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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 28, 1943

MEMORANDUM FOR

H. R. H. THE CROWN PRINCESS OF NORWAY

I thought you might like
to have the attached information.

GRACE G. TULLY
Private Secretary

Enclosure

Certification signed by H. B. Waddell, Col. G. S. C. written on stationery of the Legation of the United States of America, Office of the Military Attache, Stockholm Sweden 12/15/42 that he this date turned over to Ryttmästare C. Lowenhielm, Chamberlain to H. R. H. Princess Ingeborg, a package addressed to the Princess from the White House. Said package was turned over to him for delivery by Coll. A. McChrystal in London 12/12/42

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
DIVISION OF PROTOCOL

Mother of Martha, Crown Princess of Norway
Sister-in-law of King of Sweden
Sister of King of Denmark

Her Royal Highness
Princess Ingeborg,
Royal Palace,
Stockholm, Sweden.

*For Miss Fuller
Put in Norwegian
file*

^{P5F} Norway - 1943 Feb. 16. 1943
England.



Dear Mr. Roosevelt

As my Minister of
Foreign Affairs is leaving
for the States I want to
take the opportunity
of sending you
my greetings at the
same time. Your meeting
with the King at
Casablanca was a great
surprise and it gave
us a proof that united
the forces of the Allies

integrity is as good as
I feared it was. The
business are doing
wonderfully well they
may be able to keep the
pilots on the ground
all the time and give
them so that I see there
is discussion in the papers
here as to airlines in the
future. The Allies ought
not to let any pilot
hereafter have any thing
do with air they have
used that invention
and as we don't want
any repetition of these

Two last words staged by
his many. Because
they  must be allowed
to have airlines but they
must all be run by our
international company
and we have to see that
no person ever can fly
but only on the ground,
as that is the only way we
can be sure they don't
prepare for our other war.

✓ Just you are, well
and not overworked

✓ I fear you are over-
worked, by all the extra
work that are piled on

your shoulder.

With kind regards
to Mr. Roosevelt and
yourself remain
Yours very sincerely

Walter B.

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March 3, 1943

My dear Mr. President:

I have received today from the British Embassy a copy of a telegram they have received from the British Foreign Office with regard to the visit to Washington of the Norwegian Foreign Minister, Mr. ^{Tony} Lie.

The telegram in question relates specifically to the desire of the Norwegian Government that Crown Prince Olav be appointed nominal Commander-in-Chief of the Allied forces in the event of an Allied landing in Norway.

Will you let me know if you wish me to express any views on this matter to the British Government.

Believe me

Faithfully yours,

SUMNER WELLES

The President,
The White House.

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For Memorandum, George T. Summerlin to Edwin Watson - see OF 123

March 10, 1943

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10, PALACE GREEN,

W.8.

July 4th 1943

My dear Mr. President

Allow me first on the 4th of July bring you my sincerest best wishes. Today the message of 4th of July and what it stands for, for the people of the United States, is an inspiration and a hope for the speedy deliverance of all oppressed people in every occupied country, and it gives us all an extra impulse to continue our labours and not to tire or slacken before some of it at least has been achieved

and resurrected upon the much tried
and troubled soil of Europe.

I also want to thank you as
sincerely and warmly as I can for
all the kindness you again have
shown me during my last stay
with my family in Washington
and for your never failing friend-
ship and kindness towards them
and myself, commemorating in
wishing me luck on my birthday
and letting me have the joy of
speaking to them that day.

My return journey was most
pleasant thanks to the kind hospitality
shown by your officers on the plane
and later by rail to London.

I am glad to say that I found
my father very well and in good

spirits. I have been kept quite busy in various ways since I came back here.

I have also had the pleasure of seeing some of our various armed units. The air-men have shown some very fine performances in the last weeks.

The news has also reached us of the first two planes for the North Sea transport Scotland - Sweden which have duly arrived in Canada, please tell me thank you for what you have done for us also on this enterprise.

The war seems to be going well on all fronts for the moment.

The new flare up of activity in the Pacific is most happy.

I wonder what you have decided

to do in Europe. Somehow I feel you will have to go in both from the South and South East and possibly also from the North. I still feel that the northern route is the shortest to Berlin.

Through Norway and Sweden to the Baltic shores of Germany, and from there along the plane to the heart of Germany. From France and the low countries you always will have to face your entry into Germany over the Siegfried line, and in part also through or round the Maginot line, which may be very costly.

Germany cannot be too happy now with all the bombing and unrest and the spirit of revolt growing every day in all occupied countries.

All this is very hopeful and full of promise, but there is the

other side of the picture, viz the food-
situation in all occupied countries. I know from reports in Norway that the situation is getting rather more difficult from week to week and that there are certain signs showing general undernourishment, which may become serious.

10, PALACE GREEN,
W.8.

We are told of no complaints from the people, everyone knows why things are bad, and going from bad to worse, but we who are outside feel that it is up to us to do every thing in our power to try to help them.

We all know, both inside and outside Norway that the only

real help, and the only thing that really helps is victory and that anything that takes away any energy or resources from this main object and even may the day with only a few hours are wasted.

