

CORRESPONDENCE RE FDR PAPERS (2)

Box 202

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

file

April 19, 1945.

Dear Mr. Minnigerode:

Will you be good enough to deliver the Salisbury portrait of the late President Roosevelt, together with the other picture belonging to the late President, to the bearer of this note, who will bring it to me at the White House?

Is there anything else at the Corcoran Gallery of Art belonging to the late President which we should pick up at the same time?

GRACE G. TULLY

Mr. J. Powell Minnigerode,
Director, Corcoran Gallery of Art,
Washington, D. C.

*Salisbury portrait sent
to the Big House at Hyde
Park.*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

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April 14, 1945.

MEMORANDUM:

Letter from Doc O'Connor, Oct. 23, 1941, with attached copy of the Will of the President, executed in Washington, Oct. 22, 1941 given personally to Mrs. Roosevelt or a member of the family by Miss Tully this date.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

file

April 16, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR:

Miss Tully.

Along with the President's papers should be the diary kept by Secretary Forrestal on his recent trip to Iwo Jima.

Mr. Forrestal has requested that this diary be returned to him as soon as convenient as he has no other copy.

Respectfully,

W. M. Rigdon.

*Diary received
from Miss Tully
4-18-45.
Mr. M. Rigdon*

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

file

April 30, 1945

Received from The White House Office
2 vol. Letters from T. Roosevelt to
Kermit Roosevelt (Buenos Aires 1914-1916
inclusive) and. (Groton 1902 to 1908
inclusive)

Marjorie C. Smith

THE WHITE
HOUSE
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Nine Sutton Place

April 27, 1945

Dear Miss Tully,

How really good of you to write me about the T. R. letters. I shall be glad to have them promptly so as to carry out the suggestions the President made in one of the last conversations we had about Kermit.

If you will telephone my secretary, Mrs. Smith, at the Willard Estate Office, The Willard Hotel, - National 4420, Extension 1053, she can pick up the letters herself, or arrange to receive them when it is convenient to you. She is coming to New York early in the week and can bring them to me.

My own heart grows heavier as the days go by, and I think constantly of your sorrow.

Hoping that I shall see you sometime soon.

Affectionately yours,

Miss Grace Tully
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Truman

April 17, 1945

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am indeed happy to tell you that I have found the two volumes of letters from your Father-in-law to your husband which you left with the President.

As they are so valuable, I hesitate to send them to you through the mails and am wondering if you would be good enough to let me know to whom I may deliver them so that they will reach you safely.

My deepest sympathy goes to you in the great loss which not only you and I have suffered, but the world.

Always sincerely yours,

GRACE G. TULLY

Mrs. Kermit Roosevelt
29 East 69th Street
New York, New York.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 29, 1945

Dear Grace:

I am enclosing a batch of memoranda for your files. I think this will complete the exchange of communications between the President and me.

I'd appreciate it a great deal if you would return to me my memorandum to the President, dated February 17, 1943, on the subject of a minister to Canada. This is a personal matter on which no action was ever taken and it has no historical significance. I am sure that the President would not have hesitated to send it back to me if I had asked him for it. My new address will be International Commercial Trading Company, 19 Rector Street, New York.

Yours,



Miss Grace Tully,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

*Answered by
telephonic*

Rep 1520

UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR

OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER OF INDIAN AFFAIRS

Asst. Commr WZ

~~WASHINGTON~~

CHICAGO 54, June 30, 1945

Miss Grace Tully,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

Perhaps you will remember that President Roosevelt, on the joint request of Secretary Ickes and then Secretary Wallace, appointed a committee to investigate the Quetico-Superior Project, which is nothing more or less than an effort to protect the standing timber and the waters in the border area between Minnesota and Ontario.

During the years of the committee's life, the Project was several times brought to the President's attention by Secretary Ickes and others. Although I am a member of the Quetico-Superior Committee, I did not myself ever discuss the plan with him, but from Mr. Ickes and others who did talk to him, I gathered that he had a genuine interest and understanding of the whole plan.

The suggestion has now come from several sources that this wilderness area be set aside as a memorial to President Roosevelt. There are many reasons why the designation of this area as a memorial would help to eliminate some of the opposition which has prevented the Committee from bringing the program to a conclusion. At the same time, I believe that a memorial of this character is more fitting than any structure of stone or marble.

