

Hyde Park: Top Cottage,
1938

PSF
New House
J. H. S.

April 21, 1938.

Dear Henry:-

A careful check-up on the excellent plans for the cottage on top of the hill discloses the following:

EXTERIOR

1. The elevation shows the height of the roofs of the wings to be the same as the height of the roof of the center. We all think the two wing roofs should be two feet lower than the top of the roof of the center.
2. The above does not mean that the eaves of the wings should be greatly lower than the eaves of the center. All eaves should be on the same level or as nearly so as possible. It is my thought, however, that you can work this out all right. One way of doing it would be by putting a hip on the ceilings of the rooms inside the wings, for, of course, the roof angles themselves should be the same in all three places.
3. It has been suggested that the same thing can be worked out by having a less steep pitch to the roofs on the wings compared with the center building, but, frankly, I do not think this would look well -- do you?
4. As to the eaves themselves, I think it looks better on this old type of house to have them project fairly far -- say ten or twelve inches beyond the walls.
5. Main entrance door from triangle to small entry hall in north wing -- how would it do to put outside this door one of those very small covered Dutch porches, such as you have examples of in the books -- the covered portion to be about six feet wide and four feet deep, with a very simple design of porch and doorway. It is important, of course, that the entrance hall porch and terrace be on the same level on account of wheelchair (see Sketch A).

6. At southeast corner of north wing carry out a stone wall in continuation of the building stone - this wall to go to edge of drive about four feet to the east and about four feet high (see Sketch A).

7. Didn't we think that the porch should be eleven feet wide instead of ten feet wide?

INTERIOR

1. Put in a square closet for linen in southwest corner of bathroom in south wing -- i.e., immediately to the right of the door.

2. Shift the door between the bedrooms in south wing from the east end to the west end -- in other words, west of the two fireplaces. Perhaps it could be made a sliding door, sliding eastward into the space north of the fireplace in the big room.

3. In north wing - how about moving the door from the pantry to the entry hall from the west end of the hall to the middle of the hall?

4. If this is done the pantry sink can be placed under the pantry window. There should be such a sink if possible.

5. If a sink is put in there, the pantry shelves on north of pantry could be cut back two feet from the west end and into that space could be put a draining board north of the sink.

6. I spoke of having no wall lights and no ceiling lights. There should be none of the latter but obviously we must have some side light brackets in the kitchen, the pantry, both bathrooms and the closet off the smaller bedroom in south wing. These should include lights over the pantry and kitchen sinks, one over the range and one on the side wall near the icebox so as to be able to see into the latter.

7. There should be a light on each side of the front door on the proposed little Dutch porch; also a light on the servants' porch.

If in dropping the roof level of the side wings you find you need added ceiling height in the rooms, you can get this by putting a hip in the ceiling as per enclosed rough sketch B. I think the ceilings in the bedrooms should be a minimum of ten feet -- preferably ten feet six inches.

I am getting this off to you airmail so that you will be able to go over it before you get here on the twenty-seventh.

Dorothy Backer was here and seemed to like your design very much. She suggested that the unbroken west wall of her house was too long and suggested carrying one or both roofs of the wings across the main part of the house so as to shorten the appearance of the main west front. You can play with that!

Now as to my plans and our joint schedule. If Congress does not get in the way, I expect to spend either the weekend of May twenty-second or May twenty-ninth at Hyde Park and Dorothy Backer would be up there that Sunday. If you also could be up there then with the plans and specifications, we could go over them for final decision and you could at the same time get in touch with the possible contractors. One or two days would do the whole thing.

This would give the contractors a chance to estimate by June nineteenth, when I get back to Hyde Park, and we could let the contracts within a very few days, enabling the contractor to start work by early July and get both houses under roof before cold weather.

In May also I will have a well-digger to try to get me some water for the top of the hill. I told Dorothy Backer that at the same time he might as well sink her well. She should have no difficulty in getting water, as it is the same type of stratum as at the cottage.

As ever yours,

Henry Toombs, Esq.,
Georgia Warm Springs Foundation,
Warm Springs,
Georgia.

PSF
New Home

May 11, 1938.

Dear Henry:-

The President said to tell you that it is all right to title the drawings -

"Franklin D. Roosevelt, Architect,
Henry J. Toombs, Associate"

and that this letter constitutes an assignment of fees from the Architect to the Associate -- provided the fees are not exorbitant.

With kindest regards,

Always sincerely,

M. A. Le Hand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Henry J. Toombs, Esq.,
Warm Springs Foundation,
Warm Springs,
Georgia.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 10, 1938.

MEMO FOR THE P. S.

Tell Henry Toombs it is all right to title the drawings Franklin D. Roosevelt, Architect, and Henry J. Toombs, Associate, and that this letter constitutes an assignment of fees from the Architect to the Associate -- provided the fees are not exorbitant.

F. D. R.

17 1/2 x 22 1/2
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AVENUE
THE WHITE HOUSE

H. GRIFFITH EDWARDS
ASSOCIATE

HENRY J. TOOMBS
ARCHITECT

101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK
WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

PLEASE REPLY TO
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
ATLANTA, GA.

May 5, 1938

Miss Marguerite LeHand,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Missy:

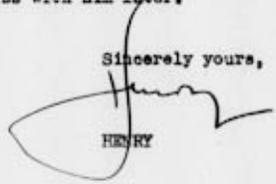
I think it would fun to title the drawings for the
President's little house -

"Franklin D. Roosevelt, Architect,
Henry J. Toombs, Associate".

Of course he hasn't a license to practice Architecture in New
York State, but I don't think we would get into trouble.
Will you ask him and let me know ?

As to just how we would split the "fee" is another matter which
I would have to discuss with him later.

Sincerely yours,



HENRY

BF
New House
~~Warm Springs~~
(1)

May 20, 1938.

Dear Henry:-

The President is looking forward to seeing you at Hyde Park this weekend.

Nan said to tell you that she is expecting you to stay with her.

My best to you and Tanya,

As ever yours,

Henry J. Toombs, Esq.,
Georgia Warm Springs Foundation,
Warm Springs,
Georgia.

STANDARD FORM No. 14A
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1925

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

NIGHT LETTER

FROM

The White House
Washington

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1924

May 16, 1938.

HENRY J. TOOMBS, ESQ.
GEORGIA WARM SPRINGS FOUNDATION
WARM SPRINGS
GEORGIA.

WILL BE AT HYDE PARK MAY TWENTY EIGHT TWENTY NINTH AND
THIRTIETH STOP HOPE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO BE THERE AND
THAT YOU WILL LET MRS. BACKER KNOW ALSO SO WE CAN COMPLETE
PLANS

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

GEORGE W. BAKER
ATTORNEY AT LAW
1000 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 10003

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MEMO FOR THE P. S.

Will you tell Nan that I have asked Dorothy Backer and Henry Toombs for this weekend and ask if they can stay with her?

F. D. R.

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U.S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1917
MAY 17 1938

May 17, 1938.

Dear Mrs. Backer:-

The President asks me to send you this line to tell you that he is planning to be at Hyde Park the twenty-eighth, twenty-ninth and thirtieth of this month, and that he hopes Henry Toombs will be able to arrange to be there and go over the plans.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Le Hand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mrs. George Backer,
944 Fifth Avenue,
New York City,
New York.

PSE
Hyde Park
New House

June 9, 1938.

Dear Mr. Feller:-

Mr. Teombs has sent me the memorandum of our conversation of May thirtieth and it is entirely satisfactory.

I hope you are at work on the well and because I am not at home, I will leave it to your discretion to decide when you strike a sufficient flow of water. As I told you, there will be little need for water outside of household services -- no lawn and no garden.

I shall be home June twentieth and hope to see you then.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. William C. Feller,
Red Hook,
Dutchess County,
New York.

CONFIRMATION OF OUR CONVERSATION OF MAY 30, 1938.

RE: DRILLING OF A WELL ON THE PROPERTY OF

PRESIDENT FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT, HYDE PARK, N. Y.

1st. Well to be drilled on your property at a place indicated by your engineers with our assistance.

2nd. Well to be drilled eight (8) inches in diameter to a depth of approximately twenty-five (25) feet, at this point to insert six (6) inch full weight nineteen seventy pound pipe, same to be driven solid in rock and grouted with cement between the six (6) and eight (8) inch well to prevent any surface water from getting into the well. Well to be continued six (6) inches in diameter until completed.

3rd. We agree to make tests from time to time during the progress of the work and you are to have the right to stop the work at any point when you are satisfied that a sufficient flow of water has been obtained.

4th. We agree to test well upon completion for a continuous period of ten (10) hours, pumping the full capacity of the well.

5th. We agree to have the well sufficiently plumb to receive "Turbine" or other pump.

6th. We will submit written report showing depth of well and distance from grade to water before and after the test and will use gauge to show draw down of the water.

7th. We agree to do this work for the sum of Two Dollars (\$2.00) per foot including all labor, material and compensation covering the job. Compensation insurance carried with Merchants Mutual Casualty Co. Buffalo, N. Y. Policy No. 31 M 18572.

Respectfully submitted

FELLER BROS.

William C. Feller

Dated June 2, 1938

At Red Hook, N. Y.

PSF
Hyde Park
New House

June 9, 1938.

Dear Henry:-

I am enclosing my check for \$906.00 for the plans for the house, representing 3/5ths of 2% on an estimated cost of \$18,000.

Perhaps we may have to make some adjustments on this estimate, for I cannot possibly afford to build an \$18,000 house -- and it is even possible that if the bids run anything like as high as that, I may decide to give up both the wings and build only the center at this time.