Let me, sir, renew my thanks for all your great kindness towards my family and myself, I remain, sir, with my best regards, yours most sincerely and gratefully

Blair

The President of the United States

The White House

Washington D.C.

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NLT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

WHITE HOUSE

VERY MANY THANKS FOR YOUR KIND GREETINGS TO MY BIRTHDAY AND
FOR YOUR KIND WORDS OF HOPE FOR THE SPEEDY LIBERATION OF
NORWAY STOP I BELIEVE WE ARE ENTITLED TO LOOK FORWARD TO
COMPLETE VICTORY AND TO THE REALIZATION OF OUR SINCERE WISHES
FOR THE FUTURE HAPPINESS AND PROSPERITY OF ALL THE UNITED
NATIONS

HAAKON R.

August 4, 1943 .

Respectfully referred for
the files of the Department of
State.

M. H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

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Transmitting copy of cable which the President received from
Haakon R, London, 8/4/43, thanking for birthday greetings.
Original retained for our files.

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September 28, 1943.

Dear Olav:

It was good to get your letter at Hyde Park the other day. As you know, Marthe and the children were there for nearly a week and I brought them all back to Pook's Hill last Saturday. They are all very well except for the tragedy of the death of the nurse and Marthe was very tired when she came. However, she has been well rested and now has a maid temporarily to help look after the children.

The latter all go to school next Wednesday and Harald seems quite enthusiastic at the idea.

I have been much distressed over the great anxiety which Mrs. Ostgaard has over her boy in Spitzbergen. I do hope it will turn out that the garrison there was able to escape into the mountains, but the news does not seem good. In other ways, however, things seem to be going well in all the theatres of war. I hope that the rumors of sabotage in the German Fleet are true.

Give my warm regards to your father.

Always sincerely,

H.R.H.
The Crown Prince of Norway.

J. Hon A G D Biddle
American Embassy
London, England

England
September 12th 1943



My dear Mr. President

I feel I must write and congratulate you on the achievement of the unconditional surrender of the Italian Armed Forces. It is indeed a great victory, the moral effect of which can not be too highly valued. Today Sunday it is difficult to see what the immediate outcome will be of the German countermeasures, but the total situation in South and SouthEast Europe has inevitably changed to the better. The mere fact that Italy now must range as an occupied country and not as an ally must give the Germans a great deal of trouble apart from the fact that troops on our side are actually landed and fighting on European soil proper. With this fine development we also get the good news from the Far East and from the Russian front. Hitler's headaches are growing steadily

The German raid on Spitzbergen has been a
blow to us as nearly the whole garrison up there
was Norwegian, but coming as it does in these
days of general success it is of no consequence
in the big picture.

It must have been a great moment for you
and Mr. Churchill personally when you received
the good news. I feel also a great feeling of
gratitude to the Almighty God who has allowed
me and us all to see this development, and it has
even more strengthened me in my faith that
final and complete victory will be ours provided
we continue to do our duty and remain faithful
to our great cause of freedom for mankind.

I must again thank you for all the great
kindness you have shown Martha and the children,
they have told me of some of the things they have
been doing lately.

With my renewed congratulations on your great
achievements, and with my best regards to
yourself, Sir, I remain most sincerely and
gratefully yours

Olaf

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The White House
Washington

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THE PRESIDENT THE WHITE HOUSE

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WE SEND YOU SIR AND MRS ROOSEVELT OUR MOST HEARTFELT THANKS
FOR KIND CHRISTMAS GREETINGS AND LOVELY PRESENTS BEST
REGARDS.

OLAV MAERTHA RAGNHILD ASTRID HARALD.

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January 18, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

GENERAL EISENHOWER

I enclose a note from The Crown Prince of Norway. I wish you would talk with the British about this and let me know what you think I should say. I think that the plans are ready for a small occupation force to go to Norway, but this is based on a complete evacuation of the country by the Germans. I do not think the Combined Staffs have made any plans for a partial evacuation of Norway -- the northern part -- but a continued occupation of Oslo and the southern part. I think we ought to have some plans in case the Germans should evacuate Northern Norway.

It was grand to see you the other day. All the good luck in the world.

F. D. R.

(Enclosure)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 23, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR
THE STATE DEPARTMENT

To go in the first pouch.

F. D. R.

Enclosure

Envelope addressed to "His Majesty the King of Norway, c/o The Royal Norwegian Embassy, 10 Palace Green, London W 8."
(from the Crown Princess)

Norway - 1944

Pook's Hill
Rockville Pike
March 4th 1944

Dear Mr. President

Thank you so much for inviting us all to be present at the service today we all enjoyed it very much indeed.

On our way back from the White House I was asked to go to the Norwegian Embassy to talk with an American officer connected with the U. S. AAF. whom I had been in touch with just before leaving for the South in connection with a crew plan for getting men out of Sweden for air-training and for the merchant navy.

I do not know if you know of the plans? They are shortly as follows: Six U. S. Fortresses should be used as traffic planes to go to Sweden

and take out essential air-personnel
for training in Canada, and gen.
Spraats was willing to keep these
planes employed on the job
till all were brought out of
Sweden or till said aircraft
could be otherwise employed.