I am writing to you for advice before the Committee approaches Mrs. Roosevelt or any other members of the family. I should like to have your opinion not only as to the merit of the plan but as to the justification for a statement which I should like to make not only to Mrs. Roosevelt, but to Prime Minister King, that the President did have a real interest in this project. The evidence which I have is meager. I know of several conversations and of one or two memoranda sent by the President to the Secretary of State. But these do not justify the conclusion that the President was directly and keenly interested. Possibly your own recollections or some notes in the files to which you have access would be helpful.

Sincerely yours,

William Zimmerman, Jr.
Assistant Commissioner

Marlin, Texas
August 2, 1945

Miss Grace Tully
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully,

I am a sixteen year old Texas boy who has always admired Franklin Roosevelt. I am writing to you at the suggestion of Sec. Of Commerce Henry A. Wallace.

Miss Tully, I loved the president and when he died I felt I had lost a very dear friend, though I never had the privilage of meeting him personally. Sence his death I have started what is to be my life long hobby, that is the collection of things concerning one of the greatest men that ever lived, Franklin D. Roosevelt.

I am writting to you with the hope that you will write to me and tell me something about him, perhaps some kind word he may have said to his personal staff.

I have expressed, as best I could, my feelings in poetry about the death of this great American and I have inclosed a copy of this poem which I have written in this letter.

I do hope you will aid me in my collection and perhaps suggest to whom I may write to gain further information about him. I would also like to know where I could obtain pictures of him and also his autograph. I will greatly appreciate your help. I know that you respected and admired him too. I am writting to you because you knew him so well.

I am not very good at writting letters but I do hope you will find this letter sincer.

I remain yours hopefully,

Melvin Handelman

Melvin Handelman
Box 73
Marlin, Texas

He Lives In Deeds
by Melvin Handelman

They tell me that the chief is dead; I can't believe
that this is true.
He lives wherever men are free and freedom's thoughts
ring out anew.
They tell me that this giant is dead, who lead the world
through strife and tears.
I say he's gone but never dead; His deeds will live
beyond our years.

They dare to say that he is dead; This ma
This man ventured where few have tread.
They dare to say that he is gone,
When in his name men carry on.

I know he lives but is not seen.
Who sees justice with eyesight keen?
Who so great can see the air?
Yet who will deny that it is there?

I say he will know the victory day, and our hearts
will say "Well done".
It is he who will lead the victory march, when this
worst of wars is won.

Franklin Roosevelt is not dead, though his life
from our earth is gone,
The world will remember this man among men; In
his name men carry on.

file
Marlin, Texas
August 4, 1945

Mr. Harry Hopkins
% The White House
Washington, D.C.

Miss Tully

Dear Mr. Hopkins,

I am a 16 year old boy from Marlin, Texas who has long admired Franklin Roosevelt. Sir, when he died I felt I had lost a personal friend, though I have never had the privilage of meeting him personally. When he died I wrote a poem about his death which I call "He Lives In Deeds". I am inclosing a cppy of that poem in my letter to you.

After the President died I started what is to be my life long hobby, the collection of things about Franklin Roosevelt.

I have heard that you knew him better than any man in Washington. I would greatly appreciate it if you would write to me and tell me something of this great man. Perhaps you might know where I might be able to obtain actual pictures of him or Clippings about him or his autograph. If there is any information you can give me I will greatly appreciate it. I respected Mr. Roosevelt more than I have ever respected anyother man.

I will caose now hoping to hear from you.

I remain yours sincerely,

Melvin Handelman

Melvin Handelman
Box 73
Marlin, Texas.

Melvin Handelman

P.S. I am inclosing a self adressed stamped envelope for your convience.

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by
Melvin Handelman

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 the information for Mr.
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 He was out and never
 returned the call -
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 I WOULD GREATLY APPRECIATE VERIFICATION FROM YOU THAT THIS
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 AT EARLIEST CONVENIENCE TO ME AT SCRIPPS HOWARD 1033 13TH
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FRANK ASTON.

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WE EXPTD LATE TONIGHT 7:30 PM
 APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM OUR PATRONS CONCERNING THE SERVICE

Ref -
46-29-6

The National Archives
The Franklin D. Roosevelt Library
Hyde Park, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

September 19, 1945

Dr. Edgar B. Nixon
Acting Director
The Franklin D. Roosevelt Library
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Ed:

Chief Petty Officer Thomas Long Wheeler of the USS CARIBBEAN who is in charge of the guns of that vessel, presented former President Roosevelt a gun from the Philippines sometime in the last two or three years. He has lost the letter thanking him for the gift and has asked Miss Tully if it will be possible to send him another one.

