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Feb. 3, 1938.

Letter to President  
From Booth Tarkington

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Letter to James Townsend -Poughkeepsie, N.Y.

From the President

Encloses check for \$500--Pres. contribution to  
Dutchess County Dem. Comm.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*See -*

*Spoke*

November 24, 1937 *Whelan 1-37*

Memorandum.

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.

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

**TELEGRAM**  
OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM

The White House  
Washington

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Sen "T"

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November 22, 1937

Mr. James Townsend  
Poughkeepsie  
New York

Please phone me Tuesday re Elijah T. Russell.

James Roosevelt

11-22-37  
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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

11/21/37

MEMO FOR JIMMY

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

FDR

JAMES TOWNSEND  
COUNTY CHAIRMAN

HOMER W. GUERNSEY  
SEC'Y COUNTY COMMITTEE

DUTCHESS COUNTY DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE

ROOM 27  
BARDAVON BUILDING  
35 MARKET ST., Poughkeepsie, N. Y.  
TELEPHONE 1181

*Office County Chairman*

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.

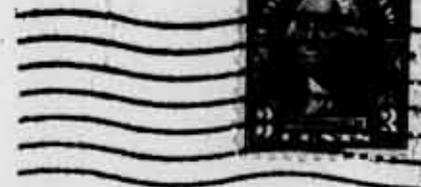
With kindest regards, I am

Very sincerely yours

*James Townsend*  
James Townsend

JT:MS

DUTCHESS COUNTY  
DEMOCRATIC COMMITTEE  
35 MARKET STREET  
POUGHKEEPSIE, N. Y.



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

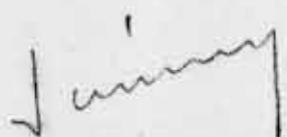
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

Memorandum for James Roosevelt:

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

M. A. D.

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L. C. [unclear]*

  
THE ATTORNEY GENERAL  
WASHINGTON

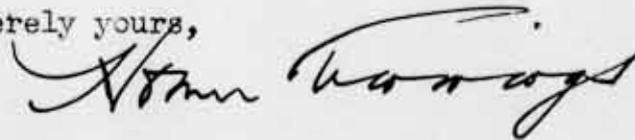
November 16, 1937.

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,



The President,

The White House.

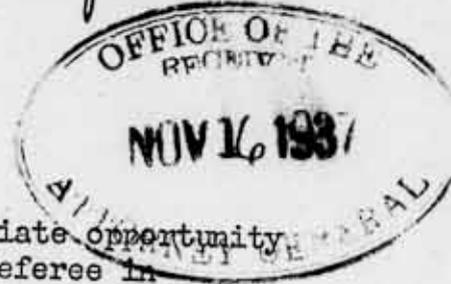
JOSEPH B. KEENAN  
THE ASSISTANT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL

Department of Justice  
Washington

November 15, 1937.

*Confidential*

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*

Joseph B. Keenan,  
The Assistant to the Attorney General.

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Warm Springs, Ga.,  
November 23, 1938.

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 endorse-  
ment, 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. Freams,  
Department of Audit and Control,  
State Office Building,  
Albany, N. Y.



MORRIS S. TREMAINE  
STATE COMPTROLLER

STATE OF NEW YORK  
DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT AND CONTROL  
ALBANY

November 16, 1938

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

*Morris S. Tremain*

State Comptroller

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

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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 even 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 full 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 Jolly.

Thursday, November Twelfth, 1942.

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September 21, 1943

Dear Grace:

(Tully)

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.

Cape May, N. J.

Thursday

Dear Mr. President: —

I glean from the newspapers that you are having a busy time. I'm 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 I am

to get at least a glimpse  
of you before going off.

Wasn't that grand news  
about Missy?

The change here at Cape  
May has done Mother a  
world of good. She looks  
& 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.

anxiously 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  
23<sup>rd</sup> and leave on Saturday  
night, the 25<sup>th</sup>, returning to  
Washington on Tuesday, the  
28<sup>th</sup>, 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—

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