I understand every thing was
ready to shoot, when the British
stepped in and said no. They could
not allow such transport without
an official diplomatic demand
from the U.S. Apparently the
U.S. A. A. F. does not feel justified
in asking for such a step from
the State Department as they feel
it might be turned down, and
that would mean the end of
the whole scheme. I understand
that to get over the deadlock
my government would like me to
try and do something about it.

I was also informed by your
officer that it had been suggested

to gen. Spaatz that he at his own discretion might let the Norwegians get three of the fortresses against three Loadstars which we already have and then carry on with our transport outfit with the new planes.

The British say that they can take care of our people with their existing service, which is not quite true, and also that from security purposes that they cannot have so many men coming over at this time, but that is not a good excuse either because we have already told them that we will allow everyone to go through the normal procedure and "patriotic school" as always and as a matter of course. I feel that the only thing which might help, Sir, is if you would be kind enough to let Churchill know that you would like to see the plan carried through.

I can not see any real objection from the British point of view, but feel that in some way it must have got itself entangled in future civil-aviation plans and that it is these considerations which are causing the official head-ache.

What the Swedes might say about it I do not know, but I do not see that if they object, there is any reason not to make them say so themselves and not through the British. I am of course to your disposal, Sir, at any time if you would wish to speak to me about all this.

Hoping you will excuse me for having written so lengthily to you about this, I remain most sincerely yours

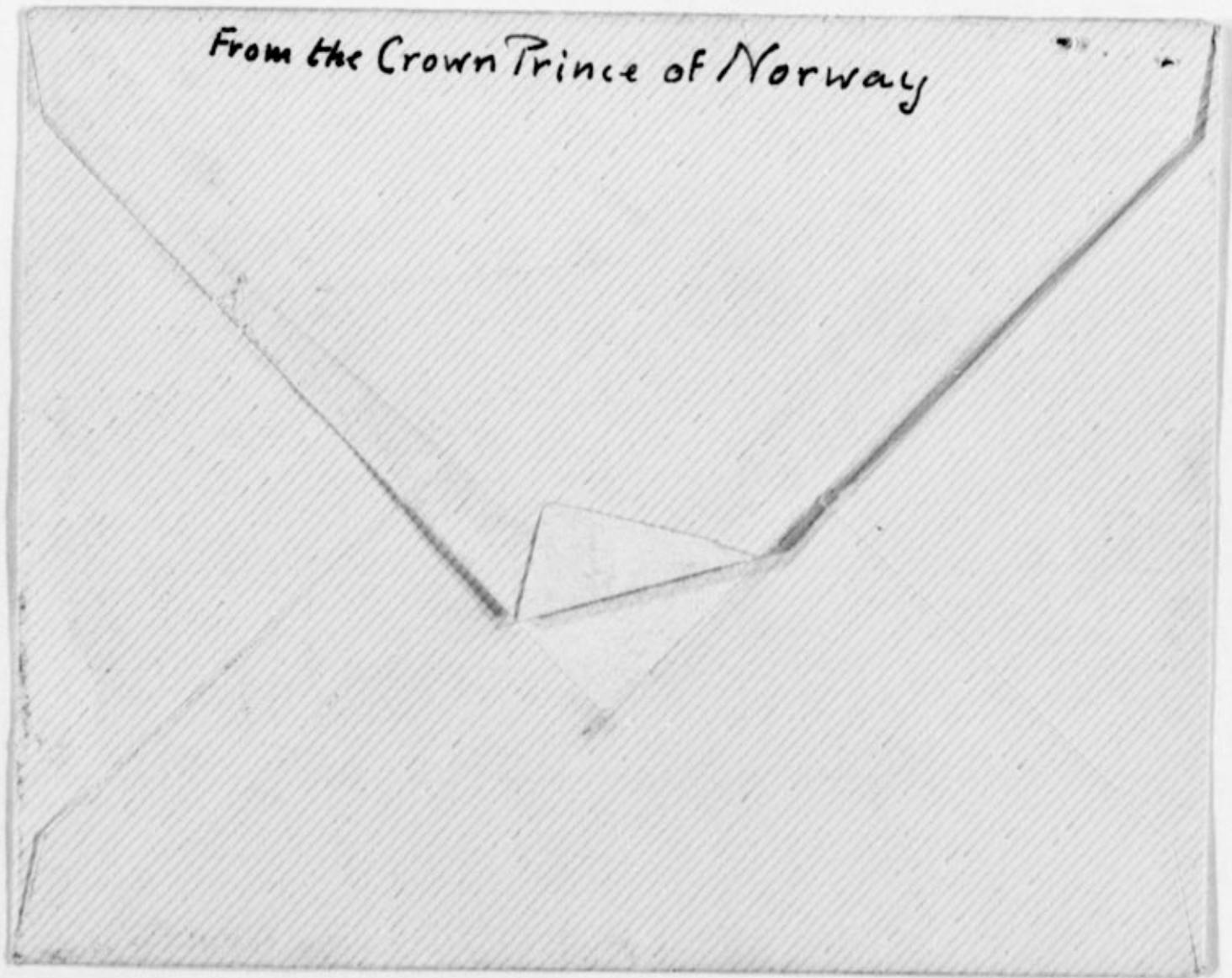
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Olav

H. E. Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States
of North America
The White House
Washington D. C.

From the Crown Prince of Norway





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England
April 10th 1944

My dear Mr. President

Please allow me in this way to tell you how extremely grateful I am for all the kindness you have shown me during my stay in the United States, and for the great understanding you always have shown me and my family when ever we have felt like asking advice or needing support for anything, also for the kind understanding you always have given to the various claims I have taken the liberty to put before you on behalf of my country.

