RETURN TO Missy with suggestion that she file it.

F.D.R.

2-23-38

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON
Hotel Flora
Bome
Jan 20th 1935

My dear Missy—
I am still trying to sow my seed "where I had hoped, and still hope to sow it—everyone has been most unkind. I have of course presented my request as a purely personal one (an idea that has "come to me and for which no one else is responsible") but even so, they have been treating their desks to help me. But everywhere I came against this one stone wall. We want to help you, but we can do nothing..."
til you have been personally presented
through your Embassy. After a definite request
from the Ministry of Education had been turned
down, on that account, and I was "up against
it." I realized that I was just defeating
my own purpose, and even getting to a
point where things might "reverse" themselves
and turn unsuitable for everyone. So I
made use of that "impeachment" incident.
I spoke to you about in my last letter, and
said, what I thought was within my
"powers" after my letter with you that
last stay at Hyde Park. I went to my
dear old friend William Phillips, whom
I knew to be bad both in loyalty, all things
His life (as the President does) and I spoke to him not as the Ambassador but as a mutual old personal friend of the President's family, and myself.

Of course he was "true blue" and only regretted that I had almost beaten myself halfway over a rock that might have been passed so simply.

He is perfectly splendid as Ambassador here. Everyone has the greatest respect and love for him and Caroline. He is going through the "usual channel," now, on the basis that I am the daughter of Countess Alice Hogan to whom the "Head of the Governor" was always so kind. And if that does not go through, my cousin Prince Olimi, in his
father's absence, is now making the matter a personal one, and is taking it up with the different Cabinet Ministers — for this of course I will not have to trouble the Embassador, my name will have been presented, which is the in constant part, and for the rest they all know that I just have a personal idea that I want to bring before the "head" —

I am writing a long letter to my dear great lady as soon as I am a little further on — I should have sent this letter under cover to her only I thought that this particular change should go direct — Let me repeat that William and Fardine "knowing and not knowing" have been simply grand.
Please tell the President that on Jan 20
(before I went to William) when I was almost
ready to give up, and just let it all go -
I read a little clipping that I had stuck in
my book for that day of the results. It read
"Many voices are heard as we face a great
decision, Comstock says. "Tarry awhile, Opportunism
says. "This is a good spot. "Timidity asks
"how difficult is the road ahead?"
We will not listen to Comstock, Opportunism
and Timidity. We will carry on."
I think that results will grow from the
seeds that I am being allowed to sow—
even should I fail at the main point, it is
purely a question of the patience (and—
(in this case perhaps tolerance) that always
had to be exercised when seeds must grow.

The real trouble is a network of misinformation
round all the people concerned. The worst
errors of all to my mind is that I am told
that there are different groups of our country
men living in Rome, or passing through, who
because they are antagonistic to our administra-
tion are using this ground as a propaganda
field for their own political dislikes—
I shall never regret any results here, if it
Was only to show some of the people near
the Italian Administration a picture of what
the President work really means to all of us,
and as far as I could, to convey through his
ideals and personality. — They had been
buried, and buried in the worst about
fabrications, and realize themselves that
the only way out for all of us is his personal.

I don't want to end in my full report
until I have results. — Then I think I will try
it. I think the function that one feels here
is the really gallant fight against Colonel
odds; of a man who has not the
stability of breeding in his own nature.
To help him when he is hurt.

The country seems so 

and they are putting up such a gorgeous bluff. — The old approach still counts,

a man has to "Shoot his ruffles" before he gets out of a falling house — rather

patriotic, but not without grandeur, and certainly something that should be dealt with

gently.

I am enclosing two little books that I think will be valuable in my next letter to the Great Lady

a day or two. The author is quite a person over here, near the head of the Government

an old lady — and social economist —
Going back to page 3 of my letter and
in order to introduce my cousin Prince
Orsini into the picture - you may know
the old story - for hundreds of years the
Colonna and the Orsini - the two great
families in Rome fought a bloody and
fierce war. Who should be the greater. One
owned one side of the Tiber, the other the
opposite shore. Finally the ravine of control
bloodshed became so great, that the Pope
got tired, and called them both before him
and said he would make you Patriarchs. Neither is greater - you are
exactly equal, and as neither of you can
prevail the other, one of you will serve one
three days a week, the other the other three.
So from then on an Orsini and a Colonna, two families on the closest and most intimate terms in each other's houses, can never be invited together any where, because the two may take precedence of the other!

(They have been in various times. Their Grand mother was a Hoya.)

Some day I will give you the whole fascinating picture of the town that has never changed in spite of wars —

With all warmest and most loyal messages to the Great President of a
Save country and love to yourself.  

From

Cecilia Short.

P.S. Charlie is much better thank God!  
It would have been impossible to do this  
if he had not been with us.
It will turn out all to the good in the long run. I really believe everybody has realised that I came in good faith, and, minimising the errors of the Duece, own papa, the Commission of Police, the aristocracy, apart from the whole active Fascist group, have all been terribly anxious for there to have any change, and I think are feeling a little critical that I was not granted it—this seems to me perhaps even more important than if I had been granted any interview to the Pope. But I know he had his hand forced—tonight I stay away lest card—go to the Secretary of the State Department in The Vatican—introduced by Prince Virginia Orsini—who in two months is to take his father's place for good and all at the right-hands of the Pope. That will be just about the time that Hitler will be present in this country, and a good time for one to go. Out—understand Hitler is to have no enmities with the Holy Father, and that they hope to come to some understanding.
At this moment we are in the midst of the situation. "Hitler's Furge ---"

If I was writing to my "Great Lady," I would say that according to this "Furgle." Their "Furges" is the first real break in the whole of the system of their country. It means that the inevitable is happening, and that the army is being taken control of (it has been that way with all dictators, too, i.e., history built up and held by the strength of their army.)

