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May 17, 1938.

Memo to President from Sumner Welles
enclosing copy of memo received by Kennedy from
Cardinal Pacelli on the relations of the Vatican
with the various countries.

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FARMERS EDUCATIONAL AND COOPERATIVE UNION
of America
3501 EAST 46TH AVENUE
DENVER, COLO.

OFFICE OF THE PRESIDENT

FOR 43 This crop is last crop before
1944 Election

Use present Agriculture
programs with more funds
NOW URGENT to go all out
for Farm Security

Incentive Payments
FOR CONVERSION

WAR Industry Financing for
Farmers NO Recourse
for 2 Million Family type
farmers with own labor

Keep on Job Key Farm
Organization MEN Farmers
as Labor & Management

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KEEP Federal Administration
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Family type Farming and
National Policy

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THE UNDER SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON

November 15, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR MISS GRACE TULLY

Subject: Mr. W. D. Pawley

In response to the President's memorandum of November 1 suggesting Mr. W. D. Pawley of Florida as his Representative in India with the rank of Ambassador, I am planning, if it is agreeable to the President, to discuss this the next time we are together.

E. Stettin

Note: 12-14-44
The President's memo
of Nov. 1st was read
to Mr. Hughes of
the State Dept. The
orig. memo to Mr.
Stettinius had been
lost.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 1, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HON. E. R. STETTINIUS, JR.

I had a talk with Mr. Pawley of Florida a couple of weeks ago and thought him extremely interesting. You might check on this and let me know what you think about sending somebody else to India at this time.

F.D.R.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 22, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HON. HENRY MORGENTHAU, Jr.

Will you do this and let me
have a report?

F.D.R.

Memorandum for the President from Hon. Lauchlin Currie, 12/21/44, in re investigation of William Pawley, with respect to his eligibility for a govt. post. Mr. Currie asks if he may ask Treasury and War to make such an investigation and report back to the President.

Gen. Corcoran P. 1-44

December 23, 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF WAR

I would appreciate it if you would be good enough to send to me as promptly as possible a summary of whatever material is available in your Department concerning Mr. William Pawley, who was formerly the Curtiss Wright representative in China.

S/ Franklin D. Roosevelt

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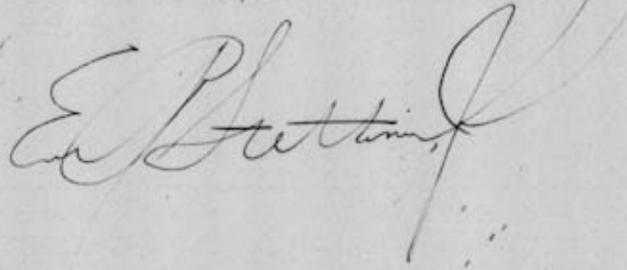
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 22, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: William Pawley

As agreed in our conversation this noon,
I enclose herewith for your consideration sug-
gested memoranda to the Secretaries of Treasury
and War, asking them to submit to you whatever
material they have relative to Mr. William Pawley.



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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON

December 26, 1944

My dear Mr. President:

By direction of the Secretary, I am sending to you herewith a summary of material in the files of the Treasury Department relating to William Douglas Pawley. This is a copy of the memorandum which, at the request of Mr. Stettinius, was prepared and sent to him on December 16.

Faithfully yours,

Scott Bell

Acting Secretary of the Treasury.

The President,

The White House.



December 16, 1944.

Memorandum in re: William Douglas Pawley
2555 Lake Avenue
Miami Beach, Florida

(1) Business Affairs and Possible Tax Liability

Within the past two months Special Agent James W. Dowling of the Office of the Provost Marshal General, a former agent of the Intelligence Unit of the Bureau of Internal Revenue, submitted to this Department, under an arrangement approved by the Secretary of War, memoranda with respect to persons believed to have made large sums of money in the China-Burma-India theater. Among these was a memorandum dated November 21 relating to William Douglas Pawley. The agent said his investigation had indicated that during the past seven or eight years Mr. Pawley had accumulated a large personal fortune, much of which had been acquired or earned abroad through foreign corporations owned or controlled by him. Pawley is reported to have been active in the China National Aviation Corporation and the Central Aircraft Manufacturing Company in China, in which organization he was associated with leading figures of the Chiang Kai Shek government. The operation

and disposition of his assets in these corporations are reported to have gained him a fortune. Pawley has filed returns indicating income as follows:

1938 - \$ 9,683.80	1940 - \$26,030.19	1942 - \$ 55,075.40
1939 - 11,128.87	1941 - 79,231.31	1943 - 105,212.88

Returns for prior years have not yet been located. Both the amount of the income derived from far eastern operations and the possible tax liability with respect to it are under investigation.