Thank you for sending me Feller Brothers' proposal. I hope they are at work drilling the well.

I expect to be home the twentieth and twenty-first. Let me know if you want your New York associate to talk with me at that time.

When do you expect the bids to be in? Don't you think that when they are in on both houses, you should be at Hyde Park to make final arrangements both for the Baker contract and my contract?

My present plans are to be at Hyde Park on June twentieth, twenty-first, twenty-second and twenty-third, and again June twenty-eighth and twenty-ninth -- the latter is the deadline.

As ever yours,

Henry J. Toombs, Esq.,
Georgia Warm Springs Foundation,
Warm Springs, Georgia.

HENRY J. TOOMBS

ARCHITECT

101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK

WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA

H. GRIFFITH EDWARDS
ASSOCIATE

THE WHITE HOUSE
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PLEASE REPLY TO
WARM SPRINGS OFFICE
June 6, 1938

The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
Architect
The White House
WASHINGTON

My dear Mr. President:-

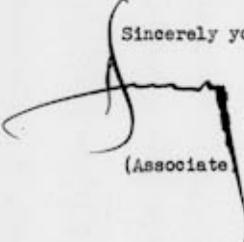
I am enclosing a statement which I trust will not appear to you to be exorbitant.

This percentage, of course, includes architectural supervision. As it will be very expensive for me to make more than the obligatory number of trips North, I am planning to have one of my able friends in New York do the necessary supervision trips to check up on routine of the work as it proceeds, which of course I will pay for. I believe this will make a very satisfactory arrangement. Please let me know if it does not meet with your approval.

I am enclosing the confirmation of Feller Brothers' proposal for the drilling of your well. This appears OK to me.

I am delighted that we are soon to proceed.

Sincerely yours,



(Associate)

HJT/t

100 F. A. YERGEN
HENRY J. TOOMBS
ARCHITECT
101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK

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ARCHITECT

101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK

WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA

H. GRIFFITH EDWARDS
ASSOCIATE

PLEASE REPLY TO
WARM SPRINGS OFFICE
June 6, 1938

The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
WASHINGTON

For professional services in connection
with residence at Hyde Park, New York

To contract drawings and Specifications 3/8ths of 8% of approximately \$18,000	\$864.00
To 1/2 travelling expenses, trip to Hyde Park, May 27 - May 30	<u>41.00</u>
	\$905.00

HT/t

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Core Wells for Testing Rock and Minerals.

*PSF
New House*

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WILLIAM P. FELLER,
President.

FELLER BROTHERS, Inc.,

JOHN E. FELLER
Secretary.

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RED HOOK, N. Y.

June 13, 1938

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President

We are in receipt of your letter of June 8th in regards to the well we are drilling for you. We are pleased to state that the work was started on your well on Wednesday June 8th and at our present writing we are down to a depth of fifty foot. We are in hopes of having the well completed when you come up on June 20th.

As you state, there will be little need for water outside of household services, we were figuring on trying to get ten gallon per minute which we think will be sufficient for your needs.

We are looking forward to seeing you on June 20th while you are in Hyde Park.

Yours very truly

FELLER BROS.

WPF:BB

William P. Feller

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H. GRIFFITH EDWARDS
ASSOCIATE

H.P.

HENRY J. TOOMBS
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PSF
New Home
PLEASE REPLY TO
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June 16, 1936

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The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

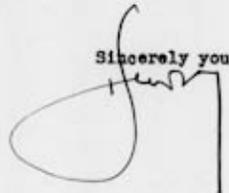
I have delayed answering your letter of June 9th until I could know definitely when we could expect the bids. All of the Contractors I have heard from write that they cannot get an adequate bid by the twenty-third. I think that it is important to give them enough time as that may have considerable bearing on lowering the cost. I am, therefore, notifying them that the bids must be in before June 28th and I believe that this date can be satisfactorily met by them. I think I should be up there at that time and I am, accordingly, planning to be in Hyde Park while you are there on the 28th and 29th.

I didn't mean to scare you by telling you that the house might cost \$18,000.00. I hope very much that we may juggle it so that we may get it done considerably below that.

In answer to your question, I do not think it is necessary to bother you to talk to my New York Associate at this time. We can discuss this when I see you at Hyde Park.

Thank you for the check.

Sincerely yours,



HJT:B

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SUPREME COURT
NEW HAMPSHIRE

PETER WOODBURY
ASSOCIATE JUSTICE

BOX 148
MANCHESTER, N. H.

My dear Mr. President -

Here are 3 copies of
the contract for your house. I
believe you will find them OK
and in accordance with our
agreement with the contractors.
Will you please sign these
and have the two copies for
contractors & myself forwarded
to me at Warm Springs

Truly yours

Henry J. Toomey

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ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

INCORPORATED
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

June 30, 1938

SEND REPLY TO
White Plains, New York

Mr. President

*This for your information
for the various items see schedule &
attached to the contract.*

Mr. Henry J. Toombs
107 Park Avenue
New York City

Dear Mr. Toombs:

Enclosed are the contracts for the President's House,
drawn up in accordance with our discussion of yesterday, and
attached to the contract is Addenda A listing the changes made.
The contract price of Sixteen Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Nine
Dollars (\$16,599.00) is arrived at as follows:

Our original proposal of June 27th in the amount of.....\$20,796.00

The changes worked out yesterday are as follows and the
paragraph numbers given refer to the numbered paragraph in
Addenda A.

	<u>Add</u>	<u>Deduct</u>
#1.....		\$777. -
1 (a) Add for asphalt dampproofing on inside of stone walls in place of Sisalkraft paper...	\$40.	
2.....		225.
3.....		191.
4.....		15.
5.....		37.
6.....		92.
7.....		237.
8.....		80.
9.....		164.
10.....		50.
11.....		59.
12.....		246.
13.....		460.
14.....		25.
15.....		196.
16.....		275.
17.....		44.
18.....		75.
19.....		100.
20.....		35.
21.....		612.
22.....		104.
23.....		166.

ADAMS-FABER CO. Mr. Henry J. Toombs
EXHIBIT 2 - House for the President

Original Proposal.....\$20,796.00

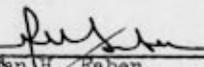
	<u>Add</u>	<u>Deduct</u>	
#24 (a).....		\$175. -	
(b).....		50.	
25.....	178.		
26 - No change in price			
27.....	75.		
Total.....	<u>\$293.</u>	<u>\$4490. -</u>	
		293.	
NET DEDUCTION.....			<u>\$4197.00</u>
CONTRACT PRICE.....			<u>\$16599.00</u>

We have included in the Addenda the two alternates still open - that of the sand-finished plaster and also the change from rock lath to metal lath. This latter price has been revised from the original \$70.00 given as Alternate #10 in our original proposal to One Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars (\$168.00) to cover the additional area of rock lath introduced when the brick furring was eliminated.

We trust that the above is clear to you, and should you have any question please get in touch with us.

Very truly yours,

ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

By 
John H. Faber

JHF:AG
Encl.

The President's Copy

**THE STANDARD FORM OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN CONTRACTOR
AND OWNER FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS**

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THIS FORM IS TO BE USED ONLY WITH THE STANDARD GENERAL CONDITIONS OF THE CONTRACT FOR CONSTRUCTION OF BUILDINGS.

THIS AGREEMENT made the first

day of July in the year Nineteen Hundred and Thirty Eight

by and between ADAMS-FABER COMPANY, INCORPORATED

hereinafter called the Contractor, and FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

..... hereinafter called the Owner,
WITNESSETH, that the Contractor and the Owner for the considerations herein-
after named agree as follows:

Article 1. Scope of the Work—The Contractor shall furnish all of the materials and perform all of the work shown on the Drawings and described in the Specifications entitled

House for the President, Hyde Park-on-the Hudson, New York

(Here insert the caption descriptive of the work as used on the Drawings and in the other Contract Documents)

prepared by Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Architect; Henry J. Toombs,
Associate

acting as and in these Contract Documents entitled the Architect; and shall do everything required by this Agreement, the General Conditions of the Contract, the Specifications and the Drawings.

FORM A1

Article 2. Time of Completion—The work to be performed under this Contract shall be commenced immediately and shall be substantially completed November 1st, 1938
(Here insert stipulation as to liquidated damages, if any.)

Article 3. The Contract Sum—The Owner shall pay the Contractor for the performance of the Contract, subject to additions and deductions provided therein, in current funds as follows: sum of SIXTEEN THOUSAND FIVE HUNDRED
(State here the lump sum amount, unit prices, or both, as desired in individual cases.)
NINETY NINE DOLLARS (\$16,599.00)

Where the quantities originally contemplated are so changed that application of the agreed unit price to the quantity of work performed is shown to create a hardship to the Owner or the Contractor, there shall be an equitable adjustment of the Contract to prevent such hardship.

Article 4. Progress Payments—The Owner shall make payments on account of the Contract as provided therein, as follows:

On or about the.....tenth.....day of each month.....ninety.....per cent of the value, based on the Contract prices, of labor and materials incorporated in the work and of materials suitably stored at the site thereof up to the.....first.....day of that month, as estimated by the Architect, less the aggregate of previous payments; and upon substantial completion of the entire work, a sum sufficient to increase the total payments to.....ninety.....per cent of the Contract price.....

(Insert here any provision made for limiting or reducing the amount retained after the work reaches a certain stage of completion.)

Article 5. Acceptance and Final Payment—Final payment shall be due.....thirty.....days after substantial completion of the work provided the work be then fully completed and the Contract fully performed.