Let me also thank you for the very kind assistance I have always received on requiring facilities to travel and the high priority that has been given me on these occasions.

My journey back was fast and uneventful.

I am glad to say I found my father in good health and well fit.

My father gave a lunch privately for President Benes a day or two after I arrived and

he told us a little of his impressions of Stalin and of Russia generally. He characterized Stalin very much as you yourself in. As has also later come to pass, he said that Czech troops would be used as spear heads on entering upon Czechoslovak soil and that the underground would be ordered to assist the Russians in every way. So far I have not yet seen any-
one of importance over here so I can say nothing about what their reactions may be as to the latest developments at home or on the battlefronts.

Queen Wilhelmina with whom I had lunch a few days ago asked very much after you in and wished to hear how I thought everything was going on in the States.

Our news from Norway tells us that the food-situation is still bad and that mass arrests often with torture are commonplace throughout the country.

Trusting that you will be completely restored from your bronchitis and that you will be having your well deserved holiday, I remain, with my warmest regards, sir, yours most gratefully and sincerely

Olav

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May 23, 1944.

Dear Olav:-

It was good to get your letter which came to me in South Carolina. I have seen Marthe since I got back and all goes well. She has been lucky to get a very nice house near Bridgeport on the Sound and she and the whole family will come up here the fifteenth for a week while the servants put the house in order.

Tell your Father that very soon I will send him an Ambassador. It is hard to find anyone who I think will be persona grata.

I think that Ambassador Morgenstierne is fortunate to be in London these interesting days!

I do hope you will be able to work out the cooperation treaty with Russia because I think it would have a good moral effect.

Ragnild christened one of the new ships on Saturday and I will hear all about it when I get back to Washington. I am spending four or five days at Hyde Park.

With my warm regards to your Father -- and with every good wish,

Very sincerely yours,

H. R. H.
The Crown Prince of Norway,
London,
England.

9/10 Palace Green
London W 8
May 1st 1944



My dear Mr. President

Please let me in this way express my deep regret at the death of your Secretary for the Navy col. Knox. Through his death you, Sir, have lost a trusted governmental friend, and we have all lost a man whom we all respected and honoured for himself and for the fine work he was doing for our cause.

I had the great pleasure of seeing Mr. Skottinien the other day and we had a nice talk about various things.

I told him as no doubt he also was told by my father and the Norwegian Minister for Foreign Affairs, that we feel a little out of touch with your State Department, because of the amount of work Schoenfelt has with all these many governments he has to deal with. The business has been even more complicated through the fact that amb. Morgenstjerne has got himself stranded over here because of the restrictions on travel imposed some time ago.

Another thing which has come up recently and which you have most likely been told is

the question of the treaty about cooperation in case of
an invasion of Norway. The Russians have been unwilling
to let us have a treaty with you and Britain without
their consent and you, the U.S. government, does not wish
this to take place for constitutional reasons. My government
has therefore taken up negotiation with the Russians
for a separate treaty along the same lines as the one
agreed upon by you. I hope we will have this
thing settled soon. The only danger I see in
this new development is that it may become a sort
of invitation ~~to~~ to the Russians to start something
in the Far North. However I trust that should they
commence on anything, it will be possible to carry
out some sort of token participation from here
as we talked about while I was in Washington.

I trust, Sir that you are completely
well again, and that your holiday has done you
all the good in the world. Yesterday, my
father and I went down to see a Norwegian tanker
that has done 50 Atlantic crossings during the
war, without mishap. Carrying high octane
aircraft gasoline the whole time.

With my best regards, Sir, and best wishes
I remain most sincerely yours

Olaf

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10, PALACE GREEN,

W.8
June 6th 1944

My dear Mr. President

Thank you so much, Sir, for your very kind letter of May 23rd which I received this morning, just after I had heard the inspiring news about the landings in France this morning. May God grant success to the arms of liberation!

My father is pleased to see you have a new ambassada in mind.

I quite agree with what you say about Ambassada Morgustine but

am afraid it does not completely fall in line with his line of thought for the moment, he may, however, later be grateful for the opportunity of being over here on D-day.

The news about Rome is also very good and I trust the future development there will be fully satisfactory all up Italy.

We are very glad that the cooperative treaty between us and the Big Three at last is in order. We all appreciate very much that Russia was willing to sign the identical treaty as you and the British which I feel is a good omen for future cooperation between them and us.

