Feb. 3, 1938.

Letter to President
From Booth Tarkington

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Letter to James Townsend - Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

From the President


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MEMORANDUM.

November 24, 1937

Mr. Roosevelt talked to Mr. Townsend.

In view of the fact that the Russell name was suggested, Townsend feels he should withdraw the Hassett suggestion.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 19, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE P. S.

Joe Keenan said he sent the President a confidential memorandum about the man the President wants appointed Referee in Bankruptcy in Dutchess County. Joe K. had a talk with Knox which the Attorney General was going to tell the President about at Cabinet. Arnold, the man who now holds the position, died. Joe said Knox wants to know if he can disclose to the other Judges that the President is interested in this man or that someone is interested. They will try and do it very discreetly.
November 22, 1937

Mr. James Townsend
Poughkeepsie
New York

Please phone me Tuesday re Elijah T. Russell.

James Roosevelt
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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MEMO FOR JIMMY

Tell Jim Townsend the matter has been started on its way and we hope for results.

FDR
November 12, 1937

Mr. James Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Secretary:

Some weeks ago I had a talk with the President regarding the possibility of having Mr. Elijah T. Russell appointed Referee in Bankruptcy in place of Mr. Harry Arnold. The President indicated to me that he had it in his mind how it might be worked out, however, within the last week Mr. Arnold died suddenly, leaving this position vacant.

I would appreciate very much your discussing this matter with the President at the first opportunity you may have so that Mr. Russell's name may be advanced for the job.

Would be very pleased if you would keep me posted about this situation.

With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours

James Townsend

James Townsend
Mr. James Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D.C.
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Memorandum for James Roosevelt:

James Townsend of Poughkeepsie called. Wants to substitute the name of Thomas J. Haslett of Beacon for Elijah T. Russell.

M. A. D.
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL
WASHINGTON
November 16, 1937.

My dear Mr. President:

A short while ago you sent me a memorandum dealing with the possibility of the appointment of Elijah Russell as Referee in Bankruptcy in Dutchess County, and asked if there was anything I could do about the matter. I spoke to Mr. Keenan about it and asked him, at some convenient time, to talk the matter over with Judge Knox.

I have just received from Mr. Keenan a confidential report on the subject which, together with a copy thereof, I enclose herewith.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

The President,
The White House.
Department of Justice  
Washington  

November 15, 1937.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

I have waited for an appropriate opportunity to discuss the matter of the Federal Referee in Bankruptcy in Dutchess County with Senior District Court Judge John Knox.

I told Judge Knox that we were very much interested in seeing that Elijah Russell was appointed to succeed Mr. Arnold and pressed the point as far as I thought advisable.

Judge Knox said that Arnold was presently away on leave, and he was not quite ready to determine whether or not Arnold's condition was such that it would require the appointment of another Referee. He said he would make some inquiry and determine about his health, and also make up his mind as to whether or not he would supplant him with another appointee.

Judge Knox indicated that he would be agreeable to Elijah Russell's appointment, if he is to designate a new Referee. I was unable to get anything more definite by way of a commitment from the Judge, but I feel that in two or three weeks we shall hear something more from him on the subject.

Incidentally, Judge Knox told me that the compensation amounted to approximately $1,000 a year.

Joseph B. Keenan,  
The Assistant to the Attorney General.
Warm Springs, Ga.,
November 23, 1936.

Dear Morris:

Thank you for yours of November sixteenth. As my money in the Retirement Fund is not drawing interest, will you be good enough to send me a check for the amount due? I might as well put it to some useful purpose.

Our State election was on the whole very satisfactory. Frankly, I was a little bit worried because you and Jack Bennett did not get the Labor Party endorsement, but you came through with flying colors and you must have had many, many votes from people enrolled in the American Labor Party.

My best wishes to you,

Always sincerely,

Honorable Morris S. Tremaine,
Department of Audit and Control,
State Office Building,
Albany, N. Y.
My dear Mr. President,

Thank you for your letter of November 13th, written from Hyde Park.

I quite understand the situation, and think you have taken the broad and proper view, as is your habit.

Under the circumstances, you naturally want your money. We have previously written you that this money cannot draw interest as you are no longer a member of the Retirement System under the law.

If you do not wish to do anything further about it, the natural thing would be to send you a check for the amount due - something over $9000. Will you please advise me?

I sincerely hope you are satisfied with the election in New York State. It seems to me, under the circumstances, and the unfair campaign conducted by our opponents, in spots at least, we did an extraordinarily good job.

Very sincerely yours,

T/M

[Signature]

State Comptroller

His Excellency Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States,
Washington, D. C.
Dear Mr. President:

When a woman reaches seventy she tries to forget the birthday, but somehow or other, I was not permitted to ignore it. My family and good friends began to plan in advance of the date to
celebrate. The day itself
was a busy and
happy one.

But please
believe me when I tell
you that the climax
of my happiness was
reached when your
delightfully original
telegram arrived in
the evening.

I shall cherish
it, always feeling proud

that you made time
in your busy and busy
day to remember me so
kindly.

My gratitude is as
enthusiastic as if I had
just reached seven instead
of seventy.

With every good
wish and my thanks
again,
Affectionately yours,
Alice Lee Tully.

Thursday, November Twenty, 1942.
September 21, 1943

Dear Grace:  (Tubby)

Grand to get your letter. I don't think I will come down until Friday night, but I will see you on Saturday before you leave to acquire that other diamond and ruby spray.

Delighted your mother so much better. I am better, too, though not slept out yet.

Much love,

F.D.R.
Dear Mr. President:

I glean from the newspapers that you are having a busy time. I am having a very peaceful and quiet holiday and really enjoying it. The weather has been a bit cool, but I manage to get to the beach for an hour or two every day.

Naturally, I have been following all the Washington "doings," and...
to get at least a glimpse of you before you left off.

Wasn't that grand news about Missy?

The change here at Cape May has done wonders. It feels wonderful, as does Paula.

Please try to get a little rest even though you have a house full of people.

I hope Weinstein is safely back home.

\[\text{Apoplexy, awaiting your Message to Congress. It seems strange not to be working on it.}\]

As Dorothy probably told you, I finally decided to go to Savannah to christen the ship. I shall return to Washington on Thursday, the 23rd and leave on Saturday night, the 25th, returning to Washington on Tuesday, the 28th, if that is agreeable to you. Perhaps you will be in Washington before I leave. I hope so, as I would like...
With much love in which the family joins.

Affectionately,

Grace

P.S. Please excuse the appearance of this letter but the paper is burnt and so is the pen.