(2) Domestic Relations

A voluminous letter, dated August 7, 1944, signed by Annie Hahr Dobbs Pawley (Mrs. William Douglas Pawley), was received at the White House and transmitted to the Secret Service for investigation. In it the writer states that she was married to William Douglas Pawley in 1919 and that she is the mother of his four children. She complains of the efforts of Pawley to substitute another person as his wife and to deny her recognition. The writer lives in a home at 3190 Pine Tree Drive, Miami Beach, said to have been purchased for \$80,000 in 1933. Pawley currently lives at 2555 Lake Avenue, Sunset Island No. 2, with his former

secretary, whose maiden name was Ann Caidenhead, whom he is said to have married in Bangalore, India, in 1943. The original Mrs. William Douglas Pawley disputes the validity of this marriage and of a Cuban divorce which preceded it. The letter to the President by the first Mrs. Pawley pleaded that some official action be taken to establish her standing as the lawful wife of Pawley not only in her own interest but those of her children. She addressed the President as Commander-in-Chief and referred to the fact that her eldest son, William Douglas Pawley, Jr., is with the India-China Wing of the Army Transport Command and that her second son, Clifton D. Pawley, is a United States Naval Reserve V-5 student at the University of Miami, Coral Gables. The sons are respectively 22 and 18 years old. There are two daughters 16 years and 11 years old. Mrs. Pawley is the sister of Herbert C. Dobbs, Traffic Manager of Pan-American World Airways.

While the letter to the President showed a disturbed mental state, examination by agents of the Treasury in Florida indicated that Mrs. Pawley is sane but under severe mental stress.

Both Mrs. Pawley and her attorney stated that in 1942 Pawley had offered her a settlement of \$250,000 to grant

him a divorce. A firm of accountants and auditors in Miami asserted that in April of this year Pawley established an irrevocable trust of between \$500,000 and \$600,000 for the first Mrs. William Douglas Pawley and her four children. The attorney for Mrs. Pawley says he has no knowledge of such a trust, but that an offer to establish it was made to his client. The interview with Mrs. Pawley tended to substantiate prior information as to Pawley's having made large sums of money in operations in China.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 30, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: William D. Pawley

As you requested in our conversation this afternoon, I have discussed the Pawley situation with Henry Morgenthau. He tells me he is making an exhaustive investigation of the case and will report direct to you on it as soon as possible.

Therefore, pending further word from you, no further action is being taken relative to a diplomatic appointment for Mr. Pawley. I am advising Mr. Hannegan of the situation.

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January 2, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

As you requested in your memorandum of 23 December 1944, I am enclosing a summary of the material available in the War Department concerning Mr. William Pawley. This information was obtained through our Military Intelligence Division and indicates that Mr. Pawley has had a varied and successful career in connection with the aviation industry. His most recent enterprises have been undertaken in the Far East, where he has formed friendships with Dr. T. V. Soong, Dr. H. H. Kung, and General Chiang Kai-shek. Mr. Pawley has apparently had considerable success in dealing with the Chinese.

Harry H. Truman

Secretary of War.

