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Subject File

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may 16

Dear Franklin,

you and Eleanor were  
loves to send my daughter Alice  
a wedding present and I deeply  
appreciate your thought.

Gratefully, as ever,

yours

W. G. M.

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Dave H. Morris

DAVE MORRIS  
19 EAST 70th STREET  
NEW YORK

Dear Mr. Morris;

September 22, 1936.

Dear Dave:-

That was grand last Tuesday and  
I am deeply grateful to you for all you did.  
Slapstick comedy ended the picture when  
John O'Connor got the Republican nomination!

My best wishes to you,

As ever yours,

Honorable Dave H. Morris,  
19 East 70th Street,  
New York City,  
New York.

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DAVE H. MORRIS  
18 EAST 70TH STREET  
NEW YORK

Sept. 21

Dear Franklin;

I know you are as proud of Tommy as I am this morning. He surely did a fine job and I too am pleased to feel I did my mite to help. What irony if the Republicans should win in November.

These are cheering times abroad. I wish I were there now but I believe I can be more helpful here.

It was nice to have Tommy in Bar Harbor but I only wish he could have stayed longer. It was a joy to work with him and I am delighted you asked me to do so. I am always

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ready to help and am always yours to command.

Congratulations and best wishes.

Affectionately yours

*Dave*

I do hope Jimmy is getting along. He and you and Eleanor  
all have my deepest sympathy.

*D. A. L.*

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DAVE H. MORRIS  
BAR HARBOR  
MAINE

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August 29, 1939.

Dear Franklin:

I greatly appreciate your invitation for luncheon at the White House yesterday to meet the Prince of Luxemburg. It would have been a great pleasure for me to do so and I am very sorry that it was not physically possible for me to get to Washington at the time stated. He is a delightful person and I know you greatly enjoyed talking to him.

I think it is lovely of your Eleanor to get up that fund for the benefit of Miss Durand (The Rabbit). She is a fine woman and it is a great sorrow to know that she has been suffering so much and so long. It brings back those exciting days when she, Louis Howe, Forbes Morgan, Will Woodin and many of your other friends and admirers were fighting to make life really worth while.

Affectionately,

*D.H.M.*

The Honorable  
Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 19, 1940.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE RABBIT

Dave Morris is undoubtedly getting old. Three or four months ago he wrote Missy to say how thrilled he was "to learn of Margaret Durand's engagement to Mr. A. C. Mills". Today I get a letter from him saying the same thing. You and Aubrey had better take the poor man out of his misery! If you don't get hitched soon he will continue to write thrilled letters about your engagement.

It is grand to get such good news of you.

As ever,

Morris  
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DAVE H. MORRIS  
19 EAST 70TH STREET  
NEW YORK

March 15, 1940.

My dear Franklin,

It is exciting to be in harness again, as in the good days of 1931-32, and I am enjoying it. I hope the New Hampshire results show that we have lost none of our cunning.

Things seem to be coming along nicely. The "League for New Deal Government" has been duly incorporated and is functioning quietly; and the "Draft Roosevelt Club, Inc." is a legal entity created by five enthusiastic ladies, which is hiding like a little violet awaiting the sun.

Tommy came to town for several days and after a number of talks has gone at last on his honeymoon. I hope his Bride is half as pretty as her pictures make her out to be.

Ben is doing yeoman's work and it is delightful getting to know him better.

Archduke Otto and his brother Felix are dining here and I am only sorry so many of our friends are away in the South. Their letters of regret at being absent are genuinely full of disappointment. Otto is an unusual man; everyone in Belgium had only praise for his fine intellect and good sportsmanship. You have made him very happy and so has the Senate!

I am leaving Sunday for Columbus where my daughter Alice is. She has just presented us with our ninth grandchild, a lovely 8 lbs. 8 oz. daughter. All well and blissful.

It is quite exciting to learn of Margaret Durand's engagement to Mr. A. C. Mills. How brave she has been in the hospital for so long. You have shown great kindness to her and she appreciates your loyalty immensely.

As ever yours  
D.H.M.

The Honorable  
Franklin Delano Roosevelt,  
The White House  
Washington, D. C.

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DAVE H. MORRIS  
BAR HARBOR  
MAINE

July 8

Dear Miss LeHand;

At the right moment ~~will~~ kindly give FDR the enclosed letter.

Have you seen the new house I am building on the Eastern Shore? You must all come and see us there.

Give Tommy my love, sympathy and congratulations.

Sincerely yours

Dave H. Morris,

DAVE H. MORRIS  
BAR HARBOR  
MAINE

Saturday

Confidential

My dear Franklin;

This is just a line to remind you of my candidate for the vacancy in the Cabinet. When we spoke about the matter some years ago, a situation existed which now is out of the question; so perhaps you will adopt my suggestion. He loves you, is always loyal, has had plenty of experience in many ways, and is easy to work with. I rather believe it was through a misunderstanding before that you did not appoint him and I wonder now if you do not feel my advice after all is not so bad.

