, I have often wished brother had
just the cave man method which
in the long run would be kinder
to sister, poor girl.

As I write & as she talks, - well
my sense of humor saves the

But I certainly would like to take a swing at her for her own best good + cause her to stop her nonsense.

As yet I haven't heard whether the big "Potter dam" has been pulled off the Cay - 60 miles S.S. of Jamaica. She went on at full speed, sort of drifting sideways with the current. Her four forward tanks are leaking. But the Holland America line prays for a storm to break her up. For she's 26 years old (26,000 tons) + even if they get her off, she's no longer any good + will hardly bring \$200,000 to junk. As a total loss the feeie will get several million towards a modern ship.

After all the hullabaloo about the Captain of the "Dixie", it was coming out, as was to be expected, that he tried to go thru the hurricane in order to keep to his schedule. With such

a tin-kettle as the "Dixie" is, being but a coastwise ship with wooden upper deck houses & windows, he ought to have used better sense, especially being undermanned. Other American skippers are loud in their condemnation of all the praise & adulation given him. Granted, once the "Dixie" was on the reef, he did well, but he shouldn't have gone her there. She's in N.Y. now & being repaired at Pier 5 & hangs over in Hoboken.

The big news of the week, is that the "Queen Mary" instead of being a deluxe liner like the "Normandie" has been accepted & chartered by the

which are more finely "equipped" than the de-luxe "Beringia" & "Majestic"! The Command are determined to make the "Mary" pay instead of losing \$6,000,000 a year as is the "Normandie." As a Cabin liner & accommodation for 1000 de-luxe Tourist & 1000 de-luxe Third, as well as 750 in cabin, she's going to get the business.

Monday week - Oct 14th The Annual Natl. Business Show opens in our Commerce Hall. On Thursday I had to scratch my back-sides & act quickly because of a personal fight between the Presidents of Remingtons Rival & the International Business Machines. One wouldn't exhibit if the other did. Remington is out & to fill their huge exhibit space, some thing had to be done. So in it, I am to have an "International Ship Show". The Command helped me to "black-mail" the other eleven lines & every one are giving

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- We a model & an exhibit - the
space all being free to them.
The French are putting in a
huge one of the "Normandie". The
18 foot "Bremer" will be there
& a six foot "Queen Mary" in
Sziget, which will undoubtedly
get most of the interest. I'm going
to get the Rockefeller people, who
have been so rough on us abt
an "International Ship Harbor" To
come down & see the crowds which
will mill round the models. May
be we'll get them to do something
after all.

Well, dear boy, I understand
you aren't being allowed much
time for fishing. What then all
is coming to in Europe, God knows.
Having over my note book I find
I wrote you nine months ago
obviously begging you to say
something to let the world know
we wanted nothing of war. It will
all be published someday in the

pleasant when you + I are dead
+ gone. In fact, I am to have
six volumes from back in 1909.

I've heard nothing further from
Roper about "Decentralization of
Industry" + nothing from you.
I've been offered 25¢ a word to write
on it, but as with all the offers I've
had since you're been in power,
I have courteously declined. At
least give me one mark of credit,
that my affection for you has ever
caused me not to use you for
my own gain as most of your
friends here do. Well, I love you
+ they don't.

Had dinner on Thursday at the
home of Korman, Pres of the Lehigh
Valley R. R., like is 35 year old
daughter immensely.

Cheers you big time +
many fish.

Doc.

P.S. Trust Missy is learning how
to stick on the back of a horse
& not fall off as she's been doing.