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INFORMATION FROM WAR DEPARTMENT RECORDS CONCERNING WILLIAM D. PAWLEY

1. William Douglas Pawley, 48 years old, is an outstanding example of business foresight and ingenuity. International financier, interested in aircraft production and expansion of air power, he owned China's only airplane factory for seven years and sold China \$30,000,000 worth of planes and service (Source 1). He is personable and likeable, shrewd and thoroughly competent, and operates with the advice of a capable legal staff.
2. Born 7 September 1896 in Florence, South Carolina, the son of Edward and Irene (Wallace) Pawley, he was educated at Stanford Collegiate Institute, Texas, and Gordon Military Academy, Brownsville, Georgia. He married Annie Dobbs of Marietta, Georgia, in 1914 when he was only 18 years old (Source 6).
3. Selling diving suits to Venezuelan pearl divers started Pawley's business career when he was 18. He sold old Haitian ships to the U. S. Government during World War I, drove a milk truck in Wilmington, Delaware, bought and sold land in Florida's real estate boom in the twenties, and sold airfields to Curtis-Wright Flying Service (Source 2).
4. Supersalesmanship and some good luck earned Pawley a fortune in aviation and the title "China Swashbuckler." He became vice-president of a Cuban flying service and sold out to Pan-American at a big profit. In 1932 he became head of a Sperry subsidiary which owned part of China National Aviation Corporation. He sold out to Pan-American again and in doing so formed friendships with China's bankers, T. V. Soong and Dr. H. H. Kung and with General Chiang Kai-shek. He convinced them that China needed its own plane factory, with Pawley to build it and run it. Central Aircraft Manufacturing Company of China was the result (Source 2). He was reported to have made \$1,000,000 in the Chinese aircraft venture (Source 2).
5. He negotiated extensive Chinese contracts for aircraft materials. He is quoted as saying that he would "have all the business (Chinese) or none of it." American airmen accused him of being commercially unethical and bribing Chinese officials but it does not appear that such charges were proved (Source 4). Certainly he learned the Chinese psychology and dealt with them easily under their rules of business.

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6. As President of Central Aircraft Pawley operated successively three plants in China, which the Japs bombed out. He got his machinery and equipment out of Loiving, near the Burma border, ahead of Japanese bombers by truck to a \$3,000,000 plant in Bangalore, Mysore Province, India, which he had persuaded the Indian Government to build in 1940. The Bangalore plant, Hindustan Aircraft, Ltd., assembled Vultees, Curtis-type ships and produced Harlow Trainers. It was taken over by the Indian Government as an overhaul base for allied planes, under Pawley's management. Due to a disagreement Pawley later left the company.

7. The Military Intelligence Division has a record of a military reprimand being given Pawley in August 1942 after he had carried War Department secret documents, entrusted to him, to Cuba and mailed them back to his New York office (Source 7).

8. Pawley's greatest pride is the fact that he is credited with agitating the A.V.G. (Flying Tigers) into existence (Sources 1 and 2).

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3. China to Me (p 177-178) by Emily Hahn (Double day Doran).
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6. Who's Who in Aviation.
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WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 26, 1945

The President
The White House

Dear Mr. President:

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The general impression of Mr. Pawley is that he is a personable, but shrewd, individual of great promotional ability, persuasiveness and charm. He is characterized as a "sharper" with a clever, well paid array of legal talent. His ability to effectively manage and organize the various enterprises he promotes is doubtful. In at least one case -- the Hindustan Aircraft Company which he operated for the Government of India to serve the RAF and the AAF -- he and some of his assistants were requested to surrender management and control. Mr. Pawley was requested to have certain specially qualified key technical personnel remain. They did not remain although the work being performed was necessary to the war effort.

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Respectfully yours,

Henry L. Thompson

Secretary of War.

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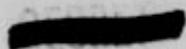
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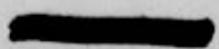
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THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY
WASHINGTON

March 24, 1945

MEMORANDUM TO THE PRESIDENT:

In accordance with your instructions, we have made a check on Mr. William Douglas Pawley's income tax situation, and are in a position to advise you that although his income in recent years has been very large no information available to us indicates that he has not met his tax obligations.

Our examination touched on several other matters not directly connected with taxes, as will be seen from the attached memorandum which you may wish to glance through.

Henry M. Southworth

Attachment





TREASURY DEPARTMENT
TREASURY ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

WASHINGTON
March 21, 1945

TO: Secretary Morgenthau
FROM: Elmer Irely

At your direction, we have made inquiries to determine the character and reputation of Mr. William Douglas Pawley of Miami Beach, Florida, who it is understood is being considered for a position in the Government Service. Mr. Pawley was born in Florence, South Carolina; is 49 years of age; was married to Anne H. Dobbs of Marietta, Georgia on July 25, 1919, and is the father of four children, two sons and two daughters.