Of course, this does not mean any change for the better for a long time. Because the dictator who falls is almost always succeeded by a worse one, only in the long run after dictator after dictator has been changed by the army, the People get tired of it, and then it all changes. As I wrote to my Great Lady in my last letter, the whole situation being mind over here in these two countries can be expressed in one term: "Furi."
"Fran is a bad counsellor" say the Germans, and it is not so much the people as the heads whose notions are being guided by her.

I think there are two reasons for:

1. They are both German in every part, and one may be true on the other, or a combination of both.

1) The critical situation with Germany:

Which excludes all foreigners from being received — also the blank in the world which they want to fill.

2) Personal feelings of the Due, or even probably the Due themselves.

Clairens, who are angry because of the attitude of the American people towards them.

Here (would write again) as a good possibility) that Madame Clairens has a good deal more to say in the Government than one would think possible. She is rather too clever as our man whispers, who should know — and from her type she looks like the Poetic type who would see empire crumble
for a moment of brutal pride. They say his mother was a Russian, and I understand she wanted to be an ambassador in England and was refused, 1 am not the same of putting gossip into my letter, but this may have a strong bearing on the case that I think I should do so — I have been told by several people here, that “for some unknown reasons she was asked not to go to the United States as she intended.”

In short the great and the little combine in this picture to an almost unbelievable extent.

Her only nephew (at the German Embassy) is very unhappy because his charming and absolutely honourable Chief, has been sent away, (decapitated they call it) into the depths —

I have seen them, the wife is the daughter of a von Tirpitz — the Admiral, who was a Comrade of my father, in those days when both were in the Navy (my father in the Austrian Navy, Tirpitz in the German). She is a fine rather rather.
Roman, and in these days in Germany. You are "decapitated" if you are Keller. It leaves one with "governess, at home" - a terribly responsible position in these days, and rather trying for him, at this moment, as his wife is to have her baby next month.

The two countries seem to be curiously similar in the points they have reached. All the thinking people say to you, that the "building up" was admirable to a certain point, and then came fear and tyranny. I hear not even Germany yea, but even the poor lost by the Jews. of our point say that it was a fine condition admirably carried out, and that this is without doubt the case. But in these days I can only describe the atmosphere by quoting the poem of the "White Rider in Alice Through The Looking Glass" -

And steadily came a right hand foot
Into a left hand shoe.
The pressure is tremendous. An Italian of
considerable distinction asked me what I thought of it, and I said, "There is one thing that
disturbs me. The Italian people have forgotten how to laugh or smile," he said, "You are absolutely
right; what do you put it down to? Do you
think they are all dead?" I said, "I think they are
the children. They think discipline is good for
them, but they do not like discipline; and again I
assured you that was correct."

Another man said, "Of course it can't last at this
point; there must be a lot done in both countries, or it will explode." The people are a real
deadbeat. Especially if they are together, they
repeat full sentences of paint, that are like
a Greek Chorus, and very boring."

The only solution that I see is to get the follow-

The Solution of A. D. Wilkes in his book "Peace-
With Honors," and for The Head, "All to neat, to
get "Clear of the ropes of Right and wrong."

There is an almost insane network of

Paxor like lice, infirmaries that are-

learned by heart, and above all a net

that of factions and individuals, leading

use of the chaotic moment to their own

advancement, so that I do not think any-

sense of hope will ever be allowed to precede.
Diplomacy in these countries is hopeless and helpless. You can see that in the "Purge". The idea of a gentleman you are, the idea you are hoodwinked and the less you can do, the better. The root of the subject is of course profoundly technical and economic. The life of the world really lies in the hands of the Political Economist and the Statistician (if they would allow them to make honest statistics). I have seen something of "New Italy" but not as much as I would wish, since Rome is only a small part, most of what I have seen had a real value. The little "Curia" for the care of babies whilst their mothers worked filled a long dreamed dream of mine. It was so well done - the universality was poor, and suffered from "pressure". The "Iron Curtain" was spectacular, but unnecessary.
Far and away the best thing that
they have done is the clearing of the

trees. I can never be thankful

enough for my training with the

struggles of small farming on a

farm. The irrigation is wonder-

fully well carried out, and through

the irrigation, which serves to his west

villages, is entirely gone. — The

villages and the open wheat

and even beans (as the Va:

farmers call it) were standing well.

The houses all new, looked tidy and

well kept. When one remembers the

condition of those people before —

the villages (Subsistence Homestead

Centers, but done by the "Veterans", a

not entirely governmental) were

almost 100% labor — but the

main thing was the California

irrigation and the Flood control.
The man who took me over was a very unusually thorough and honest type, as he very neatly pointed out (when he said the work was good) you can build the house quickly, but you must have five years to measure the water. I have not read his book, but I am willing to send it to the President, and I think he might interest him. Of course there will be some "padding" in it. They are not allowed to write without it.

But to come back to the point, when all this constructive work ceased, and Italy gave itself over to despoticism, and the influence of Russian (which is Czarism, powerful at head quarters) in Italy increased:

The Italian people that (deep down in their heart) this alliance with Germany. They are nearly all good Catholics. The question of Boulanger and its evil is being given to them almost at a point of insanity (and we mean being included in the Countless that are going Boulanger). They are being taught a Crusade against it, because the two nations have had to find unity with which to hand on an already exhausted people. But the Italians can't swallow...
it all. "The Bolsheviks want to destroy Christianity - yes, but so does Hitler." That is the point - someone said to me in a hurried voice "a house divided against itself." It is all terribly tragic because fear has done it all. The Germans know their limitations. They know that if they were war they could be isolated, without raw materials like coal. The Westerner - Italy and Britain - oil for Germany. They have joined up in their fear, and now all egging each other on to destruction, hoping that their bluff will carry them through. Do not paper over with anything without permission. The "Bluff" cannot be ruled.