Also a step in the right direction and which gives good hope for the future is the new air bases you have got in Russia, because I feel that it will do no end of good that Russians and Americans, and for that matter all soldiers of the various countries can come together and work together for the common good under war conditions. The Russians have had so few contacts with other people from the outside world that everything of this nature is bound to do good.

I have been kept fairly busy lately and have met quite a number of people both from Norway and elsewhere which has been ~~very~~ interesting indeed.

Thanks to the various restrictions I
have not heard from Martha for
some time and am therefore very
glad to hear she has got her house
for the summer and that there
seems to be nothing amiss with
any of my family.

Thanking you again, Sir, for your
very kind letter and with my
best regards, I remain, Sir, yours
most sincerely

Oliver

Thursday
June 15, 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT.

Captain Harper reports that they have examined the young Prince very carefully. All his X-rays, heart, chest and sinuses, are clear and negative. All his blood tests are well within normal limits. Doctor Harper feels his mother need have no concern about the boy's present state of health.

G. Fox

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September 15, 1944.

Dear Olav:-

I am delighted to have yours of August thirty-first which has come to me up here in Quebec. The Prime Minister and I are having a very successful conference.

The time we hope is short before you and your Father will be heading back to Norway, and I know that you must be making great preparations for it.

By the way, would you mind telling your Father that I have thought of appointing as Ambassador to Norway, Lithgow Osborn, whom I have known since he was a boy and whom you may have seen in Washington. After I left the Governorship he became the Conservation Commissioner of the State of New York. His wife, who is awfully nice, was a Danish Countess. Marthe knows them both and likes them. I suppose the official agreement is on its way to your Father by now.

I don't understand the proposed lag of time between the time the Germans evacuate and the landing of Allied troops and supplies. To me also it seems much too long. I am speaking to Churchill about it.

With my warm regards to you and your Father,

Always sincerely,

H. R. H.
The Crown Prince of Norway,
London,
England.

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Kingston House
South
S.W.7

August 31st 1944

My dear Mr. President.

Allow me first to congratulate you on the wonderful successes of your armed forces in France and the Far East, there has indeed been a long time now of outstanding achievements, which I trust will continue until the whole of this bloody business has been finally won. I dare hardly congratulate on your re-nomination for President, but I know that for everyone in all the countries of occupied or ex-occupied Europe your nomination has been a wonderful stimulant and gives hopes of a nearly certain guaranty of the all-important cooperation in world affairs

of the United States when you are
in continued control of your high
office, Sir.

I am glad to know from letters
and from people who have come over
recently that you are well and
of good heart. My family also
seem to be fit and happy, and
have been very fortunate indeed
in their choice of Luman's elude.

We are all working hard to
get everything ready for the
last lap, the spring over to
Norway, and we are all very pleased
with the officers we are working with.

They all show great understanding
for and interest in our rather special
conditions. We had a very successful
exercise in Scotland some time ago
on Civil Affairs and co-operation
which give very hopeful promises
for the future.

There is only one fly in the ointment, and that is that the time-lag between an armistice and the actual landing of allied troops and supplies is very long, and has been increased lately.

As per today they tell us they cannot promise to land anyone before 60 days after the signing of a truce. From our point of view it is much too long.

We started off with 30 which also is long, but 60 is very serious and also dangerous delay.

Everyone on the lower levels agree in this, but it is at "Sheaf" that the difficulty arises.

The army commander has tried in every way, but all his protests have been turned down, as impossible.

The Navy say that they have not got the ships, and that it will take so long to sweep mines etc. that any speeding up will be impossible.

I have even heard rumours about the army commander being relieved of his post because of his insistence upon speeding up this expedition.

We all know that first things come first, and that Germany is the main target and objective, but we all also feel that if we just let every thing slide and not put our case before the highest authorities we will just be forgotten in jubilation when the big ballon goes up.

There must be ways of shortening this time-lag without unduly weakening the main effort.

We have today in Norway about 300 000 Germans of all kinds and

sorts, that is about 10% of the population of Norway. On top of this there are about 20-30 000 allied prisoners of war and forced-labour units in Norway most of them Russian or Tito-Yugoslavs.

What with all these foreigners, quislings, and the shortage of food I shouldn't think what may happen if help even in a small way is not coming reasonably quickly. The underground movement is today under perfect control and is ready to play its part, but if it has to hold its hand for 60 days before coming out into the open I very much fear that

They no longer can be ^{kept} controlled.

There are also other aspects.

The Germans who on armistice-day are perfectly willing to lay down their arms in an orderly way, may have changed their minds by that time. True the plans do provide for an advance party of three or four officers to be sent in by plane, but they should, I feel, be followed up in some way fairly quickly say by air-borne troops that could be got out again when the main body arrives later.

I have also heard rumours from Sweden that that country is contemplating an invasion of their own should chaos arise, to restore law and order and the Western Allies not come in. This might cause a great deal of

complications of many kinds,
and finally there is Russia.

As you know I am not
afraid of Russia thanks to all
what you have told me, Sir, but
as we at one time agreed, we
neither of us want to see
Russia alone in Norway.