From newspaper and periodical files and other sources, it appears that Mr. Pawley's earlier business career was primarily along speculative and promotional lines. He became interested in aviation, and went to Cuba in the late 1920s and remained there until 1932. According to magazine accounts, while in Cuba he sold certain flying fields to Pan American Airways, considerably to his financial advantage; then he went to China about 1933, as a representative of a Sperry subsidiary. He is said to have become closely associated with Chinese bankers and with Generalissimo Chiang Kai-Shek, and among other ventures he engaged in furnishing airplanes and airplane repair services to China. Mr. Pawley has been quoted as stating that he considers himself as "unquestionably one of the prime contributors to Chinese defense", one such contribution being the idea of the now legendary AVG Flying Tigers.

Mr. Pawley's earnings from commissions and salaries in the China-Burma-India theatre have been substantial. He has reported large financial returns from the Intercontinent Corporation; also from the Hindustan Aircraft Ltd. located in the State of Mysore in India for services in its operation. This company is reported to be owned by the Indian Government.

Since 1933 Mr. Pawley has spent much of his time in China and India. His most important business interest in the United States at present seems to be the Miami Beach Railway Company, of which he is said to be the sole owner.

Reference is here made to Mr. Pawley's domestic affairs. The wife to whom he was married in 1919 on August 7, 1944 addressed a communication to the President in which she complained of efforts on the part of Pawley to substitute another person as his wife and to deny her recognition. This letter at the time of its receipt was referred to the Secret Service Division for investigation to determine the mental condition of the writer. Mrs. Pawley disputed the validity of a Cuban divorce which Mr. Pawley had secured and the consequent validity of a subsequent marriage to his secretary, Ann Caidenhead, whom he married in Bangalore, India in 1943. In her letter to the President, Mrs. Pawley pleaded that some official action be taken to establish her standing as the lawful wife of Pawley, not only in her own interest but those of her children. She addressed the President as Commander-in-Chief and referred to the fact that her eldest son, William Douglas Pawley, Jr., is with the India-China Wing of the Army Transport Command and that her second son, Clifton D. Pawley, is a United States Naval Reserve V-5 student at the University of Miami, Coral Gables. It was the conclusion of the agents that Mrs. Pawley was sane but was under severe mental strain.

In the course of the investigation the first Mrs. Pawley and her attorney stated to the agents that in 1942 Pawley had offered her a settlement of \$250,000 to grant him a divorce, which was refused. Following this, Mr. Pawley went to Cuba and there took steps to secure the desired divorce. Inquiry in Havana and a review of the entire record of the divorce proceedings show that all Cuban legal requirements were met. Mr. Pawley had established his residence of thirty days, retained reputable counsel, filed the required complaint in the suit for divorce, and Mrs. Pawley was served in Florida by proper authorities with notice of the suit and was afforded an opportunity to appear to defend

the action. She did not appear and the divorce was granted in due course.

It is not possible to say definitely what the attitude of the Courts of the United States may be with respect to such a divorce; however, there has been nothing developed in this inquiry to prove that the divorce was not valid. As stated by the complainant, Mr. Pawley married his former secretary, Miss Ann Caidenhead, in Bangalore, India, and is now living with her in Miami, Florida. He seems to have made substantial money provision for the support of his first wife and minor children.

As a result of routine blocking of funds of persons residing in China, the Foreign Funds Control Division of the Treasury Department blocked Mr. Pawley's accounts in June 1943. In connection with such blocking, Mr. Pawley was reported as the sole owner of certain United States corporations concerning which the following information was submitted:

1. The Intercontinent Corporation, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York. This company is engaged in procuring aircraft and parts in the United States for sale to the Chinese Government. It had assets totaling \$1,345,799 as of December 31, 1942.

2. The Intercontinent Corporation, Federal Inc., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York, U. S. A., was organized in the District of Columbia under the China Trade Act of 1922. It is inactive as a result of the war. The only asset of this company in the United States is a deposit in the Commercial National Bank & Trust Company, New York, New York, amounting to \$21,392.

