

PSF Rev. Endicott Peabody

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My dear Franklin:

Thank you so much for sending me word concerning the Selective Service Act. The play seemed to me so useful in being likely to brighten the patriotism of some of our fellow citizens that I ventured to send my letter to you. It was good of you to give it so much attention.

Affectionately yours,

Truman Peabody

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~~Gen. Louis P.~~

4-43

March 8, 1943.

Dear Mr. Peabody:-

We were all distressed not to have you at the Service on March fourth. We held it in the East Room because it looked like an old-fashioned blizzard the day before.

I am distressed, too, at your encounter with the leg of the chair and I do hope you will take care of yourself and that the shoulder will soon be in working order. Tell Mrs. Peabody that Winston Churchill during his recent illness was described as "the world's worst patient" and that I hope you will not try to emulate him!

Affectionately,

Mrs. Endicott Peabody,
Groton School,
Groton,
Massachusetts.



March 1, 1943

My dear Franklin,

I am greatly disappointed at being obliged to give up the privilege of joining with you in the Anniversary Service on Thursday. On Friday the leg of a chair got in my way and tackled me so fiercely that I suffered what the bone people call an "impacted fracture". There seemed to be a chance that I might be able to keep the engagement in spite of the accident, but this morning it is clear that I ought not to attempt to come to you on Thursday.

It is my right shoulder which is affected and I am hopelessly useless with my right side only in working order.

I am sad at heart for I wanted to be with you at this important moment in your life and I was eager to tell you personally how constantly I rejoice in the splendid service which you are each day rendering to this country of ours and to the world.

Mrs. Peabody joins me in sending to you and Eleanor our love and our hope that many years of happy service lie ahead of both of you.

Affectionately,
Wm

Endicott Peabody

The President

Groton, Massachusetts

March 1, 1943

Mr. William D. Hassett
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Hassett,

As I have just telegraphed to you, I am obliged to give up the privilege of taking part in the Anniversary Service to be held at St. John's Church on the 4th of March. Last Friday I was unfortunate, I may say stupid enough, to slip on the floor in my class-room and to involve myself in what the surgeon calls an impacted fracture. For a day I hoped that I might be allowed to keep the engagement to which I have been looking forward with keen anticipation. The condition of the injured member, however, is such that it seems inevitable that one should abandon this hope.

I trust that my falling down may not cause you any serious inconvenience.

Sincerely yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

P. S. I am enclosing with this, a note for the President, which perhaps you will be kind enough to hand to him. I am obliged to address him in typewriting inasmuch as my right hand is spoiled, I trust temporarily, for writing with my own pen.

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Don Conroy "P"
4-44

May 29, 1944.

Dear Mr. Peabody:-

Your letter came when I was still in the South and I sent it to the Joint Chiefs of Staff because I wanted their advice on making a statement which would have included a suggestion that prayers be offered individually and collectively.

Strictly between ourselves, what I thought was a pretty good statement was written by me but in England the Prime Minister and Cabinet and Chiefs of Staff thought no statement should be issued at all. I think they do not want to magnify the importance of the operation.

Also, strictly between ourselves, I asked Stalin what he thought of a statement on the purely military end and he also disagreed.

Therefore, I rather reluctantly came to the conclusion to say nothing at all!

Affectionately,

Reverend Endicott Peabody, D.D.,
Groton School,
Groton,
Massachusetts.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 3, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

What do you think?

E. R.

Joint Chiefs of Staff
recommend no statement
at time of invasion
W.D.L.

April 28.44



My dear Franklin,

The suggestion has been made in different parts of the Country that as the news of the Invasion is broadcast we should be asked to say our prayers individually & collectively in the churches & places of worship throughout the nation.

It has been deemed appeal to you & if you could speak to the people at the critical moment it would mean an increased appreciation of the object for which we are giving ourselves & a deepening of our spiritual life.

It would be another of the great services which have been rendered under your leadership.

I do hope that the Saturn Sea is bringing you back to perfect health.

With love from both of us,

I am, affectionately Yours,
Eudisco Bator

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My dear Franklin,

Although this may never reach your eye
I want to record Mr Peabody's joy & mine
in the Election which makes you again our
President with an ever fresh opportunity than
has come to any of our predecessors.

We feel a new confidence for the future of
the Nation & of the World.

May God give you strength & wisdom to
fulfill the great responsibility which has
been laid upon you.