I can even foresee that Swedish
and Russian troops might become
involved in fighting over certain
territories in Norway, with sides
being taken by various groups
in Norway, and the result
might even become disastrous.

I know you will understand
the situation, and will I trust
be sympathetic to what I have

tried to say.

The British foreign Office is now beginning to grasp the facts.

Everyone connected with the underground forces, both British and American are fully aware of the problems and are working for what we want, but it is as I say in "Sheaf" where everyone naturally is looking to Germany that the real bottleneck is. I have not been able to see Eisenhower as yet, but hope to do so and also put this to him in the same way.

Please forgive me for bringing all this up to you, Sir, but I feel that I must do so, as a friend and for advice because I feel quite uneasy about this problem which in many ways is right out of my control.

I am sorry that this letter has become so long, but as I said before I feel I must get it off my chest.

Renewing my warmest congratulations on the fine developments both at home and over-seas, and with my best regards, I remain,
In most sincerely yours

Olav

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Diplomatic
courtesy*

The White House
Washington

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THE WHITE HOUSE

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LITHGOW OSBORNE.

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My dear Godfather!
Just a line to
tell you I am fine.

Thank God the American
people knew better
than the Republicans.

With much love

Heather

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The President.

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November 20, 1944.

My dear King Haakon:-

It is good to get your nice letter of November ninth. I had hoped much to see you in England after this Election, but there are difficulties in finding a place where Stalin and the Prime Minister and I can meet so I am regretfully postponing the trip for a month or two. I count on seeing you when I do finally get off.

I talked to Marthe on the telephone the other day and my cousin went to see her last week and found her looking very well -- though she has not gained the weight that they had hoped. I fear she will be a little bit longer in the New York Hospital. I think, however, that everything is going all right and I hope that after she has come down here to see the children for a few days she will be able to go up to Hyde Park for a weekend of real rest.

You and Olav must be sitting, in effect, with your bags packed against the return.

Things on the whole seem to be going pretty well but I, too, am impatient.

I do hope to see you soon and with
my warm regards to you and Olav,

Always sincerely,

His Majesty
King Haakon,
Norwegian Embassy,
London,
England.

Nov 9 / 1944
Norwegian Embassy



Dear Mr. President

I feel I must trouble
you with a letter to congratulate
you on your reelection
and to express my belief in
both your success for the
world in the future. Your
foresight and your policies
ever since the war began in
1939 gives us reason to believe
that your insight will be most
useful and useful. I hope
I can when the time comes
to discuss the after war world.
One great result of the reelection
is that the isolationism has
been done away with and
America will in the future

take her part in a world security
organization. I only trust that
the allmighty money give you
health and strength to stand the
strain of your high post.

I also want to thank you
personally for the letters so kindly
sent us about Martha. Happily
every thing seems to be going on
as well, as we could only hope
for, and her wish being happy to
hear to day that she was allowed
to visit us. I do trust that she
before long may have recovered
and get perfectly well again.

But I fear I may not take
up much of your time, and
so end asking you to remember
me to be in love with and remain
yours very sincerely

Harriet

The President.

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file personal

November 20, 1944.

Dear Olav:-

I talked with Marthe on the telephone on Saturday afternoon last and she was making satisfactory progress, though she has had a bad tooth and they are going to let her go to the dentist today. She was sitting in a chair and my cousin Margaret saw her a few days ago and said she looked and felt very well. The only trouble is that she has not gained back much of the weight that she lost, but I am sure she will begin to do so as soon as she gets out of that hospital. I will let you know as soon as she goes back to Pook's Hill.

I am glad that things seem to be going so well and that the Russians are in close touch with you.

We are counting on your coming back for Christmas.

I am sure you have a lot to do in these anxious days but the end of them is drawing near.

With kindest regards,

Always sincerely,

H. R. H.
The Crown Prince of Norway,
Norwegian Embassy,
London,
England.



London
November 9th 1944

My dear Mr. President

Please allow me to add to the large number of people who are writing you these days to congratulate on your selection as President of the United States. It is indeed a pleasure for me to send you these words, and it must be a fine feeling to know that you have your people well behind you at this critical time, when not only the war has to be fought and won, but when also the foundations are to be laid for the future international relationships between nations and nationals, and internally in all countries, and that you will be in

charge of the immense problem of bringing back to peace-time conditions millions of men and women from the armed forces and from the war-factories and re-conditioning it all for a more normal and settled life.

I am exceedingly grateful to hear that Martha is continuing to make satisfactory progress, and I am looking forward to the day when I receive the news that she is back at Pook's Hill.

Our little expedition to the Far North has arrived safely. The Norwegian Minister for Foreign Affairs is in Moscow now and I hope all details will be satisfactorily settled, because there seems to be quite a lot of confusion in certain quarters at present. I am, however, been told that this is the normal occurrence when our Russian friends start on any new situation. I feel confident that we will be able to get it all straightened by and by, and that it should be possible to get a reasonable



working agreement, and be able to carry on our own affairs as we think fit ourselves.