3. The LeJeune Addition, 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York. This company is engaged in the real estate business in Miami Beach, Florida. It reported assets totaling \$19,158 as of June 10, 1943.

4. Pan American Lumber and Supply Company, Inc.,
30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York. This company
is engaged in the real estate business. It reported
assets of \$131,997 as of June 25, 1943.

5. Central Aircraft Manufacturing Company, Federal Inc.,
U. S. A., 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York, New York.
This company was engaged in assembling and servicing
aircraft in China for the Chinese Government until
capture of its plant in China by the Japanese. It is
inactive and has no assets in the United States.

6. Miami Beach Railway Company, Miami Beach, Florida.
This company operates a bus line in Miami Beach and had
assets of \$403,832 as of June 17, 1943.

Assets in Mr. Pawley's name totaling \$493,576 as of
June 1943 were reported by The Commercial National Bank
and Trust Company, New York, Chase National Bank, New York,
and the First National Bank of Miami.

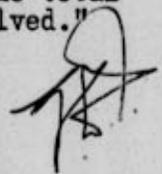
Information is not available to indicate the manner
in which Mr. Pawley's large foreign income was made.
We asked Army officials in Washington to obtain through
their representatives in China and India any information
which might be at hand to determine the method by which
such income was derived. We have been advised since this
request was made that the War Department is itself making
a similar inquiry and that the Secretary of War intends to
report his findings to the President. We have therefore
discontinued any effort to secure this data.

Prior to the request for this investigation Pawley's
name had been reported to the Treasury Department as of
interest in income tax matters as an American citizen who
had in recent years amassed a large fortune in the
China-Burma-India war theatre.

The tax returns of Mr. Pawley for the years 1938 to 1943, inclusive, show the receipt by him of domestic net income in the amounts of \$9600 in 1938; \$11,000 in 1939; \$26,000 in 1940; \$79,000 in 1941; \$55,000 in 1942, and \$105,000 in 1943.

In response to a request which I made of his attorney, Mr. Pawley on March 10, 1945, submitted a schedule purporting to show his total income both "taxable and reported" as well as "non-taxable and not reported", by years, from 1934 to 1944, inclusive. This schedule shows total income of \$3,879,930.60 for the eleven year period, of which \$927,834.94 was reported as taxable with taxes paid thereon amounting to \$386,281.09, and income of \$2,952,095.66 claimed to be non-taxable and not reported for United States tax purposes. (Of the total income from all sources, \$3,289,014.33 was received by Mr. Pawley in the last four calendar years.) Principal foreign sources of revenue reported by Mr. Pawley were from the Intercontinent Corporation, from Hindustan Aircraft, Ltd., and commissions from Sperry on sales. Whether any or all of the foreign income is taxable can only be determined by thorough protracted investigation. Mr. Pawley has apparently been advised by competent tax lawyers. It is the purpose to make such investigation as may be possible through whatever sources are available to us, to determine the facts with respect to his income in China and India.

The statement of income submitted by Mr. Pawley and his returns for the last six tax years were referred to the General Counsel's Office for consideration. In a memorandum addressed to me of today's date, Mr. O'Connell states that: "While the magnitude of the taxpayer's income for late years does suggest that a further routine examination should be made, nothing now available indicates that the returns are irregular, and it therefore appears that the tax which has been paid represents the total liability of the taxpayer for the period involved."



PSF "P" ^{fill} ^{max} ⁵⁰ Riverside Drive
New York Sept. 12th 1905 (2)

My dear Mr. President

Since I received
your letter of August
the 26th I have been con-
fined to my room by
illness for the greater
part of the time, this
has delayed my answer
ing for which I beg
your forgiveness.

