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,

[Signature]
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,

Mr. 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,

[Signature]
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,

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.
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
April 28, 1944

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 and collectively in the churches offering worship throughout the nation.

It has been deemed essential to give such an appeal 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 awash of the great services which have been rendered under your leadership.

I do hope that the Sabbath rest is bringing you both to perfect health.

With love from both of us,

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
Nov. 9. 44

My dear Franklin,

Although this may never reach your eye, I want to record my heartfelt joy at your victory in the election which makes you again an President with such great opportunity. This has come to care of your administration.

We feel a new confidence for the future of the Nation and 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 your

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]
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 PEA BODY.
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
warned his heart and
given him new strength,
and so you so beautifully
expressed it. Do understand.

We can indeed rejoice
that he walked out of
life strong and well,
and active to the last
winter.
I hope you can be
grateful to him if you
love and devotion to me.

I want you to know

Dear Franklin and Eleanor,

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

It would have been
hard for him to appreciate
all that you said for
and meant to you —

PSF: Peabody, Massachusetts

Nov. 30.
that one of the best things he said to me. Alas! (whom he was driving to the station.) I was—
"You know there is no doubt but that Franklin Roosevelt is a very religious man!"

Always affectionately yours,

Jennie Peabody

Believe it or not, this is as my eyes, lately opened from (and
To the
President of the United States, Mr. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington,
D.C.
Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Personal
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 that 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

Nov. 22, 1944
Dear Frank:

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[Signature]
The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.
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 TULLY

Dear Grace:

Kaysee 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.
GROTON MASSACHUSETTS
Dec. 29th 1

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
Dear Frank,

My letters from the "schmuck family" were wonderful - I am so deeply grateful. I cannot thank you enough for your wonderful Christmas present in sending me these newspaper articles. I found myself reading out to know in what state he had been known — your thought has been so kind.

With all my love and appreciation,

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]