Apart from this, I do not think I have any news for you, and I will end by renewing my heartiest congratulations on your re-election, Sir, and with my best regards to yourself Sir, and to Mrs.

Roosevelt, I remain most sincerely yours

Oliver



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December 7th 1944

Dear Mr. President

Thank you so much for your kind letter of November 20th which I received yesterday.

I am very glad to hear that Martha is getting on well, I got a telegram Friday last saying she had transferred to the Walsdorf, and I am eagerly awaiting the day when I am told she is back home at Pook's Hill.

There is quite a lot to do now over here, and I am afraid it is quite impossible for me to get away, unless you summon me over to Washington for a conference with you yourself, sir, or with the Combined

chiefs of Staff.

The possibilities of developments are such that I feel I can in no way ask for any special leave at this time.

I take this opportunity, Sir, of wishing you a very merry Christmas, and the best of possible New Years, may your vision and leadership prevail and prosper during the coming year; thanking you for all the wonderful kindness you have shown me and my family during the passing year, and hoping to see you some-time during the next few months over here in England I remain most sincerely and gratefully yours

Olaf

His Excellency Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States
North Avenue
The White House
Washington

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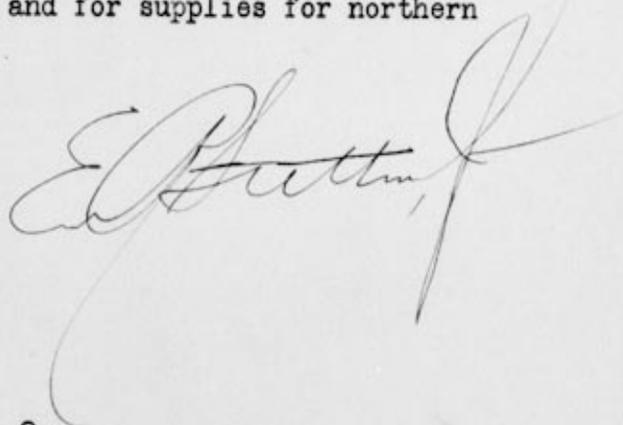
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

January 17, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Visit of Crown Prince Olav

The enclosed telegram from Ambassador Osborne in London reports that the Crown Prince is en route to the United States to press for early military action in Norway and for supplies for northern Norway.



Enclosure:

Telegram no. 8,
January 16, 1945,
from London.

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State Dept. Letter, 1-11-72
By J. Schauble Date FEB 10 1972

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TELEGRAPH SECTION

HJD-1254

London

This telegram must be
closely paraphrased be-
fore being communicated
to anyone. (REDACTED)

Dated January 16, 1945

Rec'd 8:10 p.m.

Secretary of State,

Washington.

US URGENT

NORWEGIAN SERIES

8 January 16, Midnight.

FROM OSBORNE

Crown Prince Olav left yesterday. In addition
to supplies for northern Norway (see my 5, January 12,
2 p.m.) he will press CCS for early military action in
Norway. This request has already been made to British
and rejected (see my telegram 40, December 2 and des-
patch 2, December 23, 1944).

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

January 21, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

Colonel Davenport has told me of your conversation yesterday with Crown Prince Olaf and himself regarding the movement of additional police units from Lulea, Sweden to Kirkenes, Norway.

Our latest information is that all transportation of Norwegians undertaken up to the present time has been completed with the exception of two plane loads. On January 17 our Military Attache in Stockholm advised us that the Norwegians wanted additional troops and equipment moved to Kirkenes. General Spaatz was authorized on January 19 to make "reasonable additional commitments" for the transport of more Norwegians. Apparently this news had not reached Sweden when the message to Crown Prince Olaf was originated. The entire matter has now been explained to him.

Faithfully yours,

[Handwritten Signature]
Chief of Staff

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Date- 7-11-66

Signature- *Carl L. Spicer*

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WAR DEPARTMENT
OFFICE OF THE UNDER SECRETARY
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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28 March 1945

MEMORANDUM TO: THE PRESIDENT

NO: 163 (Filed 281717Z)

The State Department has cabled,
directing that immediate action be taken to
expedite the shipment of the seed requested by
the Norwegians to be shipped from Sweden.



ROBERT P. PATTERSON
Acting Secretary of War

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Date- 7-11-66

Signature- *Carl L. Spicer*

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28 March 1945

FROM: THE PRESIDENT
TO : ACTING SECRETARY OF WAR PATTERSON
NO : 163 (Filed 281717Z)

It is most important that the seed requested by the Norwegians to be shipped from Sweden be sent them at once. Please let me know if this is being done.

F.D.R.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 28, 1945.

SEND THROUGH MAP ROOM:

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE ACTING SECRETARY OF WAR:

It is most important that the seed requested by the Norwegians to be shipped from Sweden be sent them at once. Please let me know if this is being done.