I think that there was a definite decision in the American papers. Showing the Americans how silly it is of them to have any fear of their two pathetic little forces (unless they drive them to suicide) and showing just what the preponderance of power in ocean power, wealth, raw materials, etc., is. That it would fit through the understanding lines but it would have to be combined with negligence.
Sincerely in the accord of all, I'm.

Your love and kindness.

[Handwritten signature]
Hotel Flora — 9d Feb — 1938

My dear Xinyi —

There is an Order in Austria which is the "Osvien's Order," and if I had had the courage, or been younger, I could have won that Order today.

The order is given to those who disobey Orders and are successful. I did not disobey and so very chance went by — (Incidentally if you disobey and are unsuccessful you are shot.)

In spite of having been refused entry with the aid of our father's cousin, I have been moving around and talked to M. D닉’s "audience" — today I got very close in the Foreign Office — a man who facility can speak English fluently, and is the head of the Bureau for Strangers — told him my whole plan, the plan of having obtained the three "Heads" war...
and through working get out of the
network of misunderstandings that
ensured their nations—
So men who are worth while, I have
an "open season" I read in the President's
Christmas message. It always changed the picture for them and I tried
making friends instead of opponents—
I tried to this man—and when that
finished I said "How will you like me
see it done?" he said "If you only knew
how I was with you in your scheme."
but here is the gist of the long sentence:
He seemed to know about my plan
and he spoke as if he had heard
what the diplomats "inspired"
saying that he had had a talk two days
ago with some one who knew the
Duce intimately and was "Trustless"
Saying Madame Casaro— he said—
he knew he knew he knew he knew he knew he knew he knew he knew he knew
that the Duce would want to
cooperate in the plan, but that
had made the mistake of setting
in President first and asking
for just one little sign of this argument.
A slip of paper that had never have
been official—but that just with
my own idea and hopes, however
practical they might be, simply
could not be listened to. He was
really almost broken-hearted about
it, because he said he knew the
once would want it and that it
was a terrible necessity at this moment.

Of course I have had his recognition
that is why my audacity was refused. I tried on
often and often, but I had my misadven-
tures and I have carried them out.

If however the President should
wish to make use of me by letting me
annoint, let you know that if you should
once turn your back, then that was
the thing to be done quickly.

Easy, although the whole picture
changes so rapidly one never know,
you just were as he said, if once can
make the advance, because in 1850
Small as a nation, and it would look like Hebraism. As he said, "it is for the bigger to ask."

Then too the thing they all say is "Your President would never break to face the public opinion in his country (which is feeling so strongly anti-Jewish) if it were and be sent."

Very answer to that is always - "That is not up to me, that is up to the President to decide - and incidentally I have never known him afraid of anything."

But the answer was come when I must leave Rome - on account of funds - I have stayed a month and ten days instead of two weeks as planned -
I will not give up very pleasant however and the evening I laid it in the hands of the Holy Father, and asked them to carry on more, if after 1 left I had still failed - (This of course does not mean that the President cannot, but one..."
as I suggested should be so wish.

I went to the Vatican this morning and saw the Secretary of State at the Vatican, Cardinal Pacelli, who has been to Tyne

Park, and could talk English—

It almost felt like going to Heaven. Then I interviewed by a blind Curiosus gentilis

with blind Curiosus officials round him,

instead of the usual atmosphere of

"departments." The Cardinal thought the idea so wonderful. He did not try to put one through the III degree as the others did, so that I did not have to wear any laces. I just told him that I had the idea that I was coming for, that I knew the family, and felt sure that I was not doing anything that in the long run our President would disapprove of any thing. I told him that he "defeated" but that everyone seemed to love

the thing, and that I could not leave

without asking someone to carry on—and

so I was bringing it to the Church. Then

I never wanted to appear in it again.
And that I thought an opportune
download for suggesting his plan unjust-
less Hitler is here in May —
Of course this was only a preliminary
Point. He will want to see me again —
He told me I was to go to my appoint-
ment with the State Department man
in the afternoon, and if that was anything
I could pass to him with notes on my
idea — and he would see what could be
done. They all agree that it would be
the only saving hope of the world at this
moment — otherwise
I am working. The office is busy as the
Pouch goes, and I must not miss it —
I want to emphasize what I may not
have made clear, that except for me —
to unimportant for Admiral everyone,
but except my F.O. man, has said that
the plan would of course be the one great
hope. I also want to make clear and
difficultly that I am much afraid.
Having lived in America for 25 years I know, (what a very clever man said to me here) "Do you think the American temperament can ever understand our temperament in Europe?" And I had to admit, except in rare exceptions, I do. There is something fundamental and generally different in their point of view. That is why I am afraid of other "Eminences" coming over and digging up what I have planned. I know the President would understand and if the Church approached him direct say on the telephone, or direct man to man unofficially through William Phillips. I think the thing would go - but American who are sent over, filter, become "more Pope than the Pope, more Royalist than the King" or they antagonize by what to them is "directness" to this country. However, one bit...
"Penny whistle" of mine is probably running away with me — and I am only an amateur at it all anyway — personally, I think the Holy Father would be the only man to do it privately, not publically, though Prudent — I feel much safer with them than with anyone in Rome —

Please let me once more assure you that (to its ruin) this scheme of mine has been mine only, "unsanctioned," except for a general knowledge of what I told the President would in the long run approve of. (But oh, I have been temptid!!! and I have been covering my tracks, their direct question was asked!!!) But I think any seeds are beginning to sprout!