I am more disturbed
than ever over the situ-
ation in which you
and Ferdinand are
so deeply interested. He
has added his voice
to yours and at times
I feel quite overcome
by it all. I am tri-

ing so hard to be unselfish and
yet I fear I am not succeeding. My
health instead of improving during
the summer, has grown appreciably
worse and I need Terdyard at least
for the next few months more than
I am able apparently to have him rea-
lize; that is why I address my ap-
peal to you to spare me the re-
sponsibility in the making of this
thing of a decision which I would
so cheerfully make under ordinary
circumstances. But the conditions
surrounding me now, are so un-
usual and bewildered and light-
end by my seeming helplessness,
I know that I am making Terdyard
unhappy and I seem incapable
of having him comprehend which
adds to my distress all the more.
Won't you please try to understand
me dear Mr. President and accord
to me the relief which I desperately
need, by not calling on Terdyard
at this time. And I pray fervent-
ly that you will not deem me
captious or unreasonable for
I assure you with all my heart
I don't mean to be. I shall

ever be grateful to you
for your gracious indul-
gence which I am
seeking.

Respectfully yours
Theresa Louise Perna

The Honorable
Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York

Typed
Copy of FDR's
letter to Mrs.
Pecora (n.d.)
with hand written
memo signed
F.F. (n.d.)

to Mrs. Kahan
for Frankfurt file
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A letter from President Roosevelt to Mrs. Pecora

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 26 1935

Dear Mrs. Pecora

For months one of my greatest headaches
has been to find a chief counsel for the
A. I. C. investigation ordered by the
Senate - This very important inquiry
raises grave problems of truly national
concern - and the chief counsel must possess
an unusual combination of rare qualities

Naturally your husband was my immediate
choice in view of his tried experience &
republican habits - But I put the thought
of him out of my mind for the great
public service he had already rendered

entitled him to immunity from being
drafted so soon again. Not till
I had exhausted every other possibility
of finding that rare combination of
moral qualities did I feel warranted
in asking you - and therefore you -

to make the sacrifice involved in
his undertaking this important task

But I have exhausted all other
possibilities - The public interest
leaves me no alternative so I have
appealed to you & I know he will
not fail me -

It is not easy to ask all this of you
- of you - But to counsel it is really
an imperative call - to take off my
shoulders a burden that he alone can
carry for me -

I know the high sense of public
duty that moves both of you
& it is to that that I confidently
appeal

Faithfully yours
Franklin Roosevelt

... to find a Chief Counsel for the
A.T. & T. Co. investigation ordered by the
Senate - This very important inquiry
raises grave problems of truly national
concern - and the Chief Counsel must possess
an unusual combination of rare qualities
Naturally, your husband was my immediate
choice in view of his tried experience and
superb talents - But I put the thought
of him out of my mind, for the great
public service he had already rendered

unusual qualities did I feel warranted
in asking Ferd - and therefore you -
to make the sacrifice involved in
his undertaking this important task
But I have exhausted all other
possibilities - The public interest
leaves me no alternative - So I have
appealed to Ferd and I know he will
not fail me -

copy for me -
I know the high sense of public
devotion that moves both of you
and it is to that that I confidently
appeal
Faithfully yours
Franklin Roosevelt



Dear Mrs. Pecora . . . For months, one of my greatest burdens has been to find a Chief Counsel for the
A. T. & T. Co. investigation ordered by the Senate. This very important inquiry raises grave problems of truly national
concern, and the Chief Counsel must possess an unusual combination of rare qualities . . . Naturally, your husband
was my immediate choice in view of his tried experience and superb talents. . . But I put the thought of him out
of my mind for the great public service he had already rendered entitled him to immunity from being drafted so
soon again. Not till I had exhausted every other possibility of finding that rare combination of unusual qualities did
I feel warranted in asking Ferd—and therefore you—to make the sacrifice involved in his undertaking this important
task . . . But I have exhausted all other possibilities. The public interest leaves me no alternative. So I have appealed
to Ferd and I know he will not fail me. It is not easy to ask all this of Ferd and of you. But be assured it is really an
imperative call—to take off my shoulders a burden that he alone can carry for me. . . I know the high sense of
public devotion that moves both of you and it is to that that I confidently appeal . . . Faithfully yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

We feel that this letter commends
itself to the voters of New York City

Liberal Party

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 17, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MR. FRANK RICHARDS
FEDERAL HOUSING ADMINISTRATION

Dear Frank:

I dislike to bother the Commissioner with the enclosed, but I would appreciate it very much if you would refer this matter to the proper person and let me know what I can say in reply to Howard Pennington, who is one of our chauffeurs at the White House.