F.D.R.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

March 27, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:
FROM: JOHN BOETTIGER

You will remember that Olav talked with you about getting approval for shipping 6700 tons of seed, wheat and rye from Sweden into Norway for Spring planting. I have looked it up in the War Dept and find it is under consideration, by the Joint Chiefs, but that Judge Patterson is against it as it may help the Germans. The crops will not be harvested until Fall and most people feel we ought to take the chance involved and let them have the seed in the thought that for one thing, the Germans will have been defeated by Fall, and for the other, if we don't send them seed now we will certainly have to send them food later. General Hilderling agrees with this. The State Dept. has strongly urged approval.

I suggest you send the following message to Patterson:

"It is most important that the seed requested by the Norwegians to be shipped from Sweden be sent them at once. Please let me know if this is being done."

OK

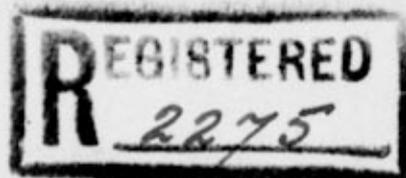
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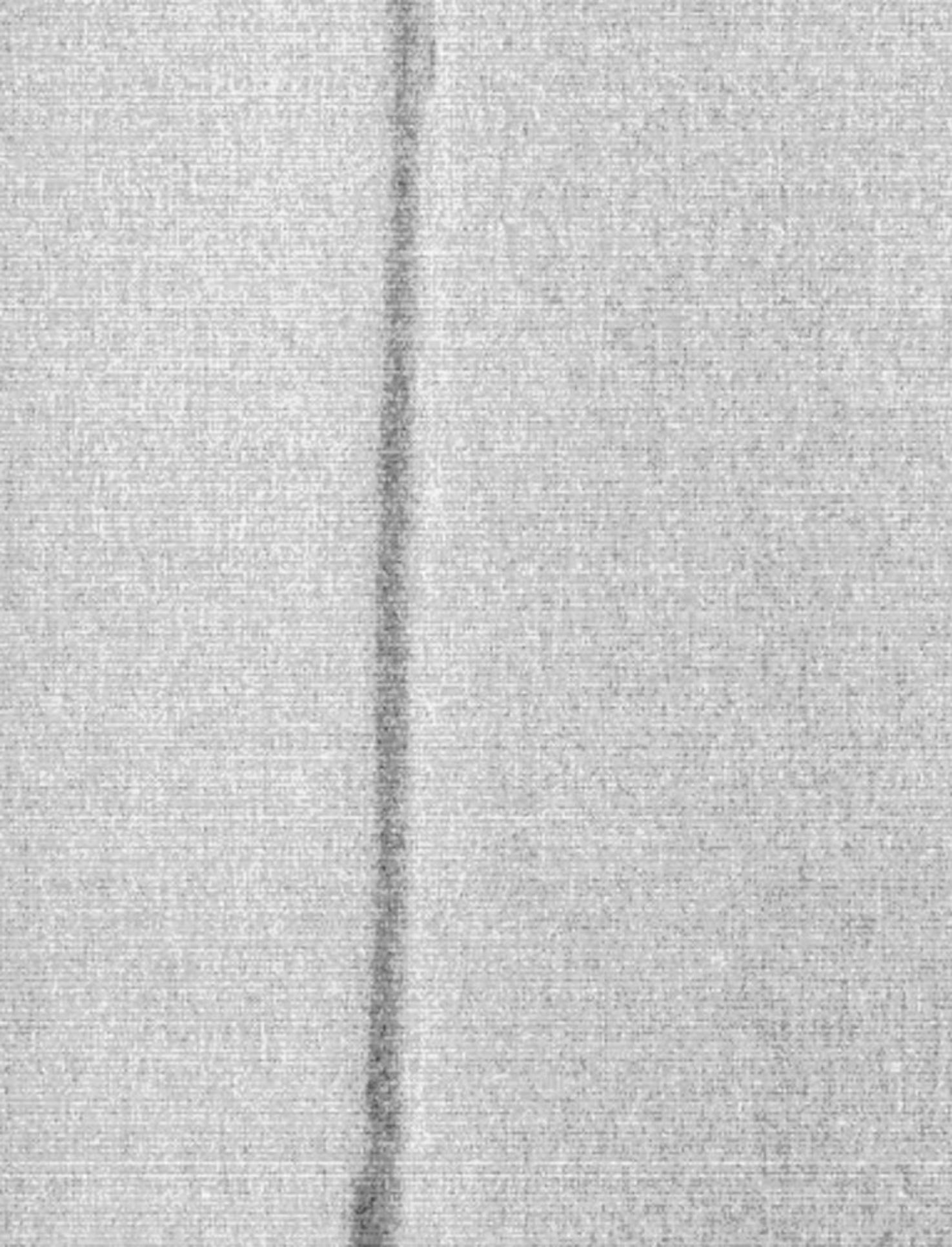
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The White House,
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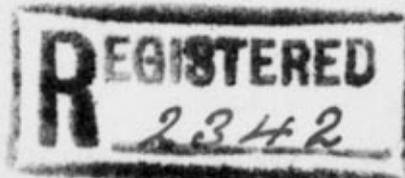
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*2 sealed envelopes addressed
to H. R. H. The Crown Princess of Norway
sent to Pook's Hill, Bethesda on this
date. A.C.T.*