Will you please look in our files on gifts and see if you can locate the copy of the letter from Miss Tully or the President thanking Mr. Walker for the gift and send me a copy of it if you locate it. *Wheeler*

Sincerely,

Fred W.

Fred W. Shipman
Director.

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OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
THE FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT LIBRARY
HYDE PARK, N. Y.

COPY

Dear Mary:-

Will you please have this typed on White House stationary and returned to me for signature and mailing? Many thanks and I hope to see you Monday.

Aff'ly,

Grace

March 20, 1945

My dear Mr. Wheeler:

It was especially kind of you to be so interested in seeing to it that the miniature gun model made by your friend, Mr. Edward E. Tudlep, was delivered safely to the President. A note of thanks and appreciation has been sent to him and the President wants you to know that he is pleased to have this unique addition to his naval collection which has come to him through your thoughtfulness.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Mr. Thomas L. Wheeler,
817 St. Paul Street,
Baltimore,
Maryland.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

18 September 1945

Dear Miss Tully,

I am enclosing a copy of President Truman's letter to the Executors of the Estate concerning the papers of the late President Roosevelt which we have been discussing.

Very truly yours,

George M. Elmer

Miss Grace Tully,

The National Archives

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 18, 1945

Gentlemen:

Justice Robert H. Jackson, United States Chief Counsel for Prosecution of Axis Criminality, wishes permission to examine certain papers of the late President Roosevelt now on deposit in the National Archives in the hopes of disclosing additional evidence for use in the prosecution of war criminals. Speedily, the Justice hopes that he, or members of his staff, may receive permission to examine the report submitted to President Roosevelt by Dr. Sumner Welles upon his return from Europe in 1940; the reports submitted to the President by Dr. Byron Taylor while he served on the Inter-Departmental Committee on Political Refugees and those later submitted by him while he was the President's personal representative at the Vatican; personal letters to President Roosevelt from Ambassadors Bodd, Phillips, Ballitt and Leahy; and any communications to the late President from leaders of the Axis powers.

Justice Jackson has been informed that permission to consult the papers of the late President now at the National Archives must be granted by the Executors of the Estate of Franklin D. Roosevelt. On his behalf, I should like to request that effort be made to locate the documents described above; that, upon location, they be sent to the White House; and that Justice Jackson, or officials properly designated by him, be given permission to examine and make such extracts from the papers as are deemed necessary by the Justice in executing his official tasks as Chief of Counsel for Prosecution of Axis Criminality.

I hope that the Executors of the Estate will find it possible in the near future to grant the permission I have requested. I shall ensure that any documents made available to Justice Jackson, or members of his staff, at the White House will be returned to the National Archives as soon as they have been examined.

Very truly yours,

Agued / Harry S. Truman

The Executors of the Estate of Franklin D. Roosevelt,
c/o Gannor & Farber,
120 Broadway,
New York, New York.

O'CONNOR & FARBER
COUNSELORS AT LAW
120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

20 September 1945

Estate of Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dear Grace:

At President Truman's request, will you please be good enough to make an effort to locate the documents referred to in the attached memorandum as soon as you can? When they have been located, will you telephone me promptly, and if I don't happen to be in Washington, call me collect in New York.

Sincerely yours,

Boul Stewart
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Miss Grace G. Tully
Cathedral Mansions
Connecticut Avenue, N. W.
Washington, D. C.

enclosure

O'CONNOR & FARBER
COUNSELORS AT LAW
120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

ESTATE OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Memorandum

1. The report submitted to President Roosevelt by Mr. Sumner Welles upon his return from Europe in 1940.
2. The reports submitted to the President by Mr. Myron Taylor while he served on the Inter-Departmental Committee on Political Refugees, and by him while he was the President's personal representative at the Vatican.
3. Personal letters to President Roosevelt from Ambassadors Dodd, Phillips, Bullitt and Leahy.
4. Any communications to the late President from leaders of the Axis powers.

C O P Y

O'CONNOR & FARBER
Counselors At Law
120 Broadway
New York 5, N.Y.

August 28, 1945

Re: Estate of Franklin D. Roosevelt, Deceased

Dr. Solon J. Buck
The National Archives
Washington, D. C.