A long letter went to you yesterday through the "Great Ways," this was only
Scribbled after the interview:

It would be nice if one could just have a hint that one has not fought in vain!!! It has not all been "250 Shillings".

Affection with Love

Chancellor

P.S. Should the President wish to have me give them or some little message through you - you could ask for me to communicate - you could wire for the Embassy Press in Berlin if you sent me a Cable. There is a Cable between the 24th and 27th just saying "letter sent" - then I would wait for it and return to America via Italy. If I do not get the Cable I shall assume that "The best is silence" and continue on my way to England and home.

Will cable my Grand Lady my English address, later.
24 - Feb, 1938

Vienna

Dear Duncan -

I am sending this note to Charlie via the pouch.

I am going to the Embassy - I will write a letter to the Great Lady describing tonight when there will be the Chancellor's speech and we all hear a very big demonstration - Charlie and I will be in the box of the "Bundeskanzler" to hear the speech - so you'll vote as far as our car tells -

In haste, ever,

[Signature]

Camilla Thorne
Dear Henry

This letter contains two distinct parts:

The last days in Rome, together with a resume of the impressions gained slowly in that town.

The other, my arrival in Vienna at this most critical juncture —

I start with the Rome resume —

1) The very strong impression that grew on me was that "Il Duce" is fading from the picture jist for what reason I am not quite clear perhaps intrigues perhaps illness (Mussolini, Hitler)

2) The two people who in my opinion are to be dealt with in Italy, are Ciano (Minister of Foreign and Secretary of State) and

Hitler —

3) Perhaps some people are right when they say that Ciano is the face behind the Illusion, but everyone is quite clear that Ciano is a grove of false, positions, conciliated but mediocre in any way —

4) The people are restless and strained. They do not know what is happening to them. They still believe in "Il Duce" and do not know that such his policies but Ciano are being given them, especially in Foreign Policy"
They are, indeed, written on account of the above question.

5) Hitler's methods of getting power are interesting. Apparently in Rome, as he, I discovered that his "division office" is the "Commission of Police". The inference is obvious — my own experience at the end confirms the inference.

6) It is an interesting psychological fact that both Mussolini and Hitler have been guilty of while in prison. This may be an answer to their methods and their ascension of discipline.

7) I am still of the opinion that the only remedy for the whole thing lies in the one the U.S. is planning. Trying to keep in the light into bad conditions — It is useless to try to light them out in the darkness you have to walk on in the light.

8) About any omission: In spite of the last thing in your last report, it is not my way to remain silent. I am still assured that the seed has taken root and awaits the President's orders. He wishes it to be so, and it may still come through the Vatican, but the other Channel is definitely one that I feel sure could be done at any time — and will in the mean time act as a break on any unpleasant policies, as the "summons" was a good deal of personal ambition, I think, and would like to be the means to do it. — (See Report)

Ben Martin
Rome

[Handwritten text]

My last letter was a delighted report about the reception at the Vatican. They consented to have been hearing his wish to introduce me every where.

I had found that the only way to handle this little, yet important mission of mine was to be absolutely honest up to a point with every one about it - That is, from Eamon. Charlie and I never discussed when we were alone in our bedrooms - No one can believe the so-called "Confidential" that goes on in Europe - Russia.

As long as we were told that not only was the telephone "controlled", but again in the house, the receivers were also a source of voices in the room.

I had already decided, after the Vatican, that I would still say very little with one of the most influential people I had met, a man who had "The Duke" and "Ciao" every day, and who is the owner and the President of "The Duke" official papers.

I found him out on his honour not to make use of what I said in the evening papers. Then I told him my scheme, to tell him that I had been refused audience (as I already had) twice, and also told him that I had been told by the man in the Foreign Office "Approvals".
The King that 10.00.00. wanted this thing.

The newspaper seems strange, was called Brown

Marchini. He assured me that he knows that
10.00.00. wish for the scheme to be successful
and said that he, or his own book had written
and time to ask why I had been refused? The answer
was (apparently from 10.00.00. himself) that he
had received so many people, especially their
papers even from America unofficially hoping for
just such a scheme to make and had
had nothing result except asking aside about Italy that he was determined not
to receive anybody any more, who did not
have a definite object and accredited mission.

Apparently they are very busy about all
sorts of your things—our thing that hurt my
feelings was the that when he made a speech
saying only the President could help him, the
President had answered in a speech that he
was not a conqueror. This perfectly
reasonable answer was considered not an insult, because
this term in Europe is so often used whether differently to the word conquer in
this sense—so there silly misunderstanding grow out of
nothing.

Then he said, "Your ambassador is best trying
to push this thing. Of course I knew that William
was (I mean as any scheme but against
the King understanding) and thinking so I tried
to find out what he meant, and drew
my conclusion that William is too much
the gentleman for a man like Ciano..."
And made me understand what I had felt through before that Chiasso was definitely blocking him.  

I told him about the Vatican, and he said, if I should by any chance fail with the Vatican, he would offer himself as the intermediary in any scheme.  

He explained how it had been done between Hitler and Benito Mussolini, and if the President so wishes, when I come back to America I will tell him just how this was done, and he can use Benito Mussolini or even as he wishes — in the meantime it has made a friend of one of the closest advisers of Il Duce, and above all Ciano.  

In the course of our talk he had said, "I am now going to ask you a delicate question, is this entirely your own scheme?" And I said emphatically, "Entirely my own scheme."

I went to bed that night after that hour's talk feeling as I still do, that I had got somewhere and left the scheme in capable hands. The
Letter to the Vatican was then written
and I handed it to my cousin, Orsini
To take to His Eminence Pacielli.