Upon receipt of written notice that the work is ready for final inspection and acceptance, the Architect shall promptly make such inspection, and when he finds the work acceptable under the Contract and the Contract fully performed he shall promptly issue a final certificate, over his own signature, stating that the work provided for in this Contract has been completed and is accepted by him under the terms and conditions thereof, and that the entire balance found to be due the Contractor, and noted in said final certificate, is due and payable.

Before issuance of final certificate the Contractor shall submit evidence satisfactory to the Architect that all payrolls, material bills, and other indebtedness connected with the work have been paid.

If after the work has been substantially completed, full completion thereof is materially delayed through no fault of the Contractor, and the Architect so certifies, the Owner shall, upon certificate of the Architect, and without terminating the Contract, make payment of the balance due for that portion of the work fully completed and accepted. Such payment shall be made under the terms and conditions governing final payment, except that it shall not constitute a waiver of claims.

Article 6. The Contract Documents—The General Conditions of the Contract, the Specifications and the Drawings, together with this Agreement, form the Contract, and they are as fully a part of the Contract as if hereto attached or herein repeated. The following is an enumeration of the Specifications and Drawings:
 General Conditions, American Institute of Architects, Fifth Edition; Architects' Specifications Entitled "Specifications of Labor and Materials for the Construction of a House for the President, Hyde Park-on-the-Hudson, New York, dated May 26th, 1938"

GENERAL CONDITIONS.....	S-1
EARTH WORK.....	S-2
CONCRETE.....	S-3
MASONRY.....	S-4
WATERPROOFING.....	S-5
MISCELLANEOUS METAL WORK.....	S-6
ROUGH CARPENTRY.....	S-7
FINISH CARPENTRY.....	S-8
CAULKING AND WEATHERSTRIPPING.....	S-9
ROOFING.....	S-10
COMPOSITION FLOORS.....	S-11
PLASTERING.....	S-12
HEAT INSULATION.....	S-13
PAINTING.....	S-14
PLUMBING.....	S-15
BATHROOM AND CLOSET ACCESSORIES.....	S-16
ELECTRICAL.....	S-17

Addenda A to the Specifications dated June 30th, 1938, thirty-two paragraphs.

- Drawing #1 - 5/26/38 - Foundation and Basement Plan
- Drawing #2 - 5/26/38 - First Floor Plan
- Drawing #3 - 5/26/38 - Roof Plan
- Drawing #4 - 5/26/38 - East and West Elevations
- Drawing #5 - 5/26/38 - North and South Elevations and Sections
- Drawing #6 - 5/26/38 - Details

ADDENDA "A" TO THE SPECIFICATIONS

HOUSE FOR THE PRESIDENT

HYDE PARK, N. Y.

June 30, 1938

1. The interior brick furring of the masonry walls is to be omitted and the foundation walls are to be reduced to a thickness of 1'6". The interior of the masonry walls is to be furred with free-standing 2 x 4's with a clear air space between the inside face of the stone wall and the face of the stud furring. The inside face of the wall is to be dampproofed with two coats of dampproofing compound, R.I.W., Minwax, or equal, prior to furring. The furring is to be covered with rock lath and plaster.
2. The special waterproofing of the basement walls and floors is to be omitted.
3. Wherever brick is indicated for foundations, cement block of the same thickness may be used.
4. The 8 x 13 flue for the hot water heater shown in the main chimney is to be omitted.
5. The manner of framing the first floor beams of the two wings is to be revised. A 6 x 10 girder is to be run down the length of the wing resting on three cement block piers spaced approximately 8' o.c. The 2 x 10 floor beams are to be framed across the wings resting on top of the 6 x 10 girder.
6. The two stone walls 8' long shown extending out from the east elevation are to be omitted.
7. All work in connection with the building of the terrace on the east is to be omitted except a flagstone platform approximately six feet square is to be installed at the entrance to Door X to the entry.
8. The porch on the east elevation at the entry is to be omitted but the platform is to remain.
9. All shutters are to be omitted.
10. The kitchen cabinet requirements are to be simplified.
11. The finished oak floor is to be #2 red oak 13/16 x 2-1/4.
12. All storm sash for windows and doors are to be omitted.
13. The roof is to be covered with 210# asphalt strip shingles, 10 x 36, with plain backs.
14. All sheet metal is to be plain copper without lead coating.
15. The insulation is to be omitted.
16. The painter's finish on all interior plaster walls and ceilings is to be omitted.

ADDENDA "A" - House for the President
Sheet #2

17. The wood floors are to receive one coat of stain, one filler, one shellac and two wax. This omits two coats of floor varnish.
18. The two kitchen sinks are to be Standard Plate P-6620.
19. All trees and stumps which interfere with the construction of the building are to be removed by the owner.
20. The stone arches over the windows are to be generally like the stone arches in the Nancy Cook house.
21. The bedroom chimney is to be completely omitted.
22. All work in connection with the kitchen entrance porch including the cement platform is to be omitted.
23. The screening of the porch is not to be done but screens are to be provided for the two windows opening out on the porch. Opening Z is not to be screened.
24. Cash allowances are to be revised as follows:
 - a. For the purchase of finishing hardware.....\$125.00
 - b. For the purchase of lighting fixtures..... \$50.00
25. Ponderosa pine raised wood panels are to be installed at the window reveals.
26. A forty-gallon electric hot water heater with Hot Point #W 114 or W 97 as manufactured by the Edison General Electric Appliance Company or other approved equal is to be furnished and installed in place of the oil burning heater.
27. Copper pipe type M, hard, conforming to Federal Specifications WWT799 and ASTM B 88-33, and copper soldered fittings are to be used for all cold water supply piping, all hot water supply and circulating lines, except pipes exposed at plumbing fixtures.
28. All building stone is to be furnished by the owner at the site.
29. The cash allowance of \$160.00 for linoleum includes both furnishing and installation.
30. The contract is based on earth excavation and if rock is encountered the contract price is to be increased using the following units:

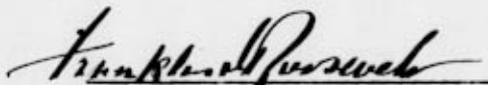
Rock in general excavation, \$3.75 per cubic yard additional.
Rock in trench excavation, \$5.75 per cubic yard additional.
31. The contract includes the spreading of the earth and top soil resulting from the excavation to a rough finished grade but it does not include the supplying or spreading of any additional soil nor final preparation for planting.
32. The contract does not include any work in connection with walks, driveways, retaining walls.

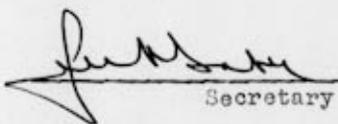
ADDENDA "A" - House for the President
Sheet #3

ALTERNATES

1. If sand-finished plaster is used for the third coat in the living room and entry instead of smooth plaster, there will be no change in price.
2. If flat diamond mesh metal lath weighting not less than 3.4 pounds per yard is used in place of rock lath, Add One Hundred Sixty Eight Dollars (\$168.00).

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement, the day and year first above written.

 Frank B. Roosevelt OWNER

 J. Adams Secretary
ADAMS-FABER COMPANY
J. Adams Pres.

July 7, 1938.

Dear Moses:-

I am glad that Sherman has made a pretty good price on the poles and that you have told him to go ahead with it. You might tell the contractor for my new cottage that the work on the poles will start about July twentieth because I think the contractor may want to put in a little electric pump at the new well on the hill in order to get water for his masonry work.

By the way, if Sherman wants to get the poles out of the woods he can do it, but should reduce his price by seven or eight dollars a pole. That is the stumpage value of oak trees suitable for poles on the stump.

I am leaving for the West Coast tonight and will see you soon after I get back on August twelfth.

Always sincerely,

Mr. Moses Smith,
Hyde Park,
Dutchess County,
New York.

Hyde Park N Y
July 4th 1938

My Dear President

Mr Sherman electrical Contractor
from Ulster Co. was here to day the
Estimated 14 Poles 4 to Husted house
10 Poles from Cream St- to your new
house wire cross arms guide
wires Complete \$42.00 Per Pole,
Poles 300 ft- apart which is now
the standard distance with a
new strong wire, when you put
line to my house the distance
was only 180 ft- 14 Poles at 300 ft- is
equivalent to 23 Poles at 180 ft-
which used to cost \$30. Per Pole
Complete, a saving here of

\$102.00 and a difference on
the Husted House 4 Poles from
the estimate given you of
\$265.00, to Shermans Price of
\$168.00, is a saving of \$97.00
if the other fellow charged the
same rate for the estimated 14
Poles, Sherman will do the job complete
exactly \$339.50 cheaper? so I
told him the job was his, he can
not start until around July 28th
I hope the move I have made
will meet with your approval if
not let me know at once

Very Sincerely Yours
Moses W. Smith
Hyde Park
N.Y.

PSF
New House

July 7, 1936.

Dear Henry:-

I have signed the contract and am returning two copies herewith. Everything seems to me O.K. except that the clause which says the owner is to furnish all building stone might mean that I would have to furnish the cut stone above the windows and doors. I do not think we can find any that is long enough on the place. The contractor would have to get this.

I like Mr. Adams and Mr. Faber and I am sure they will do a good job. You might tell them that if the stone for the walls does not come along fast enough to get after Mr. Fleg who has instructions to hire an extra truck if necessary.

You might tell Adams and Farber that I have given Mr. Sherman of Kerhonkson the contract to run ten poles and the wire from Green Street to the site. He will start work about July 20th so they can get electricity there about a week later. The electric light company has to put in the transformer.

I get back, as you know, August 12th -- Washington, D. C. -- and will probably come to Hyde Park two days later.

As ever yours,

Henry J. Teombs, Esq.,
101 Park Avenue,
New York City, N. Y.