It has been a long time since I have seen you. It was nice to get a glimpse of Helen and her Mother when they came in a few months ago.

Many thanks and kindest regards.

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Enclosure.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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Sen. Connors
P.*

August 19, 1935.

MEMORANDUM FOR

HON. JAMES TOWNSEND

Please write me, very confidentially, and send the letter addressed to Miss Le Hand at the White House, in regard to the following:

Do I understand that a man named JOSEPH PETERS, from Poughkeepsie, has a \$7,500 job in Albany in the Federal Housing Administration? Did you recommend him? Is he qualified? If the answers to these questions are in the negative, why is this not a good Dutchess County place for

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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someone whom we recommend and who
is qualified?

F. D. R.



DEMOCRATIC VETERANS ASSOCIATION
OF DUTCHESS COUNTY

Affiliated with
The Democratic Union
The Democratic State Committee
POUGHKEEPSIE, NEW YORK

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file

July 8th, 1935.

My dear Miss Le Hand:

Your letter to me of June 20th has been un-
answered until now, because I was determined to answer it correctly.

You may recall that you asked me to name the
man here in Poughkeepsie that received the \$7,000 job;

One cannot repeat small town gossip to one's
President, and as it would be quite possible for any local man to
receive a \$4,000 job, and after he has departed for Albany, to have
that figure grow in the telling until, in a few weeks, the man had
a \$7,000 job-in the minds of the disgruntled exaggerators. So altho
I have heard the figure from eight different people, (The "7") and
allowing for the possibility of one of his immediate family being
mistaken in telling a neighbor on the same street, I have the facts
stated here from Mr. Hamilton, Secretary for Mr. Townsend, our present
County Chairman, and from Mr. Mylod, of the Board of Public Works.

The man's name is Joseph Peters, of Worrell Avenue,
this City: His appointment is said to be Assistant Administrator,
Federal Housing Administration, Albany District; Salary, \$7,500.

I was much encouraged to read in your letter that
the President is keeping me in mind regarding an appointment, espec-
ially since I have learned of the National Theatre movement.

I have played over two hundred and fifty parts on
the professional stage: have directed half a hundred plays in this
and foreign countries, and have piloted many companies on tour here
and in Canada and the British West Indies: Am the author of several
dramas that have been produced-("Central Park West"-now owned by
The Blaney Play Company--"The Medicine Man"-(Co-National Play Co.)
and others, and have written and played in a number of two-reel
talking pictures; I am a member of the Author's League of America,
and the Actor's Equity Association. If appointments for the National
Theatre require experienced showmen, I am certain I could be of real
service. And such an appointment would be approved locally because I
feel sure that I am the only actor-director of twenty years experience
in Dutchess County.

If an interview could be arranged with the proper
authority, I should be very gratefull.

Sincerely yours, *Thomas J. McElhany*

7 Academy Street.

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TELEGRAM

HIS EXCELLENCY
CHARLES POLLETTI
GOVERNOR OF NEW YORK
EXECUTIVE MANSION
ALBANY
NEW YORK

December 2, 1942

I wish you were to be in the Executive Mansion for
208 weeks instead of four. All good luck.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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Sen. Curran.

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My dear Mr. President

I feel I
must thank
you again
for seeing
us Friday, it
was a great
happiness and

privilege & both
you & I
shall always
remember it,
for the first
time in three
months a load
was lifted from
my heart & I
now feel secure
that Jacks two

last monuments
will remain
his for all time.
I feel he
joins me in
my deep and
affectionate Gratitude
Always
Sadie Pope

NOTES DICTATED BY MRS. HAROLD IRVING PRATT
March 13, 1941

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The furniture in the Green Room was put in at the time of the Coolidge Administration. The candelabra are English Regency made in England at the time of the Monroe Administration. The chandelier was made in Ireland during the reign of George II at the Waterford factories.