Also, much later, I got a letter from
Orsini saying that, owing to the fact
that I was Editor of world affairs,
my "Peace Work" had become "Suspect!!
because he had taken the trouble
"Whose favor he should never have
asked as Patrizzi Romani" - and
that he had got into trouble for it
- I realized of course that he believed
the Chief of Police to whom we had
gone having been assured that
through him I could get not only an
immediate interview with the Duke
but also a letter of introduction to
the Commissioners' great friend "Hildes".
It all turned out all right in the
End only I had to tell Orsini not
to give my letter to His Eminence
the Cardinal, but to send it back to
This he failed to do and on the last day
I had to telephone him and ask him to
Advise it - but somehow I do not think
An ovine gives up so easily, and that
Pacielli may still have the gift of the
Letter if not its contents. So I do not
conclude the Vatican from any calculation.
Although I think the other way will probably
be more direct.
We were really terribly glad to get out
of Rome - for it had been a long time
under a peculiar kind of surveillance -
Which gets on one nerves. In the train
To Venice a queer thing happened. The
Conductor came up about half
Way there, and presented me with a
Large bouquet of sweet smelling violet.
"For you," he said - and in Venice,
When one knows which was right in the
Managers office - was known. He were given
Very very special attention. When
Who in wheels and I longed for the moment
When I would cross the frontier into my
own clean wholesome little America -
I little thought !!!!!!
P.S. The "Suspect" meant that they said they thought I was going to use all my efforts for publication in any paper — and of course I cannot substantiate denied this, and told them that quite obviously any publicity would immediately ruin any scheme. Also I told them I was only an ASS. Editor [strikethrough] paid for my work.
Feb. 23, 1920

Austria - Confidential

This is going to be more difficult. My first heartbreaking feeling on coming into the country on the day when it turned into slavery, was that I could not go on with my mission. I never knew how dreadfully like the "moral" sense country, how much the country can become, and for these days I felt I would never be dispassionally enough to hang on seizing the whole and last a part.

That is over now, and I am inhumanly once more, at least, as far as my work goes. That thing is a terrible terrible evil though, is as inhumanly sure as it is inhumanly.

On the frontier it began. A German dressed in Austrian uniform came in to look at my bags. A little old lady of over 70 dressed like a peasant was sitting in the corner, and before the demanded less to embark his bag & - my blood was boiling, and I suppose there was something about me that must have given vent to my feelings, because, "bully" as all those German officials are, he became as much as a laugh when he came to me, and looked at me, saying, though the Constabulary was free of our luggage -
Then we went to stay with a very sister in the
heart of Styria for three days and then on
the Radio (with telephone!!!) I listened to
Hitler's Three hour speech!!! and then leave
on to Vienna.

One of the first people I got hold of was my
cousin Rudolf Asay - he is opening parliament
tomorrow and is sending me tickets for it.
He has made it possible for me to have dinner
with him on the Friday. The next few days,
by asking me to lunch the Kaiser and
his Foltale - for the week next - so I shall be
able to report more fully in my next, but
in the mean time let me tell you
briefly what he said -

Of course they are all crushed - They did
their thing because they were envollved into
it - Hitler's armies were on the frontier, and
although they might not have reached in
completeness, the "stablagen" (like the Delfin
arms) would have become so bad that
Austria could not have stood it. There our
hope is the better understanding of England
and Italy. A heaving disunited Eden was
brought in a really fine man like Holfax
in fact, that somehow they will be saved
from the outside - but Rudolf Asay said
again and again - if only it has not come
too late.
Although I have not yet discussed this with Rudolf personally.

The thing I am sure is intensely harmful. Yes, is that there is going to be a prosecution of the Jews like in Germany, and that this is the SOF Hitler is going to throw to the people in Austria— from all sides you catch reminiscences of that — and then what?!!! Rudolf says Hitler's object is to assimilate all the German people in Europe together. They happen to be in almost every European country.

And the methods are through the commission of police — and possibly a controller. Perhaps:

The Austrians are just like, and always have been, like, a lot of bumbling Sheikhs. They go where they are driven — believe what they are told— good things (the Austrians left in Germany for the time since 1933) have been sent back. All political prisoners have (at least half is good) been freed, (of all creeds and politics) — and virtually we already belong to Germany — I said this to Rudolf, and he said "not yet ever so swift, but almost" —
But he hopes (as I do) that the sacrifice
The Chancellor made to save the peace of
will give the outside powers time to
do something about it, without打着
the world into war -
On the whole I approve of what Schusnig
Aid - Even if this little Country has
to be conquered, it is better (as another
Counsel said) than starting a world war —
and I shall at least be able to be proud
of it, and feel that it has redeemed
its part in the world war —
This does not mean that Germany is
free of a menace - As I see it, she now controls
Italy and Austria, and her game of
bluff that she is playing, can go on to
much wider fields. — Rudolf told me what
that I had heard, that she is in a
very bad way, financially, for food, for
raw materials, and that she is hoard
also to maintain their
Wehrmacht, with a pitiful idea of
prosperity, because with the enormous
armaments, there has been work for everyone.
If her methods were that of America
one would not mind, but here everything was
really going quite briskly; in Vienna the shops are almost the same pretty shops that they were before the war, and the same things that I saw here, even 4 years ago. In Italy the shops are pathetic, but they are catering more to luxury, and catering for the Toreis [Tories] again - (the only hope of Austria). All this will of course cease, because even I with my mission have hesitation whether I wanted to visit Germany at this time - and I certainly would not do it without a mission!!

The week we arrived, there were demonstrations, but nothing much. Charlie and I went out to look, but the people passed by uninterested. We were tired, whilst the Nazis went "Hey Hitlering" down the street - but the horror of it is that the thing has happened and makes some wonderful "tragic" Archibald [Archibald is the name of the place].

It is Goodnight to my gentle little Austria.