(Enclosures)

Core Wells for Testing Rock and Minerals

Local and Long Distance Telephone

WILLIAM P. FELLER

FELLER BROTHERS

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JOHN E. FELLER

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WELL DRILLERS AND CONTRACTORS

*new Hyde
Park College*

Telephones, Red Hook 17-F-3
Poughkeepsie 3394

Red Hook, N. Y. July 8 1938

IN ACCOUNT WITH President Franklin D. Roosevelt

Hyde Park, New York

TERMS CASH

June 25 '38	184 Ft. Drilled Well @ \$2.00 per foot	\$368.00		
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APPROVED
 HENRY J. TOWNSEND, ARCHITECT
 G. GRIFFITH EDWARDS, ASSOCIATE
 BY *[Signature]*
 DATE *July 13 1938*
Feller Bros

W. P. F.

H.P. di.

PSF
New House

Aboard the Presidential Special
July 11, 1936.

Dear Mr. Feller:-

I think you are right that it would be better to abandon the old well on the Hughson place and drill a new one at the rear of the house and close to it.

As the house is a small one, I do not believe we will need a flow of more than five or six gallons so when you get that amount you had better stop.

There is no particular hurry about drilling it so you can do it at your convenience.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. William P. Feller,
Red Hook,
Dutchess County,
New York.

FELLER BROTHERS

ESTABLISHED 1911

WELL DRILLERS AND CONTRACTORS

*Core Wells for Testing Rock and Minerals**ones, Red Hook 17-F3
Poughkeepsie 3394**Red Hook, N. Y.*

July 7, 1938

President Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

A Mr. Englehart, who is repairing one of your places, asked us to inspect the old well there and submit a price for deepening the old well on the place.

The writer went over this work with Mr. Plog. We find the old well is thirteen (13) feet deep and forty (40) feet from the house. The price for drilling from the present depth of the well down would be Two Dollars (\$2.00) per foot, the same as your other well and to case the present thirteen (13) feet would be One Dollar and Twenty-five Cents (\$1.25) per foot. This should be cased to the surface to keep out surface seepage.

You would save Nine Dollars and Seventy-five Cents (\$9.75) by drilling in the old well, however I would suggest, if you plan running this water up to the house, that it would be much better to drill next to the house as you would save the expense of digging a trench and running a pipeline from the old well to the house.

Awaiting your reply, we are

Yours very truly

FELLER BROS.


Wm. P. Feller

H. GRIFFITH EDWARDS
ASSOCIATE

HENRY J. TOOMBS
ARCHITECT

101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK
WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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PLEASE REPLY TO
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
ATLANTA, GA.

file
Hyde Park
cottage
July 15, 1938

President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Re: House on Hill,
Hyde Park, N. Y.

My dear Mr. President:

I have your letter enclosing the contracts and have forwarded Adams-Faber's copy to them.

You were correct in that you were not to furnish any cut stone. This is understood by the Contractors.

I am enclosing Feller Brothers' bill for the well and their report on it, together with the laboratory report, which is o.k.

Sincerely yours,

HENRY J. TOOMBS

HJT:B
ENCL.

FELLER BROTHERS

ESTABLISHED 1911

WELL DRILLERS AND CONTRACTORS

Core Wells for Testing Rock and Minerals

Red Hook, N. Y.

*phones, Red Hook 17-F-3
Poughkeepsie 3394*

LOG OF WELL DRILLED FOR PRESIDENT FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
ON HIS PROPERTY IN HYDE PARK, DUTCHESS COUNTY, NEW YORK.

Well drilled in rock eight (8) inches in diameter to a depth of twenty-two (22) feet, at this point six (6) inch pipe inserted and on completion of the well, the six (6) inch pipe is driven solid in rock and grouted with cement between the six (6) and eight (8)'hole, then tested for seepage of surface water.

Formation of rock blue stone and shale, mostly blue stone.

Test of the well. Four and three quarter (4 3/4) gallon at eighty (80) feet which is the full capacity of the well. To a depth of sixty (60) feet well tested only two (2) gallon per minute. Static level of water 23 feet.

Depth of well over all is one hundred and eighty-four (184) feet. In installing pump would suggest using one hundred (100) feet of drop pipe, in case water level dropped in severe dry times. Well completed Juns 23, 1938.

FELLER BROS.

Wm. P. Feller

Wm. P. Feller

JOHN F. SMITH

HEITZ BROTHERS AND CONTRACTORS
HEITZ BROTHERS

HEITZ BROTHERS

Pathological Laboratory

Name **Franklin D. Roosevelt** Date **June 23, 1938**

Material Submitted **Water from new well**

Diagnosis **3 bacteria per c.c.
Negative B. coli 1 & 10 c.c.**

Lab. No. **M/5674**

J. H. Carpenter
Director

*HP. House
file* *PSF*

HENRY J. TOOMBS
ARCHITECT

101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK
WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

H. GRIFFITH EDWARDS
ASSOCIATE

PLEASE REPLY TO
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
ATLANTA, GA.

July 14, 1938

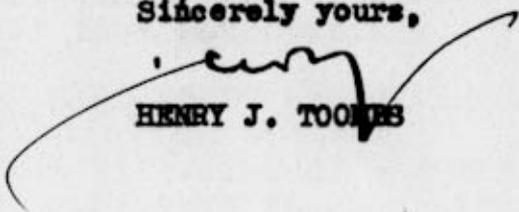
Miss Marguerite LeHand,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Re: Roosevelt House on Hill
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Missy:

Enclosed is a letter which is self explanatory. I don't think the President can afford to put these shingles on in his budget as the roofing which is in the contract costs only about \$7.00 a square, whereas, these shingles are \$22.00. However, you might like to send this to him for his comment.

Sincerely yours,


HENRY J. TOOMBS

HJT:B
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Lumber Specialties

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BRITISH COLUMBIA, WEST VIRGINIA



PHONE CORTLANDT 7-8708

30 CHURCH STREET, NEW YORK, N. Y.

POST AND RAIL FENCE

EARLY AMERICAN BRAND HAND SPLIT SHINGLES

HURDLE FENCE

Mr. Henry Toombs
Page 2 continued

July 12, 1938

ALL CONTRACTS ARE CONTINGENT UPON STRIKES, FIRES, RAILROAD DELAYS OR OTHER CAUSES OVER WHICH WE HAVE NO CONTROL. ALL QUOTATIONS SUBJECT TO IMMEDIATE ACCEPTANCE AND PRIOR SALE. NO SALE IS BINDING UNTIL A WRITTEN LETTER OF CONFIRMATION IS SENT BY OUR HOME OFFICE. IF THE PURCHASER HAS A COMPLAINT, HE SHALL NOTIFY SHIPPER IMMEDIATELY AND HOLD MATERIAL INTACT AND THOROUGHLY PROTECTED. IF BUYER AND SELLER CANNOT ADJUST ANY COMPLAINT, SAME TO BE ARBITRATED.

We would also like to have the area to be covered and which type of material you will desire.

Under separate cover we are sending you our brochure. In order to expedite this matter we are sending the letter by air mail with a copy to Mrs. Roosevelt at Hyde Park, N.Y.

Thanking you in advance, we remain

Yours very truly,

COLONIAL LUMBER SPECIALTIES INC

F. L. Albert

FLA:ES

H. GRIFFITH EDWARDS
ASSOCIATE

*file
Hyde Park Cottage*

HENRY J. TOOMBS
ARCHITECT

101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK
WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

*PSF
New House*

PLEASE REPLY TO
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ATLANTA, GA.

Atlanta, Ga.

Aug. 3, 1938.

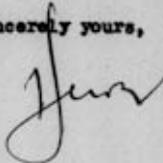
Miss Marguerite LeHand,
Whitehouse,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Missy:

Enclosed is Adams-Paper Company's first requisition of payment on the President's House approved.

Will you please take care of it, by either forwarding to him, or holding it, as you may think best.

Sincerely yours,



HENRY TOOMBS.

HJT/AB

100 AVENUE AT THE PLAZA
UPPER MONTCLAIR
MONTCLAIR 1-4600

WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK
31 MAMARONECK AVENUE
WHITE PLAINS 510

ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

INCORPORATED
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

July 30, 1938

SEND REPLY TO

Upper Montclair, N. J.

REQUISITION #1 - PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT RESIDENCE

	ORIGINAL ESTIMATE	ADD'NS & DEDUCS.	PRESENT ESTIMATE	REQUISITIONED	BALANCE
Excavation - Earth	\$ 283.	\$	\$ 283.	\$ 200.	\$ 83.
Rock		250.	250.	250.	
Foundations	1262.		1262.	1000.	262.
Stone walls above grade	3666.		3666.		3666.
Chimney & fireplace	601.		601.		601.
Masonry floors & steps	417.		417.		417.
Rough carpentry	2913.		2913.	300.	2613.
Finished carpentry	1890.		1890.		1890.
Lath & plaster	1132.		1132.		1132.
Roofing and sheet metal	850.		850.		850.
Plumbing	1500.		1500.		1500.
Electric work	422.		422.		422.
Wood floors	226.		226.		226.
Screens & Weatherstrip	208.		208.		208.
Painting	463.		463.		463.
Cash Allowances					
Linoleum	160.		160.		160.
Hardware	125.		125.		125.
Lighting fixtures	m 50.		50.		50.
General Conditions	431.		431.	150.	281.
	<u>\$16599.</u>	<u>\$250.</u>	<u>\$16849.</u>	<u>\$1900.</u>	<u>\$14949.</u>

Original Amount of Contract		\$16599.00
Rock excavation, approximately		250.00
Present Amount of Contract, approximately		<u>\$16849.00</u>
Requisitioned	\$1900.00	
Less 10% reserve	190.00	
Net Requisitioned	<u>\$1710.00</u>	<u>1710.00</u>
Less Previous Payments		
Payment Requested	<u>\$1710.00</u>	Balance <u>\$15139.00</u>

In accordance with the terms of our contract, we request that the owner take out fire insurance at least in the amount of \$5,000.00 to cover materials and equipment incorporated in the building and/or delivered at the site.