Thanks for your lovely message to me through Bill Bullitt: there is no way out except a Third Term unless you risk almost everything you stand for.

Affectionately as ever

D. H. M.

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Answered by phone*

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*File* 3-41

DAVE H. MORRIS  
19 EAST 70TH STREET  
NEW YORK

October 16, 1941

My dear Franklin;

I have had from Pa Watson last summer a message that you will be saying nice things about The Little Flower before the election is over and suggesting that it would please you to have me help in some way or other. This latter I have done in somewhat the same way that Adolf Berle has chosen, namely in giving money to Moskovit of the Affiliated Young Democrats. I feel strongly that he is a good bet and it would make me happy if it could be arranged to send his organization a thousand dollars now and more later on.

Tommy phoned me today that you wish me to "come out" for the Mayor. Please let me know just how you want me to carry out this idea. Perhaps Grace Tully could send me a draft of a letter I can write the Mayor; or should I write it Moskovit? The Mayor asked is I could do something like this but I am puzzled how to reply. You know I am a Democrat from Louisiana born and I wish to retain my party loyalty. This election seems to be getting away from parties and the issue raised of backing your foreign policy, which simplifies things. So please have Grace write me just what you wish and you know as ever I shall be glad to carry out your suggestions.

Yours as ever

*D.H.M.*

PSF: Dave Morris

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

GIVE TO THE PRESIDENT THE  
NEXT TIME HE SEES EDDIE FLYNN

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for return  
to the Pres.  
see for  
Flynn*

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*Gen. Curtis*  
*3-41*

DAVE H. MORRIS  
19 EAST 70<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK

November 18, 1941.

My dear Grace,

I am enclosing a letter to The Chief in regard to Harold Moskovit, which you can put in the appropriate file and present at the proper time. Harold has backed up the New Deal legislation for the last nine years; resigned his Government position to re-elect Mayor LaGuardia; at Berle's suggestion got hold of the New York Congressmen in the matter of the Neutrality Bill and achieved results which speak for themselves; and is now in a position where his good works should be recognized with a position which he will fill to the satisfaction of the Big Boss.

Referring again to my suggestions in regard to taking over the situation here in New York if The Chief would like to have either Congressman Kennedy or Joseph Gavegan, District Leaders, take charge of the situation here, or perhaps Supreme Court Justice William T. Collins, why not give Harold this information so he can cooperate accordingly? When the time comes, why not send for Harold and let him suggest a plan of re-organization because at the present time the whole party machinery seems wrecked?

Please keep my name out of all of this but rely on me if I can be helpful in any way behind the scenes.

Sincerely yours,

*Dave H. Morris*

Miss Grace Tully

The White House

Washington, D. C.

DAVE H. MORRIS  
18 EAST 70<sup>TH</sup> STREET  
NEW YORK

November 18, 1941.

Dear Mr. President,

I understand that you are considering appointing Mr. Harold R. Moskovit to the vacancy created by the death of Mr. Hoey, Collector of Internal Revenue of the Second District of New York, and that you would like to have expressions of opinion from those of your friends who are acquainted with Mr. Moskovit. I am therefore glad to tell you that I have watched this young man since my return from Belgium and have found him to be reliable and efficient. He has done excellent work as President of the Affiliated Young Democrats, and he has always been ready and able to cooperate whenever called upon for help. He has had several positions with the Federal Government and I believe in all of them his work was most satisfactory. He is thoroughly reliable and I am sure you can trust him.

Respectfully yours,

*Dave H. Morris*

The Honorable

Franklin D. Roosevelt

The White House

Washington, D. C.

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Jan 1, 1944.

Dear Franklin,

I send you my best wishes for a happy New Year - and my blessings!  
What have you not gone through. And your success will go down thru the ages. But please let me repeat my often given advice which I feel even your modesty must admit is good: "lead, lead, lead; the people will eagerly follow you."

after over three months in the D.G. Hospital, the Doctor allowed me to come home in an ambulance for the holidays! (over)

<sup>2</sup>/ on condition I return for further  
treatment if necessary. I shall  
be well by summer to help!!  
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W. G. M.



The Honorable  
Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington  
D.C.

**DAVE HENNEN MORRIS**

**19 EAST 70**

**NEW YORK 21, N. Y.**

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BAR HARBOR  
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Gen. 2

June 20.

Dear Franklin,

Bill Bullitt in  
New York phoned me here  
your welcome reply to  
my message. May  
you always continue to  
love me!

Let me know when  
you are ready to carry

out my advice. I am  
always yours to command.  
and remember what  
Socrates said: "Choose  
The inevitable".

Do visit-me here  
This Summer. It will  
make us all so happy.

affectionate greetings  
from both of us to both  
of you.

Yours as ever  
W. A. M.

Dave L. Morris