With love for you both from both of us

I am,

affectionately yours,

Frederick Peabody

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT AND MRS F D ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WANT TO SEND YOU MYSELF THE SAD NEWS OF THE RECTORS SUDDEN

DEATH THIS AFTERNOON NO PREVIOUS ILLNESS

FANNIE PEABODY.

STANDARD FORM No. 14A
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1926

TELEGRAM

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The White House
Washington

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November 18, 1944.

MRS. ENDICOTT PEABODY
GROTON SCHOOL
GROTON, MASS.

I am, of course, deeply distressed and the news has come as a real shock. Eleanor sends her love with mine. The whole tone of things is going to be a bit different from now on, for I have leaned on the Rector in all these many years far more than most people know. You will understand this. We are thinking of you. My love and sympathy to all the children.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

but it would have
warmed his heart and
given him new strength,
and as you so beautifully
expressed it, I do understand.

We can indeed rejoice
that he walked out of
life strong and well,
and active to the last
minute.

I shall ever cease to be
grateful to you for your
love and devotion to us
both.

I want you to know

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BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS

lv. 30.

Dear Franklin and Eleanor -

I cannot possibly tell
you what your splendid
telegram meant to me.
You could not have
chosen a word to make it
a more lovely tribute to the
Rector.

It would have been
hard for him to appreciate
all that you said he
had meant to you -

that one of the last
things he said to
Mr. Acland (whom he
was driving to the
station -) was —

"You know there is no
doubt but that Franklin
Roosevelt is a very
religious man."

always affectionately yours.

Fannie Peabody.

He is writing the first
volume — as my eyes, lately
opened you (and

betler) will not allow
me to do it myself.



To the
President of the United States + Mrs. Roosevelt.
The White House.
Washington,
D.C.



Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

The White House

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PERSONAL
Acorn Hill
Westwood
Massachusetts

Nov. 22, 1944

Dear Frank: -

Last Monday I went to Groton to the Rector's funeral and could not help but think of you, for I have long realized how close to the Rector you have been, particularly during your years as President, and I knew how much you would have liked to be there. The day was cloudy and chilly, but there was a good turn out of graduates present in spite of travel prohibitions, etc., so much so the seats in the Chapel were taken out and the Congregation stood while the boys in the School sat outside listening to the Service through loud speakers. The Chapel was filled. Although Mrs. Peabody had only been out of the hospital a short time where she has had a successful operation on both eyes, she was present and looked just as pretty as usual.

I think the Rector's personality had a very profound influence on the life of every man who graduated from Groton. We were lucky individuals to have had the opportunity going to Groton under the leadership of the Rector and the Madam, two wonderful characters.

This is just a personal note and please do not think of acknowledging it. Here's hoping we can again meet at the School some day soon and reminisce.

Affectionately,

(Signed) JIM JACKSON

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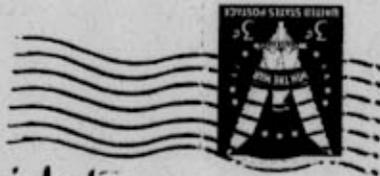
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Affectionately

Jim Jackson



The President

The White House

Washington

D. C.

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~~Gen Cases "P"~~ 4-44

December 22, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Peabody:

I have had collected for you
clippings about Mr. Peabody from various
papers throughout the country which I
thought you might like to have and perhaps
would not see.

We shall be thinking of you and
the family, especially at this Season.

Affectionately,

Mrs. Endicott Peabody,
Groton,
Massachusetts.

Enclosures.

**THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON**

MISS TOLLY

Dear Grace:

Kayee Blackburn sent these
clippings over to me with the
thought that perhaps the President
or Mrs. Roosevelt would like to send
to Mrs. Peabody. Mrs. Roosevelt
thought the President would like
to send them to her.

M.C.T.

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GROTON MASSACHUSETTS

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My dear Franklin:

I cannot thank you enough for your wonderful thoughtfulness in sending me those newspaper articles. I found myself reaching out, to know in what States he had been known. Your thought has answered my question and I am indeed grateful.

Excuse my handwriting - my eye operation has reduced me to this! My letters from the "School Family" are wonderful - beautiful. They all loved him so deeply.

My love to dear Eleanor.

Affectionately always -

Yours FANNIE PEABODY

reduced me to this!
My letters from the
"School Family" were
wonderful - & beautiful.
They all loved them
so deeply.
My love to dear Elvira.

Affectionately
Always -

Yours Sammie Leabody.

BOSTON MASSACHUSETTS Dec 29th
[1944]

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you enough for your
wonderful thoughtfulness
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