Dear Dr. Buck:

We have been advised by Mr. Fred W. Shipman that a wooden box, 17" x 2' x 3', containing typed "Messages, statements, proclamations and Executive Orders from March 4, 1933 to April 11, 1945 (mimeographed copies)", belonging to The Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, was inadvertently delivered to you as property of the Estate of the late President Roosevelt.

We are satisfied after investigation that the facts as explained by Mr. Shipman are correct and we hereby authorize you to permit the removal of the box in question to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park, N. Y. by Mr. Shipman.

Yours very truly,

Signed: Basil O'Connor

Signed: Henry T. Hackett

Executors of the Estate of
Franklin D. Roosevelt, Deceased

Received 1/3/46

Noted
S.J.C. (by F.W.S.)
9-6-45

from Miss J.G. Tully -
Fred W. Shipman
Fred W. Shipman

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

21 September 1945

Dear Miss Tully,

I am enclosing a copy of Mr. O'Connor's
letter which was received this morning at the White
House.

Very truly yours,

George M. Elsey
GEORGE M. ELSEY
Lieutenant, U.S.N.R.

Miss Grace G. Tully,
Room 410,
The National Archives,
Pennsylvania Avenue at 8th St., N.W.,
Washington 25, D. C.

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O'CONNOR & PARKER
Counselors at Law
120 Broadway
New York 5, N. Y.

20 September 1945

Mr. President:

The executors of the estate of Franklin D. Roosevelt willingly grant permission to Justice Robert H. Jackson to consult the papers of the late President Roosevelt now at the National Archives. An effort will be made immediately to locate the documents described in the first paragraph of your communication of September eighteenth, and upon location they will be promptly sent to the White House with permission, which is now given to Mr. Justice Jackson or officials properly designated by him to examine and make such extracts from the papers as are deemed necessary by the Justice in executing his official task as Chief of Counsel for the Prosecution of Axis Criminality.

The executors have noted the contents of the last paragraph of your letter of September eighteenth, to the effect that when the documents made available to Mr. Justice Jackson or members of his staff at the White House have been examined, they will be returned to the National Archives.

Respectfully yours,

BASIL O'CONNOR
for the Executors.

The President
The White House
Washington 25, D. C.

October 2, 1945

By authorization of the Executors of the Estate of the Late Franklin D. Roosevelt and with the permission granted by the Archivist of the United States in his letter to me dated October 2, 1945, I have withdrawn from the files belonging to the Estate now on deposit in the National Archives Building for storage and safe-keeping those papers described in the attached list consisting of seven pages entitled "List of Papers Removed from the Files of the Late Franklin D. Roosevelt at the Request of the President of the United States on October 2, 1945." These papers have been removed at the request of the President of the United States contained in a letter to the Executors dated September 18, 1945. According to the President's statement in his letter, all papers described in the attached list will be returned to the National Archives as soon as they have been examined.

The papers removed by me are the identical documents described in the list attached to the letter of September 28, 1945 from Earle R. Koons to the Archivist of the United States authorizing the removal of these papers, except as follows:

1. Where the term "ribbon copy" appears the word "ribbon" has been deleted because there are no "ribbon" copies in the files. A carbon copy of each such document was withdrawn.
2. The date of a letter from Admiral Leahy to the President was incorrectly given on page 4 of the list as October 14, 1941. No letter of that date exists in the files. A letter dated October 15, 1941 has been withdrawn.
3. A note of transmittal from Secretary of State Hull to the President dated August 17, 1935 has been added on page 1 as it is an integral part of the file it accompanies.

The above corrections have been made on the list accompanying this receipt.

Grace G. Tully

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1945

Barkley's Request Granted:**Truman Frees F. D. R. War Files to Pearl Harbor Probers**

President Truman yesterday promised the congressional committee investigating the Pearl Harbor disaster full access to the White House records of the Roosevelt administration.

In a letter to Chairman Barkley (D.), of Kentucky, he authorized the group to examine anything concerning the disaster contained in the records of either the present or preceding Administration.

Barkley had asked that the committee "be free to disclose at its public hearings information so obtained." Mr. Truman did not spe-

cifically authorize the committee to make public what it finds in White House papers.

He noted that all the files of the late President Roosevelt have been moved to the Archives Building and Hyde Park.

"If there is any difficulty about your having access to them I'll be glad to issue the necessary order so that you may have complete access," he wrote.

At Barkley's request, the President appointed Maurice G. Latta, custodian of White House files for 28 years, to work with the committee.