More after this week....
Regarding my "mission," I still believe it is the only way. But I am not sure whether it would not be better (if such a thing could be done) to have the two men separately, and to then determine paper a little to what is happening to him, as well as to check a man who is apparently gone "berserk.

Diplomacy can do nothing. Confidentially, the wife of the man who was sent away in Rome from the German Embassy said to me that "when things were demanded of a gentleman that he could not do, and not only that he could not do, but that in his wildest dreams he could not have conceived of any one asking him to do them . . . . .

Very Confidentially

T.S.
The Farm
Va.
Oct 14 1940

My dear Daddy,

As I had a great wish myself that on the 16th I should have a chance of going to Holy Communion, I have been wondering whether it would not be the wish of many other families all over the country. I do not know whether I am right in thinking that the Federation of Churches works very closely with the White House (all my ideas are largely handed in these days, and churches may be purely imaginary) but if my ‘hand in count’ would there not still be time to ask them to support it? Your Churches that they should let us go to Holy Communion on Wednesday, both boys and missed. There will be many who will do it.
on a purely official basis - but then
care some who will go because they do not
know how to pass the day without some
help.

With best love & many thanks
in haste -

Yours,

Camilla
Dear Mrs. Margaret,

Too ill to write anyone.
Will you give this to the President. Nothing important only a word of friendship in a terrible time from a sick old friend.

Clemence Short

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Handwritten note signed by Clemence Short to Margaret, expressing her illness and offering a word of friendship during a difficult time.
To my Great Daddy, son

June 5.

Dear Mr. President,

Just why I feel impelled to write this letter to you today I do not know, perhaps because I have been very sick, and can't get over it — perhaps because we "Religious mystics" (if I can use so great a word for myself) are often more kindly conscious of what their friends are going through than just ordinary friends. (I have a hunch that a lot of it is a medicine if one can manage to go over their enough anyway.)
So in Christ's name whom I like to think I soak I want to thank you for all you have tried to do and are doing for him all the shame and trouble and sorrow and loneliness of it you may make mistakes in the end, my daily prayers are with you that you don't you may fail him as all his disciples did (doctor perhaps the disciples at the cross) But those disciples never really let go. They "Hold on" through love and resolution till they saw the light again if you are not deliberately untrue to your vocation, and you cannot be you will always come back

When I started writing the "Boys battle of Fools letter" I thought of your brother I had many messages to give you whether you took them or not was not any part of the job, that lay between you and Christ. It is hard to know how many times I think you have taken all but one The one I spoke of in my first letter. It is the acceptance in its entirety of a Knight of the Holy Grail - You have the "adoration" I know You have the "Belief" (up to a point) But Franklin D. will never rise to his full stature, never hold up the Holy Grail as the
head of the order, which
is his purpose — unless he
has learned entirely to
renounce himself, and
without this renunciation he
has no right to think of assuming
the powers he is assuming
in these times. And your friends
talk, laugh, enjoy yourself. They
will keep you normal — but
always see that in your heart
shall be your personal desire —
only the complete surrender to the
God whose Chalices you guard —
"There are no ends to the personal
demands Christianity makes and
wine."

And now (since I know that great
and direct line as I join up to this
sheet that the great pride of my
heart. Even when the time
comes (probably is now) when
Earth you will not be conscious
of mine and Charlie Edsall's,
The price of my heart
will always be my friendship
with you and your mother.

since the letters were so often
based on a threefold (not told)
infern — Oh that sounds silly
and written! you know that I
believe we are all tied up in
friendship to the shaping in
our way (not Anthony Edsall
way) of the world to come on
Earth — love and Peace
and Freedom — if you had
heard Anthony answer to the
men at his board—
you would hardly have

I may not
be there to see it. I am
not anxious about that.
but I hope you will—
and if you are, and if any
friendship to your mother
and yourself is not just a
fantasy of my own, then
will you do one thing—will you
let your mother write me just
the one word—Franklin
says if anything happens to you
he will be good to Charlie
& the boys—Cross his heart—
March 1
1941

My dear Missy,

Please will you give the enclosed letter to the President. (If I may presume to send it to him.)

May I say thank you so much for all your kindness these 8 years? I realise that I am a good deal of a worry to you, and that you have had endless patience.

[Signature]

H. Barnwell
Personal

March 1, 1941

Dear Mr. President,

It was a strange sensation this morning to wake up after 8 years, and realize that we were no more "servants of the Government"!!! "Der Erober hat seine Schuldigkeit gethan, der Unter kann gehen"—Those are good lines of Schiller that cover a wide region.

I have presumed so often on our friendship to your brother, that alas! I hear...
The service is almost threatened, but I have a fancy that it should serve just this once even, for I have a queer kind of wish to say goodbye, not to the President, but to the soul of my Great Lady, who has been my host at Hyde Park once or twice on any very precious visits there. May God guide you in the terrible times that surround us. Franklin Delano Roosevelt. May he hold your hand when human endurance gives way and the war of nerves drives you to decisions that are not Gods. May you always find your way quickly to the comfort of that garden under the Olive Trees and may He thank you for all the strain and the effort you have put into these 8 years. I mean the strain and the effort that counts, not the past that just spells success. Forgive me - I realize that this is an old lady's letter - but since it comes from the pen of an old lady this is fitting - you must have realized (if you ever thought of two such unimportant pecks
as Charlie and me, that as old family retainers (something along the line of the family Butler and housemaid) our loyalty has been if nothing else, since and from the heart.

I am going to send you the last thing Charlie worked on for you (just like the Butler polishes up the silver for the last time before he goes) it may have some points that will be of value to you - if so it will serve its purpose.