Spid # 1710.00
check handed to
Faber
Aug 19 1938

APPROVED
HENRY J. TOUMBS ARCHITECT
H. GRIFFITH EDWARDS, ASSOCIATE
BY *[Signature]*
DATE Aug 2 1938

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*PSF
New House*

August 15, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HENRY J. TOOMBS

Will you be good enough to
reply to the enclosed?

F. D. R.

Letter from Waring, Chapman & Farquhar,
Civil Engineers, 874 Broadway, New York,
in re Sewage Disposal for new Hyde Park
cottage.

LORRAINE AVENUE AT THE PLAZA
UPPER MONTCLAIR
MONTCLAIR 2-4600

*BF
New House*

WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK
31 MAMARONECK AVENUE
WHITE PLAINS 510

ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

INCORPORATED
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

August 16, 1938

SEND REPLY TO
Upper Montclair, N. J.

Mr. Henry J. Toombs
Warm Springs
Georgia

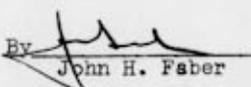
Dear Sir:

Enclosed is the fire insurance policy covering the President's house now under construction at Hyde Park. You will note that this has been written for a period of three years and endorsements should be added to the policy covering increased value as it develops.

How do you want to handle the payment of the premium of this policy? You will remember that the fire insurance, according to the contract, was to be carried by the President. Shall we pay the premium and add it to our contract amount or would you prefer having the insurance broker bill the President direct.

Please advise.

Very truly yours,
ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

By 
John H. Faber

jhf:amy

HENRY J. TOOMBS

*PSF
New House*

August 18, 1938

Dear Henry:

This will confirm my oral authorization to you to do the heating job in the new cottage at Hyde Park for \$1,200.00—the bid of the Holland Furnace Company.

Always sincerely,

Henry J. Toombs, Esq.,
Federal Reserve Bank Building,
Atlanta,
Georgia.

fdr/tmb

HENRY J. TOOMBS

ARCHITECT

101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK

WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA

IRIFFITH EDWARDS
ASSOCIATE

PLEASE REPLY TO
WARM SPRINGS OFFICE

July 31, 1938

Miss Marguerite LeHand
The White House
WASHINGTON, D.C.

Dear Missy:-

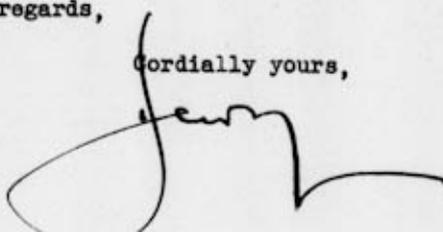
After much investigation, the lowest price I can get for heating on the President's house for a satisfactory job, with blower and oil burner, is \$1200.00 from the Holland Burnace Company.

In spite of the fact that the President wished to cut this cost down, this is my recommendation for heating which will not give trouble. A gravity installation can be done for \$700.00, coal fired, but this would be most unsatisfactory.

Could you get an OK on the above, as it is urgently necessary to install ducts as the house is being built, and progress soon will be delayed. If the President is unwilling to authorize the complete plant, will he authorize the installation of the duct work, though the former is much to be preferred.

With best regards,

Cordially yours,



*PSF
New House*

HENRY J. TOOMBS

ARCHITECT

101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK

WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA

PLEASE REPLY TO
WARM SPRINGS OFFICE

August 20, 1938

H. GRIFFITH EDWARDS
ASSOCIATE

H. J. Toombs

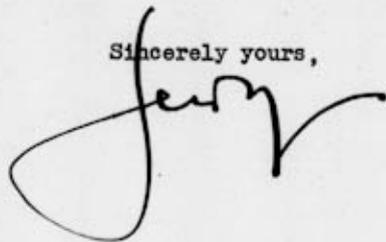
The Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington

My dear Mr. President:-

In your absence, it was necessary to get fire insurance coverage for the construction on your house. Not knowing who handled your insurance, I had the enclosed policy taken out. As you will note, it is in the usual form, for protection during the building operation. Would you request whoever takes care of your insurance, to either pay for this policy of the Hartford Fire Insurance Company, or transfer it to the company with which you deal.

This policy is only for \$5,000 and of course must be increased from time to time. However, I suggest that the best way of handling it in order that there be complete coverage at all times, is that a policy be taken out for the full amount. For construction purposes, the insurance companies take out such policies and bill you for only one half of the premium, which in the end amounts to the same thing as adding to the total coverage from time to time.

Sincerely yours,



Enc: Hartford Fire Insurance Policy
Covering letter from Adams-Faber Co.

HJT/t

*PSK
Democratic policy
in new cottage*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Hyde Park, N. Y.,
August 25, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HENRY T. HACKETT

The attached speaks for
itself. The President asks that
you do whatever is necessary.

Will you be good enough to
return the correspondence for
our files?

M. A. Le Hand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

(Enclosures)

PSF
H.P. - New House

HENRY J. TOOMBS
ARCHITECT

101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK
WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

PLEASE REPLY TO
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
ATLANTA, GA.

H. GRIFFITH EDWARDS
ASSOCIATE

August 25, 1938

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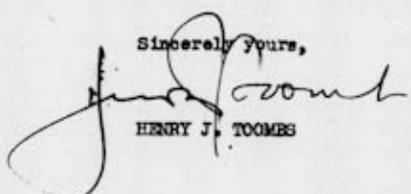
H.P.
New House

President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

Herewith is a copy of Adams-Faber's Change Order No. 1, approved,
for your records.

Sincerely yours,



HENRY J. TOOMBS

HJT:B
ENCL.

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ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

INCORPORATED
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

August 22, 1938

SEND REPLY TO
White Plains, New York

Over
JOB #369

CHANGE ORDER #1

TO - Mr. Henry J. Toombs
Warm Springs
Georgia

RE - House for the President
Hyde Park, New York

Acting on instructions incorporated in our contract, we have
issued orders necessary to do the following:

PRICE

1. Remove 63 cubic yards of rock excavation @ \$3.75 in
connection with house basement and foundation, add.....\$ 236.25
(Any rock excavation encountered in digging for
sewage disposal system will be adjusted by a sub-
sequent Change Order.)

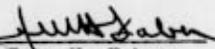
Original Contract Price.....\$16599.00

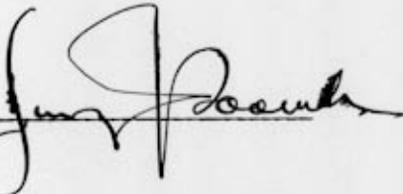
Revised Contract Price.....\$16835.25

It is understood that should this change cause a delay in the
completion of the work the completion date is to be advanced
accordingly.

This change shall be governed by all of the conditions of our
contract except as may be herein otherwise provided.

ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

By 
Jean H. Faber

Approved 

jhf:amy

LORRAINE AVENUE AT THE PLAZA
UPPER MONTCLAIR
MONTCLAIR 1-4600

WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK
31 MAMARONECK AVENUE
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PSF

M.P. new house

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ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

August 26, 1938

SEND REPLY TO

Upper Montclair, N. J.

Mr. M. H. McIntyre
Secretary to the President
Hyde Park
New York

Dear Mr. McIntyre:

We have your letter of August 20 enclosing one from the Rolscreen Company of Pella, Iowa, dated August 15, and your reply to them of August 20.

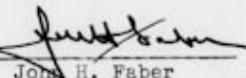
These letters refer to the use of the Rolscreen Company's screens in the new house we are building for the President at Hyde Park.

The specifications for this job specify another manufacturer and we are sure that Mr. Toombs, the President's architect, wrote the specification after carefully considering the various types of screens available. The order for the screens as specified was placed shortly after our contract with the President was signed anticipating a rise in prices so that the Rolscreen Company is somewhat late in their request for consideration.

Unless you advise us that the President wishes to consider a change in the type of screens, we will not attempt to cancel the existing order.

Cordially yours,

ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

By 
John H. Faber

jhf:amy

BT
file
new cottage

Hyde Park, N. Y.,
August 27, 1938.

Dear Henry:-

What do you think of this paper?

Personally, I am a little afraid of it because
of (a) deterioration and (b) fire hazard.

Will you wire me to Washington? I get there
Tuesday morning.

Be sure to come up just as soon as
you can arrange to see Mrs. Backer.

I expect to be at Hyde Park September
sixth to September eighteenth.

As ever yours,

Henry J. Toombs, Esq.,
Georgia Warm Springs Foundation,
Warm Springs,
Georgia.

(Enclosures) Letter from John H. Faber in re omitting
the asphalt damp-proofing in new cottage.
Letter and enclosed sample sent to Mr.
Toombs.

HENRY T. HACKETT
ATTORNEY & COUNSELLOR AT LAW
226 UNION STREET
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

PSF
New Hyde Park
College file

August 29th, 1938.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
Dutchess County, N. Y.

Dear Franklin:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 25th instant containing policy number 23557 issued by the Hartford Fire Ins. Co. on the building on "Dutchess Hill" and check to my order for \$60. in payment of the premium and letters of the Adams-Faber Company of August 16th and Henry J. Toombs of August 20th, which I am returning herewith.