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120 BROADWAY

NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

BASIL O'CONNOR
JOHN C. FARBER
ARNOLD T. KOCH
HENRY K. URION
WILLIAM F. SNYDER
KENNETH L. HOFFMAN
EARLE R. KOONS
LEWIS D. SPENCER

October 23, 1945

Miss Grace G. Tully
The National Archives
National Archives Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

Enclosed herewith is a copy of letter dated October 16, 1945 from Senator Chavez to Mr. O'Connor requesting a copy of a letter written by the late President Roosevelt to James A. Burns of Taos, New Mexico, together with a copy of Mr. O'Connor's reply thereto.

If you are able to locate the copy of the letter in question without too much difficulty, will you kindly let me know and arrangements can then be made to furnish the copy requested.

Sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons

Encl.

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O'CONNOR & FARBER
120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 5

October 23, 1945

Hon. Dennis Chavez
United States Senate
Committee on Indian Affairs
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Chavez:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 16, 1945 requesting a copy of a letter written to Mr. James A. Burns of Taos, New Mexico under date of March 25, 1944 by the late President Roosevelt.

I shall endeavor to locate the copy of the letter in question, and if it is found, shall be pleased to furnish Mr. Burns with a copy thereof.

Sincerely yours,

Basil O'Connor

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HEVBA K' SUICH
KEVKELEH T' HOLLKVA
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UNITED STATES SENATE

Committee On Indian Affairs

M. H. Pool, Clerk
E. Durant, Asst. Clerk

October 16, 1945.

Mr. Basil O'Connor,
O'Connor and Farber,
Attorneys at Law,
120 Broadway,
New York City.

My dear Mr. O'Connor:

Mr. James A. Burns of Taos, New Mexico, is desirous of securing a copy of a letter written to him under date of March 25, 1944, by the late President Roosevelt.

I have been informed that this letter should be in your hands, inasmuch as it was among the papers which were in the White House at the time of the President's death.

If it is at all possible, I would be most grateful to receive a copy of this letter at your early convenience.

Sincerely yours,

Dennis Chavez (sgd.)

Dennis Chavez,
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COUNSELORS AT LAW

120 BROADWAY

NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

October 29, 1945

Miss Grace G. Tully
The National Archives
National Archives Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter dated October 26, 1945 from Mrs. Roosevelt to Mr. O'Connor relative to an envelope marked "General Watson's personal papers".

While you are going through the files, will you be good enough to check whether or not the envelope referred to by Mrs. Roosevelt was inadvertently placed in Mr. Roosevelt's files. If so, I can arrange to have the same released on behalf of the Executors when I come down to Washington in connection with the Pearl Harbor papers.

Sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons

Encl.

MRS. F. D. ROOSEVELT
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York

October 26, 1945

Dear "Doc":

Mrs. Edwin Watson is troubled because she gave Franklin before he went away, an envelope of her husband's papers. Franklin told Tully to put them away for his return from Warm Springs.

In the mix-up in putting his papers away, this envelope was stored with Franklin's papers in the Archives, and it now requires an order from the trustees of the estate to allow Tully to take out the envelope marked "General Watson's personal papers" and return them to Mrs. Watson.

Will you have this done as soon as possible as Mrs. Watson is really concerned?

Very cordially yours,

/s/ Eleanor Roosevelt

BASIL O'CONNOR
JOHN C. FARBER
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COUNSELORS AT LAW

120 BROADWAY

NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

December 10, 1945

Miss Grace G. Tully
The National Archives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

Thank you very much for your letter of December 7, 1945 advising me that the papers taken from the late President's files at the request of President Truman for use by the Jackson Committee in connection with the war criminals' trial, have been returned to the National Archives. I have advised the Executors accordingly.

From present indications, I believe I shall be able to be in Washington next Thursday morning. Unless you hear from me to the contrary in the interim, I should greatly appreciate it if you could arrange to have Mary Eben at the Archives Thursday morning at which time I can explain in detail just exactly what is needed to complete the inventory of the books.

Sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons

THE NATIONAL ARCHIVES
WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 7, 1945.