Mrs. Carnegie was awfully nice to Charlie today (please thank him if you can) he seemed shocked at the idea that any one as valuable.

as Charlie was going, and asked him to come back in three weeks - unfortunately our lives don't work that way. Apart from the war of nerves, that we have been going through for the last 4 months (I have been very ill added to other difficulties, and am still in hospital) the last two weeks I must see all the shade work such as putting in fans to auction, etc. done, as after that we shall have less money. It is just too bad isn't it?!!!

But this is not the part of life with which our troubles from the son of the first lady leave alone the President of the United States.
Please will you do just one more thing for me — my C.O. principles, (which, I think, in my heart of hearts, are a good deal the cause of my being chafed up) as it has pleased Him, take all my pride I have in some funny way come between your brother's friendship and mine, or rather, the expression of it (because she will always be to me the clearest thing God gave me in my old age) will you in this last part of the journey carry an extra little bit of love and tenderness to her, as any share that I could not give her to the end. — Give Diane your blessings — as my little Stephens used to say when they wished me goodnight, loyally & respectfully, Camilla.
January 28,1941

PRELIMINARY SUGGESTIONS

FOR ORGANIZATION OF

HOME SECURITY ADMINISTRATION

(OR, "CIVIL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION")

There are three major activities of a nation engaged in or preparing for the eventuality of total war: (1) industrial and agricultural production, (2) military and police action and (3) civilian defense. In our preparations today the first two processes are well underway, the third, civilian defense, is being recognized here and there through separate local efforts along some lines and some phases have been made the subject of studies by the War Department and its civilian technical committee. However, no single unit of the Federal Government exists whose responsibility it is, and which is organized to prepare all the essential precautions necessary to protect civilian populations and to put them into effect immediately in the event of war and to reinforce civilian morale as a part of national defense.

The attached outline shows the most important functions necessary for civilian home defense. The main organizations necessary for actively carrying out these functions should be set up by the States and large municipalities, but to obtain uniformity, avoid conflicts, and coordinate operations the general policies and regulations, including manuals, should be determined and coordinated by a new Federal agency created for the purpose. The States and larger cities should be advised of these policies for their consideration, necessary action and determination as to when some of them should be started. In some cases particular functions should be carried out entirely by the Federal Government.

Nearly all of these functions would be active only in case of war, but some of them, involving training, should be started now. Some could become permanent organizations. Surveys and studies should be made on all of them now as time is required, especially for adaptations to local conditions. (England began studies on air raid protection in 1935.)

The starting at this time of some of these functions by local communities would not only help the Country to become prepared but would help the public to realize the seriousness of preparedness and would afford to the average citizen, male and female, opportunities for work in which they would feel they were doing their active share. Also, it would have some effect internationally in showing how seriously we are undertaking total preparedness.

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PRELIMINARY OUTLINE SUGGESTION FOR ORGANIZATION OF 

"HOME SECURITY ADMINISTRATION" 

(or "CIVIL DEFENSE ADMINISTRATION")

1. SPECIAL CONSTABULARY
Determine policies and organize now:

(A) To interest various localities to organize now, get volunteers and train them for special constabulary work to be called out on active duty only in special emergencies at request of Governor or Mayor after all other police reserves and then to be under direction of local police head. (Many thousand additional police will be necessary, especially in smaller communities if war comes, and some volunteers should be trained now to form a nucleus for police work, ARP work, Blackout enforcement, etc.) To have no police authority (or badges) except when on active duty.

(B) To train personnel carefully selected after investigation by proper authorities, to be drawn from all classes and receive pay when on active duty (for benefit of labor job holders). To be certified as qualified after training. Short evening classes for instruction in police laws, regulations, etc., instruction in first aid, and information regarding various relief and social service organizations.

(C) To assist police in catastrophes, explosions, etc., rescue work, guarding, etc.

(D) To receive air raid precaution instructions; some to be wardens or chief ARP officers when necessary (those so desiring).

(E) To become personally acquainted immediately with neighbors and where social needs are found, to assist them to obtain care, medical assistance, etc., from the local agencies, cooperating with local agencies and police.

(F) (This may become a permanent organization and of great social value)

2. AIR RAID PROTECTION, GENERAL
Determine policies and make studies and preparations for organization of-

(A) Air Warden zones (now)

(B) Air Wardens &
ARP officers

(C) volunteers

(D) scouts (observers), rescue squads, clearance of debris, etc.

(E) Prepare ARP manual (now)

(F) Air raid warning systems; signals, local & national communication systems.

(G) Cooperation with police and military forces (now)

(H) Coordinate air raid warnings with military, coast guard, fire rangers, etc. (now)

(I) Reports of air raid damage

(J) Standardize report forms (now)

(K) Provision for storage of protective equipment, gas masks, etc.

(L) Preparations for distribution of gas masks, etc.

(M) Maps for ARP use; Air Wardens and Zones, fire, police, special constabulary, fire regions and stations, shelters and medical treatment stations (now)

(N) Surveys for necessary temporary acquisition of property (now)

3. CONSTRUCTION
Prepare policies and make recommendations of methods for protection recommended by the National Technological Civil Protection Committee (Sec. of War) for-

(A) Schools, etc.