I endorsed the check over to Frost & Luckey, the local agents for the Hartford Fire Insurance Co. They will see that the amount of fire insurance is increased as the building progresses.

With kindest regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett

BSF
HP
20 letters
into House
on Tuesday

HENRY J. TOOMBS

ARCHITECT

101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK

WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA

H. GRIFFITH EDWARDS
ASSOCIATE

THE WHITE HOUSE

PLEASE REPLY TO
WARM SPRINGS OFFICE

August 30, 1938

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file
Herds Park
College

The President
The White House
Washington

My dear Mr. President:-

Here are a few items in connection with your house.

There is included an alternate for sand finished plaster walls instead of white plaster. There is little or no difference in cost. Which would you prefer? I would suggest that the living room would be best in the sand finished plaster, and perhaps you would like the bedrooms, bedroom corridor and entrance hall in the sand finish plaster also. The bathrooms and closets would, I think, be better in white plaster. Would you let me know your wishes in the matter.

Does your contract for bring in the electric service include bringing it in from the last pole to the house underground, or is it to be brought in to the house overhead? Of course the former is preferable, but somewhat more expensive.

We should know the above in connection with the wiring. If it is brought in underground, it would be most desirable to bring it into the building close to the side kitchen door so that the panel board and switches could be located at that point. If, on the other hand, you intend bring it in overhead, it presents the problem of where it is to be attached to the building. As the last pole will be on the east side of the house, it will make it somewhat difficult to stretch from that pole to the kitchen wing on the west side of the house, and it would not be the most desirable arrangement to locate the panel board and switches on the bedroom side. Would you please let me know your wishes in this matter so the Contractor may be informed.

Sincerely yours,

Henry J. Toombs

TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

*PSF
The White House*

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Warm Springs, Ga., August 31, 1938

THE PRESIDENT.

Strongly recommend not omitting Damp proofing. Stop I think Adams Faber suggestion of paper back of plaster to prevent condensation excellent. Stop Think it more important to do this on ceilings than walls. Sical craft is combustible would prefer fifteen pound saturated slaters felt.

Henry J. Toombs.

PSF
New Home

September 17, 1938.

Dear Henry:-

Will you be good enough to increase
the fire insurance on the new cottage on the
top of Dutchess Hill to the amount of \$15,000?
This is in accordance with the opinion of the
Adams-Faber Company and the architect.

Always sincerely,

Henry T. Hackett, Esq.,
238 Union Street,
Poughkeepsie,
New York.



Hotel Duane

237 MADISON AVENUE.
NEW YORK

Dear Missy

Please call the
President's Attention to the
attached statement showing
& to the fact that his
insurance on the house should
be increased to \$15000⁰⁰

Thanks

Henry T. Smith

Sept 9, 1938

10 AVENUE AT THE PLAZA
UPPER MONTCLAIR
MONTCLAIR 2-4600

WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK
31 MAMARONECK AVENUE
WHITE PLAINS 510

ADAMS-FABER COMPANY
INCORPORATED
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

August 31, 1938

SEND REPLY TO
Upper Montclair, N. J.

Mr. Henry J. Toombs
Warm Springs
Georgia

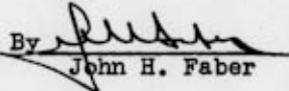
Dear Sir:

We enclose Requisition #2 requesting a payment of \$6174.22 on account of our contract for the construction of a residence for President Roosevelt at Hyde Park, New York.

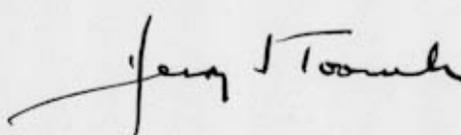
Please note that in our opinion fire insurance in the amount of \$15,000.00 should now be carried by the owner on this project.

We trust you will find these records in order and that they will receive your usual prompt attention.

Very truly yours,
ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

By 
John H. Faber

jhf:amy
encs:

In its Residence Mention


THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*PSF
New House*

September 17, 1938 .

MEMORANDUM FOR MISSY

Will you draw a check
to Adams-Faber Company for
\$8,174.22 and send with this
requisition?

F. D. R.

*Check sent
Sept 21 -*

HENRY J. TOOMBS

ARCHITECT

101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK

WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA

H. GRIFFITH EDWARDS
ASSOCIATE

*PSF
New House*

PLEASE REPLY TO
WARM SPRINGS OFFICE

September 19, 1938

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Miss Marguerite LeHand
The White House
Washington

Dear Missy:-

Adams-Faber, the contractors for the President's house, advise me that they have not received the requisition for last month, which I approved and sent to the President.

The President has probably not had time to attend to this, but I think they would appreciate very much receiving it as soon as possible, as there is a considerable amount involved. When possible would you call this to his attention?

My best,

Sincerely yours,

Henry J. Toombs

LORRAINE AVENUE AT THE PLAZA
UPPER MONTCLAIR
MONTCLAIR 2-4600

ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

INCORPORATED
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

September 23, 1938

*BF
New House*

WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK
31 MAMARONECK AVENUE
WHITE PLAINS 510

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SEND REPLY TO
Upper Montclair, N. J.

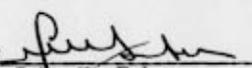
Miss Margaret Le Hand
White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Le Hand:

Thank you for forwarding the President's check
in the amount of \$6174.22 as payment on account
of our contract with him for the construction
of his residence at Hyde Park, New York.

The receipted requisition is enclosed.

Very truly yours,
ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

By 
John H. Faber

jhf:amy
enc:
cc: Mr. Henry J. Toombs

LORRAINS AVENUE AT THE PLAZA
UPPER MONTCLAIR
MONTCLAIR 2-4000

WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK
31 MAMARONECK AVENUE
WHITE PLAINS 310

ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

INCORPORATED
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

August 31, 1938

SEND REPLY TO
Upper Montclair, N. J.

REQUISITION #2 - PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT RESIDENCE

	ORIGINAL ESTIMATE	ADD'NS & DEDUCS.	PRESENT ESTIMATE	REQUISITIONED	BALANCE
Excavation - Earth	\$ 283.	\$	\$ 283.00	\$ 283.00	\$
Rock		236.25	236.25	236.25	
Foundations	1262.		1262.00	1262.00	
Stone walls above grade	3666.		3666.00	3166.00	500.
Chimney & fireplace	601.		601.00	300.00	301.
Masonry floors & steps	417.		417.00		417.
Rough carpentry	2913.		2913.00	2463.00	450.
Finished carpentry	1890.		1890.00	800.00	1090.
Lath & plaster	1132.		1132.00		1132.
Roofing and sheet metal	850.		850.00		850.
Plumbing	1500.		1500.00		1500.
Electric work	422.		422.00		422.
Wood floors	226.		226.00		226.
Screens & Weatherstrip	208.		208.00		208.
Painting	463.		463.00		463.
Cash Allowances					
Linoleum	160.		160.00		160.
Hardware	125.		125.00		125.
Lighting fixtures	50.		50.00		50.
General Conditions	431.		431.00	250.00	181.
	<u>\$16599.</u>	<u>\$236.25</u>	<u>\$16835.25</u>	<u>\$8760.25</u>	<u>\$8075.</u>

Original Amount of Contract		\$16599.00
Add'ns & Deducs. (C.O. #1)		236.25
Present Amount of Contract		\$16835.25
Requisitioned	\$8760.25	
Less 10% reserve	876.03	
Net Requisitioned	\$7884.22	7884.22
Less Previous Payments	1710.00	
Payment Requested	\$6174.22	Balance..\$8951.03

In accordance with the terms of our contract, we request that the owner take out fire insurance at least in the amount of \$15,000.00 to cover materials and equipment incorporated in the building and/or delivered at the site.

Amount of Payment \$ 6174.22
Sept 9, 1938
Adams-Faber

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SEP 23 1938
ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

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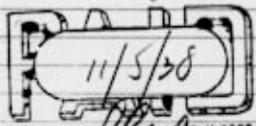
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Hyde Park, N.Y.

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ELECTRICAL CONSTRUCTION
10 SOUTH HAMILTON STREET

FIXTURES
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MOTORS

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y. November 1, 1938.

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States,
Hyde Park, N.Y.

My dear President:

In line with my request of June 28th, asking you to assist me in securing the contract for the electrical equipment for your new residence, I wish to acknowledge that I received this contract from Adams-Faber Company of White Plains, N.Y. During the construction, I had hoped to meet you in person, but, in my calls of inspection, I was never fortunate enough to be there at the same time you were.

Inasmuch as the job is nearing completion, I wish to extend my deep-felt gratitude for your kindly consideration in referring my name to the Builders. You may rest assured that I am giving you the highest class electrical installation that is humanly possible, and, I feel that our equipment will stand the test of time and will render you the greatest possible service.

Both the Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation and the New York Telephone Company representatives have requested me when our installation would be ready for service. I have been reluctant to give out any information without conferring with you. I will be very glad to receive word from you if you wish me to arrange on building the pole line construction or making any other arrangements. Inasmuch as I wired the building, I would be most glad to look after the service arrangements in accordance with your directions.

Having observed in the papers that you and Family are going to vote in Hyde Park, N.Y., on November 8th, I would be very glad to go over these matters with you. I feel it would be wise to give them consideration before the ground gets frozen, which would have a tendency to increase the cost of your service.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph D. Quinn

LOBBRAINE AVENUE AT THE PLAZA
UPPER MONTCLAIR
MONTCLAIR 1-4600

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ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

INCORPORATED
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

November 2, 1938

WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK
21 MAMARONECK AVENUE
WHITE PLAINS 510

P. Y. New house

SEND REPLY TO
Upper Montclair, N. J.