Dear Mr. Koons:-

For your information, and that of the Executors,
I wish to report that the papers taken from the late President's
files, at the request of President Truman, and turned over to
the Jackson Committee for use in connection with the trial of
the war criminals at Nurnberg, Germany, have been returned to
the National Archives.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

GRACE G. TULLY

Harle E. Koons, Esq.,
c/o O'Connor & Farber,
120 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

FREDERIC R. HARRIS
REAR ADMIRAL C.E.C. U.S. NAVY (RET'D)
27 WILLIAM STREET
NEW YORK

HANOVER 2-0680

December 10, 1945.

Dear Miss Tully:

I have your letter of December 7th about the model of the sectional shipshape battleship dry dock which I sent to the late President. This model was sent to him in November 1943, the late Colonel Knox, then Secretary of the Navy, personally making all of the arrangements. Colonel Knox told me the model was too large for the White House and that the President at that time thought it was too large for Hyde Park and was thinking of having it displayed in the Navy Department. It may very well be that this is the model the Treasury Department is using in connection with the War Loan Drives although I had furnished a smaller scale model of these docks to the Bureau of Yards and Docks of the Navy Department for use in the War Loan Drives and I will attempt to trace this through the Navy Department. However, I was under the impression that that had been returned and was now in the Navy Department.

The type of structure that the model represents, now that they are no longer secret, has received much publicity in the press and has been referred to as "Admiral Nimitz's secret weapon against Japan".

Since the model was presented by me to the President and had attached to it a plate noting such presentation, it occurred to me that, considering the great usefulness of these structures in maintaining the Navy in the War (the model represented seven of such docks), it should be in the Hyde Park Museum. I recently visited the Hyde Park Museum and I am quite sure they have room for it there but if they haven't room and do not want it, undoubtedly the Naval Academy Museum would be a good place for it. I am writing to Captain Reside of the Bureau of Yards and Docks of the Navy Department, asking him to trace this. I am also writing Captain Baldrige, Curator

of the Naval Academy Museum, sending him a copy of this letter.

At the first opportunity when in Washington, I will get in touch with you.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,



F. R. Harris

Miss Grace G. Tully,
3000 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C.

2000 Connecticut Avenue.
December 7, 1945.

Dear Admiral HARRIS:-

I am sorry for the long delay in answering your letter in regard to the model of the sectional shipshape battleship dry dock which you sent to the late President. I called the Navy Department immediately on receipt of your letter and asked them to be good enough to trace its whereabouts.

They tell me that the Naval Academy Museum does not have it nor does the Navy Yard here in Washington. However, there is a five-foot model of a battleship dry dock being taken around the country in connection with the Eighth War Loan Drive, and perhaps this is your model.

I suggest you contact the War Loan people in the Treasury Department for more detailed information regarding this model. It seems to me that it would make an interesting addition to the Naval Academy Museum collection.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

ORACE G. FULLY

*A. Baime
Navy Dept
Apt. 10
New York
5th.*

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set 527*

FREDERIC R. HARRIS
REAR ADMIRAL C. E. C. U. S. NAVY (RET'D)
420 PARK AVENUE
NEW YORK

November 5, 1945.

Miss Grace G. Tully,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

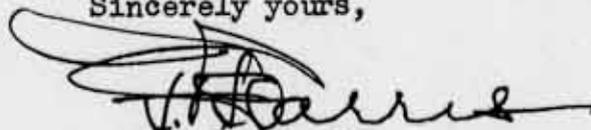
I was at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park Sunday, my first visit there, and as I understand that at least a portion of your time is being given to this, I am writing this letter to you.

About two years ago, by arrangement through the late Secretary of the Navy, Frank Knox, I presented to the late President Roosevelt a model of the sectional shipshape battleship dry dock which has been the backbone of the mobile bases in the Pacific. These structures were confidential at that time and I arranged to have the model sent to the White House by a Navy Yard truck. Mr. Knox told me that President Roosevelt considered the model too large for his room in the White House and had sent it to the Navy Yard for temporary storage.

I am wondering if you know what has become of this model as, undoubtedly, now it would be of the greatest public interest and if President Roosevelt were alive, I am quite sure he would like to have had it displayed at the Hyde Park Library or the Naval Academy Museum. The confidential or secret character of this model, now that the war is over, has, I understand, been removed.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,


F. R. Harris

FRH:V

195 Via Del Mar

Palm Beach

Jan 8/46.

Dear Mrs. Sully -

Last year I sent
President Roosevelt
a voluminous type-
written document in
German, which came
to me from Prince
Rupprecht of Bavaria.

It analyzed the
German situation present
and prospective.