(B) Industries
CONSTRUCTION, CONTINUED

[C] Office Buildings
[D] Subways and bridges, railways and depots, piers and docks
[E] Public Services - power, water, sewage
[F] Buildings under construction
[G] Homes
[H] Hospitals and institutions
[I] Theatres, etc., museums, libraries, etc.
[J] Protection of windows, commercial and homes
[K] Urban air raid shelters for general public
[L] Individual shelters, industries, buildings, homes
[M] Locate public shelter stations (now)
[N] Shelters, trenches, etc., for rural districts
[O] Studies for camouflage for large and vital structures and general camouflage of small structures (now)

4. HEALTH AND FOOD

Determine policies and regulations for-

(A) Protection of and decontamination of food
(B) Decontamination of clothing and materials from chemicals
(C) Surveys for storage of emergency food supplies; determination of essential commodities (now)
(D) Surveys for communal feeding (now)
(E) Surveys for communal feeding volunteers and shelter entertainment volunteers
(F) Surveys for transportation of emergency food and drinking water
(G) Surveys for disposal of fatal casualties
(H) Surveys for gas protection, masks, etc., and storage and disposition of same (See "ARP, General") (now)

5. MEDICAL

Determine policies, make studies, regulations and undertake-

(A) HOSPITALIZATION:
   (a) Surveys of available space and equipment (now)
   (b) Surveys for new emergency space and equipment and emergency stations (now)
   (c) Surveys for ambulance services, existing and volunteer of vehicles
   (d) Surveys for moving mental and contagious disease cases (now)
   (e) Organising volunteer ambulance drivers and stretcher bearers
   (f) Stretcher equipment and stretcher carrying fixtures for vans, etc.
   (g) Coordinate with Red Cross (now)

(B) MEDICAL CORPS:
   (a) Organizing, classifying volunteer medical aid (doctors, interns, students) (now)
   (b) Organising nursing aid, existing and volunteer nurses (now)
   (c) Instructing volunteer nurses for ARP work (now)
   (d) Prepare instructional bulletins to doctors and nurses re: chemical warfare effects, treatment, protection, etc. (now)
   (e) Prepare instructional bulletins to doctors and nurses re: nerve disturbances (now)

6. BLACKOUT

Determine policies, and advise localities re: preparation for recommendations of Nat'l. Technological Committee:

(A) General regulations re:
   (a) Industrial, office buildings, homes, docks, depots, etc.
   (b) Street and vehicle lighting
   (c) Shops and illuminated signs
   (d) Transport - railways, busses, inland ships, etc.
   (e) Street markings for blackouts

(B) Enforcement instructions for police, special constabulary, and ARP.
7. FIRE
Determine policies and regulations, and advise preparations now for-
(A) Surveys for emergency fire stations, cut-offs, by-passes, connections, pumps, etc.
(B) Surveys for loan of equipment to fire stations, and its storage
(C) Surveys for equipment for volunteer firemen
(D) Organize and drill volunteer fire brigades
(E) Prepare manual for emergency fire measures, with addition of local fire maps
(F) Emergency measures for rural areas
(G) Coordinate with Fire Ranger Stations

8. EVACUATIONS
Determine policies and regulations, and advise studies be made for-
(A) Surveys for probable necessary evacuation in specific areas or localities (now)
(B) Surveys for provision for evacuees (No preparations to be made at this time)
(C) Surveys for possible sections for billeting (No preparations to be made now)
(D) General study of policy, regulations, costs, payments, etc., for billeting (now)
(E) Surveys of transportation facilities for evacuations (See "Transportation")
(F) Studies for evacuations and moving of schools (See "Education" & "Transportation")
(G) Mental and contagious disease cases (See survey under "Medical")

9. TRANSPORTATION
Determine policies and advise studies be made now for-
(A) Prepare manual for ARP regulations for trains, buses, etc., dangerous cargoes, etc.
(B) Surveys of possible local transportation (railways, buses, public service vehicles, delivery trucks, private motors) for transportation of-
   (a) Emergency food, drinking water, etc. (See "Health")
   (b) Personal property and storage thereof (See "Evacuations")
   (c) Schools (See "Education" and "Evacuations")
   (d) People (See "Evacuations")
   (e) Moving mental and contagious cases (See "Medical")

10. COMMUNICATIONS
Determine policies and advise studies now-
(A) Surveys of needs for emergency and means, of telephone, telegraph, mail, airplanes, etc.
(B) Surveys for emergency repairs and storage of repair equipment
(C) Coordinate Boy and Girl Scouts

11. EDUCATION
Determine policy and advise study now-
(A) Prepare manuals for education of public and schools, and give advance publicity on-
   (a) Bombs: explosive, gas and fire and possible areas affected and rudimentary protection
   (b) Chemical gas: detection, contamination and decontamination
   (c) Information as to local locations of ARP Wardens, emergency hospital stations, fire stations, etc., and basic information in ARP precautions
   (d) Antigas protection for babies and young children

(B) Induce schools, institutions, industries, large buildings, ARP trainees, (and special constabulary, fire brigade volunteers, etc.) to give training and hold drill for-
   (a) First aid training (Use Red Cross where available)
   (b) Antigas aid
   (c) Drill in use of gas masks and to go to air raid shelters

(C) Coordinate with Evacuation Division activities
(D) Surveys of possibilities for evacuations of schools and education of students, and costs, teachers, quarters, daily transportation.
12. **LEGAL**

Determine policies and now--

(A) Make studies for possible unified legislation by all States for necessary ARP measures and regulations.
(B) Propose "A" to various States for legislation, as necessary and advisable.
(C) Make studies for property, personal and land damage recompense.
(D) Make studies for compensation and injury allowance; war risk insurance.
(E) Make studies for adjustments of labor hours and pay, contracts, contracts under construction.
(F) Make studies for payments for billeting, schooling, evacuated mental and contagious diseases (See "Evacuation", "Education", "Health").
(G) Make studies for creation of Official Arbiters on air raid and ARP claims.
(H) Prepare any necessary local or federal legislation.

13. **FINANCE**

Prepare cost statistics for comparisons as aid to other States and communities. Maintain information re bonded indebtedness, for information purposes for Home Security Administration to determine possible financial aid if imperative.

14. **PUBLICITY AND INFORMATION CONTROL**

Make preliminary survey now for coordination of future censorship under this agency, if war comes, with Post Office Department, State Department, Department of Justice, War and Navy Departments.