Miss M. A. LeHand
Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss LeHand:

Thank you for sending us the President's check
in the amount of \$3341.70 covering our Requisition
#8 of September 30, 1938 on account of our
contract with him for the construction of his
cottage at Hyde Park, New York.

The receipted requisition is enclosed.

Very truly yours,

ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

By *[Signature]*
John H. Faber

Jhf:amy
enc:
cc: Mr. Henry J. Toombs

LORRANE AVENUE AT THE PLAZA
UPPER MONTCLAIR
MONTCLAIR 1-400

WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK
21 MAMARONECK AVENUE
WHITE PLAINS 210

ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

INCORPORATED
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

September 30, 1938.

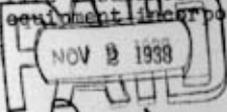
SEND REPLY TO
Upper Montclair, N. J.

REQUISITION #3 - PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT RESIDENCE

	ORIGINAL ESTIMATE	ADD'NS & DEDUCS.	PRESENT ESTIMATE	REQUISI- TIONED	BALANCE
Excavation - Earth	\$ 283.		\$ 283.00	\$ 283.00	\$
Rock Excavation			236.25	236.25	
Foundations	1262.		1262.00	1262.00	
Stone walls above grade	3666.		3666.00	3666.00	
Chimney & fireplace	601.		601.00	551.00	50.
Masonry floors & steps	417.		417.00	60.00	357.
Rough carpentry	2913.		2913.00	2890.00	23.
Finished carpentry	1890.		1890.00	1000.00	890.
Lath & plaster	1132.		1132.00	300.00	832.
Roofing & sheet metal	850.		850.00	700.00	150.
Plumbing	1500.		1500.00	975.00	525.
Electric work	422.		422.00	200.00	222.
Wood floors	228.		228.00		228.
Screens & Weatherstrip	208.		208.00		208.
Painting	463.		463.00	50.00	413.
Cash Allowances					
Linoleum	160.		160.00		160.
Hardware	125.		125.00		125.
Lighting fixtures	50.		50.00		50.
General Conditions	431.		431.00	300.00	131.
	<u>\$16599.</u>	<u>\$236.25</u>	<u>\$16835.25</u>	<u>\$12473.25</u>	<u>\$4362.</u>

Original Amount of Contract \$16599.00
 Add'ns & Deducs. (C.O. #1) 236.25
 Present Amount of Contract \$16835.25
 Requisitioned \$12473.25
 Less 10% reserve 1247.33
 Net Requisitioned \$11225.92
 Less Previous Payments 7884.22
 Payment Requested \$ 3341.70 Balance...\$ 5809.33

In accordance with the terms of our contract, we request that the owner take out fire insurance at least in the amount of \$15,000.00 to cover materials and equipment incorporated in the building and/or delivered at the site.



ADAMS-FABER COMPANY

Approved for payment
John P. ...
 Oct 3 1938

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PST
HIP cottage file

November 12, 1938.

Dear Henry:-

I told Adams and Faber to go ahead with the wood battens on all the doors and windows and they go in next week. The heating and electrical people will be out in two weeks and the house, except for the electric light next Spring, will be finished.

I do not need to tell you how very happy I am with the house. Everyone who sees it is as enthusiastic as I am and I think you did a wonderful job.

I look forward to seeing you on the twenty-second.

As ever yours,

Henry J. Toombs, Esq.,
Georgia Warm Springs Foundation,
Warm Springs,
Georgia.

H. GRIFFITH EDWARDS
ASSOCIATE

HENRY J. TOOMBS
ARCHITECT

101 PARK AVENUE, NEW YORK
WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

PLEASE REPLY TO
FEDERAL RESERVE BANK BUILDING
ATLANTA, GA.

October, 19, 1938.

To The President:
White House,
Washington, D.C.

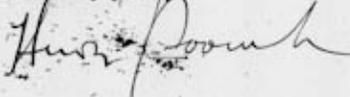
RE: The President's House:

Mr. Dear Mr. President:

Adams-Faber have given me a quotation of \$91.00 for providing and installing wood battens on all the doors and windows of your house. This was in accordance with your request. Shall I instruct them to go ahead with this work at this price?

How do you like the comments on your house?

Sincerely yours,



HENRY J. TOOMBS

HJT/b
CC: Adams-Faber Co. Upper Montclair, N.J.

— H.P. ASF
H. P. Adams

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 7, 1938

Adams-Faber Co., Inc.,
Montclair,
New Jersey

Gentlemen:

Enclosed find check for the amount
of \$2740.51.

Sincerely yours,

PRIVATE SECRETARY

LORRANE AVENUE AT THE PLAZA
UPPER MONTCLAIR
MONTCLAIR 1-400

WHITE PLAINS, NEW YORK
11 MAMARONECK AVENUE
WHITE PLAINS 510

ASF
New House
ADAMS-FABER COMPANY
INCORPORATED
BUILDING CONSTRUCTION
MONTCLAIR, NEW JERSEY

October 31, 1938

SEND REPLY TO

Upper Montclair, N. J.

REQUISITION #4 - PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT'S RESIDENCE

	ORIGINAL ESTIMATE	ADD'NS & DEDUCS.	PRESENT ESTIMATE	REQUISITIONED	BALANCE
Excavation - Earth	\$ 283.		\$ 283.00	\$ 283.00	\$
Rock Excavation		236.25	236.25	236.25	
Foundations	1282.		1282.00	1282.00	
Stone walls above grade	3666.		3666.00	3666.00	
Chimney & fireplace	601.		601.00	576.00	25.
Masonry floors & steps	417.		417.00	417.00	
Rough carpentry	2913.		2913.00	2913.00	
Finished carpentry	1890.		1890.00	1840.00	250.
Lath & plaster	1132.		1132.00	1132.00	
Roofing & sheet metal	850.		850.00	850.00	
Plumbing	1500.		1500.00	1240.00	260.
Electric work	422.		422.00	372.00	50.
Wood floors	226.		226.00	151.00	75.
Screens & Weatherstrip	208.		208.00	101.00	107.
Painting	463.		463.00	163.00	300.
Cash Allowances					
Linoleum	160.		160.00		160.
Hardware	125.		125.00	85.00	40.
Lighting fixtures	50.		50.00	50.00	
General Conditions	431.		431.00	381.00	50.
	<u>\$16599.</u>	<u>\$236.25</u>	<u>\$16835.25</u>	<u>\$15518.25</u>	<u>\$1317.</u>

Original Amount of Contract		\$16599.00
Add'ns & Deducs. (C.O. #1)		236.25
Present Amount of Contract		<u>\$16835.25</u>
Requisitioned	\$15518.25	
Less 10% reserve	1551.82	
Net Requisitioned	<u>\$13966.43</u>	
Less Previous Payments	7384.22	
Payment Requested	<u>\$ 6082.21</u>	Balance..\$ 2888.82

In accordance with the terms of our contract, we request that the owner take out fire insurance at least in the amount of \$20,000.00 to cover materials and equipment incorporated in the building and/or delivered at the site.

Note - Above requested payment of \$6082.21 includes \$3741.70 approved for payment on October 7, 1938 but not yet received by Adams-Faber Company.

Inclosed for payment
NY 3-1538
Yours sincerely

PSF
New House

December 9, 1938.

Dear Mr. Bis:-

Thank you for your letter. I am glad you find it possible to get up to the top of the hill even in heavy snow.

I am enclosing my check for \$34.98 for the bills.

Many thanks for sending me the little photograph.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Van Wagner, Road
Dougherty pair, N.Y.
Hughes House Dec 7-35

Hon. F. D. Roosevelt.

The day after the snowstorm I walked up to your "Dreamhouse" to find out how it was to get up the hill, while the snow was on the ground. On a pair of skis it would be easy, no matter how much snow we get. While there I took a couple of pictures, of which I am sending you one. Enclosed

I am taking the liberty of sending you these skis, which I have paid for, thinking it would make it more easy, because it has been bought in several different places.

Respectfully

yours

Christian Pie

21.00

7.40

3.00

1.85

1.71

total: 34.96

P.S. Will you be so kind, and make out a check payable to me.

Bills for
miscellaneous
items for
the "Dream House".

ok?

J. E. ANDREWS HARDWARE CO.
 Hardware and Agricultural Implements
 Tel. 3140 379 MAIN STREET
 3141 Poughkeepsie, N. Y. 193

Name Christian Bie
 Address _____
 Bought by _____ Order No. _____

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Paul

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 COTTAGE STREET
 TELEPHONES 1395-1396

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 193

Job _____
 14x10 - 2 D. P. P. P.
 14x10 - 5 Wood
 1.50
 1.09
 2.59

Paul

Poughkeepsie, N. Y., 11/21 1938
 M Christian Bie
VAN BENSCHOTEN HARDWARE COMPANY
 Contractor's Supplies, Builders' Supplies
 Ammunition and Sporting Goods
 Phone 393 Terms Cash 393 MAIN STREET

*Order for
 Kitchen Cabinet 1.85*

*Paul
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Lumb Woodworking Co., Inc.
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

CASH SALE TICKET

TOTAL AM'T PAID
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Date Dec. 1 1938

Sold to Mr. C. Bie 4

Quantity	DESCRIPTION	PRICE	AMOUNT
	N. Pine Material as per list		
	47 ft. 1" N. Pine, X. D., ea	06	282
	6 1/2" 1 1/4"	06	39
	4 1/2 sq. ft. 1/4" veneer Pine	06	27
2	Preswood Counters		
(all at cost)	18 x 1 2-0		
	3 lin. ft.	130	390

Salesman [Signature]

7.40

PSYHP "TIP Cottage"

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CABINET WORK

FDK to Bic, 12-9-38

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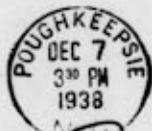
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LARGE STOCK OF ALL SIZES ON HAND

POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

Highton House
Dec 5-38

Received pay
from Christian Bee
7 days at \$3 a day
Total \$21.00

Edward Lawson



Hon, F. D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Chr. Bee
New Wagoner Road
Poughkeepsie
N. Y.