One night I was dining with Langdon Marvin. I was sitting next to Herbert Strauss whom I had known on the Fine Arts Advisory Committee at the Fogg Art Museum at Harvard. He said, "What are you up to now?" I said that I would tell him a great secret--that my husband was letting me buy furniture for the Green Room in the White House, and he said (this the President won't enjoy so much), "You know, I am the only republican in the Strauss family; I would like to help." I said, "You can and to a very great extent if you are willing to," and I told him about the Waterford chandelier which Mr. William Adams Delano had sent me and said, "Will you buy it?" and at that time I didn't have \$5,000 left in the fund, so I asked Mr. Herbert Strauss whether he would like to and he said he would. By the time it got over, Mr. Hoover was in the White House and (this is very much of a secret) we almost had to chloroform Mrs. Hoover in order to get it in she objected to it to such an extent. It is one of the few genuine Waterford chandeliers in this country.

Confidential

The console table in the hall was one of the few things saved when the British burned the White House. It was formerly between the windows in the Green Room and was transferred to the hall during the Coolidge Administration. There were still marks of the smoke on it. There is a little table in a store-room that was saved too.

Æ.B.H.

To President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the U.S.

44-44
316 Descanso Drive,
Los Angeles, Calif.
New Year's Eve, 1944.

PSF

Dear Friend and old Neighbor,

Out of respect, and your high office, I should address you differently, I deem, but since having grown up in Hyde Park and knowing you so intimately, and your good wife, who was always Franklin D. and Eleanor, I want to, today feel as close to you both as I was those far off days, long ago. Daughter Inez too, has now grown and is a beautiful woman of forty years. Wonder if you remember the days that she travelled down to road, and to the house, in the care of St. James, church or chapel for some cause or other?

This is a very personal letter, and I hope that it might reach you and a moment of your busy time, to say a Happy New Years to you both. Wife and you. God bless you both.

Today I received a beautifully framed large picture of you from Hyde Park, or it came from or who the sender was I know not? No name enclosed. This day finds me quite a few years older and my eyesight almost gone but next week I enter the hospital for an operation to have my sight restored. I am writing by machine as I know the touch system as well as I still know my piano and play as I used to when I was teaching piano and voice in Hyde Park, so long ago.

My good husband Mr. Prull (with whom I went to visit Mrs. Roosevelt - Eleanor, when she was here at the Biltmore some few years ago) has passed on to his rest. God took him in his sleep as I watched beside his bed some few years ago, and I have thanked God so many times, as his health was so poor for years and he is away from all of this chaos and confusion. He too as well as I loved you both very much. I have all of your letters, written as through the first campaign, when we worked for you so hard to win, and thank God that you did. May he give you the strength to carry us and the world on to victory. That is what he (God put here on earth for). I will not allow this letter to be lengthy as I so well understand your busy life.

I only want you to know that here in Calif, so far away from you, I am still remembering, all of the old days back home there in Hyde Park and will some day, probably next year if God permits, that I shall return to Hyde Park and Washington and so want to see you just for a few precious minutes, again before our journey on this life is finished, and we go to our reward.

Best of everything to you both, and family. I remember Anna and Jimmy only as in the days of Easter year when they were the only two, with you, sitting in the front seats, at St. James, while I sang solos to you up in the choir loft. As well your mother and father. Dear folks, how we all loved them too. No more now, and may I have just one more personal note from you, in a tiny spare moment please do, I shall cherish it so.

Love kindly and love to you both,

An old acquaintance and friend,

Hattie L. Prull.

316 Descanso Drive,

Los Angeles 28,

Calif.

San Bennett
16.1.1944

3218 Descaneco Drive.
Los Angeles 28.
California.



President, Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Washington,

D.C.

Executive Mansion.

Pennsylvania Ave.

Personal Mail Kindly.

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ROGER L. PUTNAM
MAYOR

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CITY OF
SPRINGFIELD
MASSACHUSETTS

October 18, 1938.

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

Dear Mr. President:-

Thank you very much for the copy of
the letter to Senator Lodge. Of course I shall
keep it in confidence but it is a splendid
piece of work.

I delivered your message to Owen
Johnson. He was delighted with it and I am sure
will find a good way to use it.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, which appears to read "Roger L. Putnam". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned below the typed name "Yours very truly,".

Mayor.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 14, 1938.

MEMORANDUM FOR
THE MAYOR OF SPRINGFIELD

I am sending to you, in confidence, a copy of the letter which I have written to Senator Lodge.

F. D. R.