PSF
New House

December 10, 1938.

Dear Mr. Acker:-

Thank you for your very nice letter of December seventh. My new cottage on top of Dutchess Hill is a good deal nearer Cream Street than it is to the Val-Kill Cottage, and I concluded, therefore, that it would be much easier to make the connection with your Cream Street distribution line. Frankly, I would rather not have a two-way tie-up because I want to avoid poles through the very rough woods that lie between the new cottage and the Val-Kill Cottage.

From the new cottage to Cream Street will require, I think, only fifteen poles, but from the new cottage to Val-Kill, at a guess, would require between twenty and twenty-five poles.

Last Autumn I asked two contractors to figure on a line from the new cottage to Cream Street and they both reported that they had to get their poles from the Central Hudson at a cost of \$40.00 per pole. Therefore, I got the specifications and have already cut and skinned eighteen poles from my own woods -- hemlock, thirty to thirty-five feet long. These poles are stored under cover for the winter for the purpose of drying out and it had been my intention to creosote them thoroughly in the Spring and set them out with my own labor. I figure that the cost of cutting, skinning, creosoting and setting-up will run a little under \$10.00 per pole.

The three extra poles are intended to be put up to connect a line from Van Wagner Road into what is known as the Hughson farm house. This is a short connection from your Van Wagner Road extension through Violet Avenue.

The poles are there and ready to be creasoted and set out so what do you think I had better do?

Very sincerely yours,

Ernest R. Acker, Esq., President,
Central Hudson Gas & Electric Corporation,
Poughkeepsie,
New York.

CENTRAL HUDSON GAS & ELECTRIC CORPORATION
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.

December 7, 1938

The President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The question of the electric line extension to serve your new home at Hyde Park, has been referred to me by Mr. C.E. Groesbeck, Chairman of the Board of the Electric Bond and Share Company, to whom, I understand, you mentioned the matter briefly in a recent discussion. I appreciate the opportunity to clarify the position of my Company as to this extension, and trust that the matter may be disposed of to your entire satisfaction.

Electric service to your home can be made available either by an extension from the end of the Val-Kill line or by an extension from our distribution system on Cream Street. It has been our plan, however, subject to your approval, to provide service from either direction by running an extension from the end of the Val-Kill line to and connecting with our Cream Street distribution line. This will provide service for both the Val-Kill cottage and your new home from either of two directions, and is in line with our policy of connecting various parts of our rural distribution system to provide for duplicate service to our customers wherever possible. The greater part of our rural extension work at present consists of tying together such individual extensions or in making short extensions from our existing lines, which now make service available to over 98% of the homes and business establishments in our rural territory. In this instance we have planned to use aerial cable on comparatively short, light poles, and to make the installation at our own expense.

Pending definite instructions as to the location of the line, no estimates of cost have been prepared by us, and I am unable to find that any of our people have discussed the cost of the proposed extension with any of your representatives. It may be, however, that estimates have been procured on your behalf from individual line contractors. Our Poughkeepsie District Manager, Mr. J. E. Doolittle, has contacted the Adams-Faber construction foreman three times in an attempt to arrange a meeting with your architect, or other authorized representative, with reference to the location of the line, but has not as yet been successful.

I feel that our organization has been remiss in not having approached this matter more directly, and would appreciate your advising

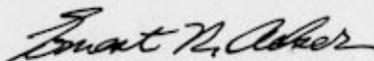
The President of the United States - 2

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me with whom it can now be discussed so that a prompt and satisfactory conclusion may be reached.

I would be pleased to have the opportunity to discuss the matter with you, personally, if that is possible on your next trip to Hyde Park.

Yours respectfully,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Ernst N. Acker".

President

E.R.Acker/F

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New House*

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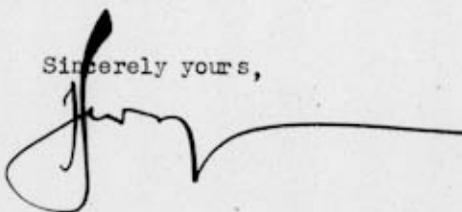
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Miss Marguerite LeHand
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Dear Missy:-

I am enclosing Holland Furnace Company's requisition for the furnace for the President's house, approved by me as being correct. Will you please call this to the President's attention.

Sincerely yours,



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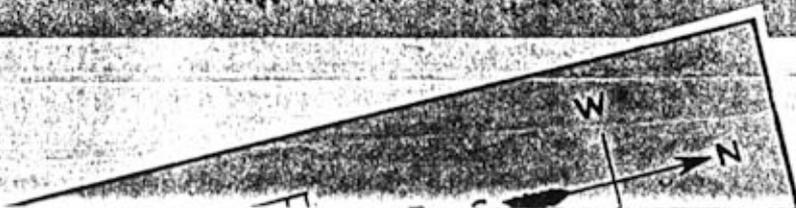


PRESIDENT'S DREAM HOUSE

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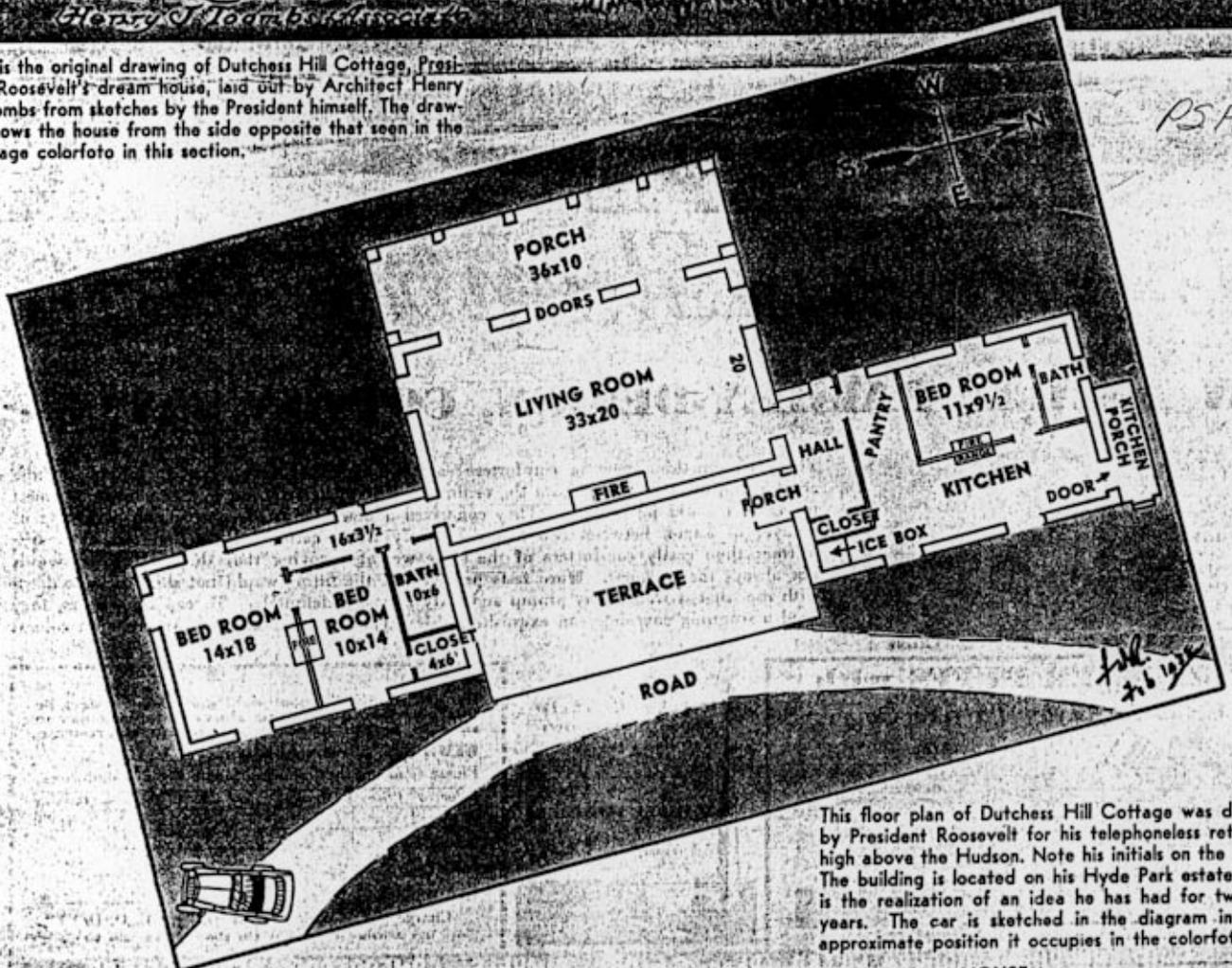
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Franklin D. Roosevelt, Architect
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This floor plan of Dutchess Hill Cottage was drawn by President Roosevelt for his telephoneless retreat, high above the Hudson. Note his initials on the plan. The building is located on his Hyde Park estate and is the realization of an idea he has had for twenty years. The car is sketched in the diagram in the approximate position it occupies in the colorfoto.

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