It was to be translated
into English. The State
Dept. gave me no

indication that it had
been referred to it.
Probably President
Roosevelt had it
translated elsewhere.
I would like very much
to see the translation -
If you can locate it
I will be very grateful
if you would send me
a copy.

This note carries
best New Year greetings
and regards.

Sincerely
Raymond S. Carter

I hope you come this way
as look us up.

January 10, 1945.

Dear Mr. Taylor:-

I have your very nice letter of January 8th, asking for a translation of the document from Prince Rupprecht, written in German, which you forwarded to the late President in December of 1944.

The President, as he wrote you on January 13, 1945, turned it over to the State Department "for circulation among the officers dealing with German questions". Secretary Stettinius acknowledged its receipt on December 30, 1944, but I have no record of the return of the document itself or the translation.

I hope you and Mrs. Taylor are enjoying your stay at Palm Beach and getting lots of sunshine and rest.

Again, many thanks for the copy of Ambassador Hayes' book, which is most interesting -- especially his accounts of your visits to Spain during that period.

With very best wishes to you both for the New Year.

Always sincerely,

GRACE G. TULLY

Hon. Myron C. Taylor,
195 Via Del Mar,
Palm Beach,
Florida.

DONALD SCOTT CARMICHAEL

10109 Lake Avenue
Cleveland 2, Ohio
24 January 1946

My dear Miss Tully;

Your Tuesday letter has been received, and I thank you ever so much for making the necessary corrections for me. In accordance with your suggestion, I am requesting permission of the Estate to reprint the letter from "Brother Lucas".

With many thanks and kind personal regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Donald S. Carmichael
Donald S. Carmichael

Miss Grace G. Tully
c/o National Archives
Washington, D. C.

Nov. 22, 1945.

815 Dauphine St.,
New Orleans, La.

Miss Grace Tully,

My Dear Miss Tully,

About 30 days before our last
National Election, I mailed our late
President a piece of elephant leather
with certain inscription and
enclosed for which you sent appropri-
ate acknowledgment. If there is any
chance, I'd like to recover this
to keep as a souvenir. Am sending
stamped envelope for reply. If you have
the article mail it to me, reg or ins-
C. O. D or notify me and I'll be very
happy to send stamps to forward it
to me,

Very Gratefully yours

Geo. T. Eubank

WJM: Dove here?

The National Archives
The Franklin D. Roosevelt Library
Hyde Park, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR

December 21, 1945

Dr. Edgar B. Nixon
Acting Director
The Franklin D. Roosevelt Library
Hyde Park, New York.

Dear Ed:

Will you check to see if the piece of elephant's leather which Mr. Eubank is inquiring about in his letter of November 22 to Miss Tully is in the Library. If it is, tell Mr. Eubank it is government property and we can not return it to him.

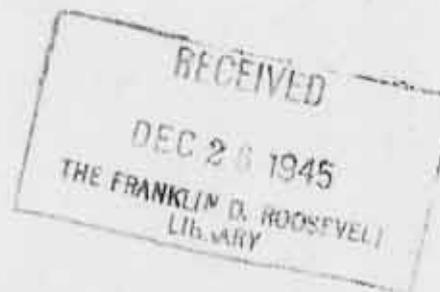
Sincerely,

Fred

Fred W. Shipman
Director

Encl.

*Not in library
EJH*



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120 BROADWAY

NEW YORK 5

February 26, 1948.

Dear Mr. Keons:-

I have yours of February 20th and am enclosing herewith two copies of the "Brother Lucas" letter which Mr. Carmichael has requested. You will note that the letter is undated but the stamp used in the Mail Room at the White House shows it was received there on March 12, 1933.

I shall be very happy to be on hand any time convenient to you, Jimmy Roosevelt and Mr. Hackett. Perhaps you will wire me the approximate day and hour when you know.

With kindest regards, and looking forward to seeing you.

Always sincerely,

Earle R. Keons, Esq.,
c/o O'Connor & Farber,
120 Broadway,
New York 5, N. Y.

(Enclosures)

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February 20, 1946

Miss Grace G. Tully
3000 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

Donald S. Carmichael of Cleveland, Ohio has written to the Executors and has telephoned me several times with reference to a letter dated March 12, 1933 to Franklin D. Roosevelt from "Brother Lucas" on the subject of The Harvard Crimson. Mr. Carmichael advises me that you are familiar with the letter in question and that it is readily available to you.

It seems that Mr. Carmichael is getting together a pamphlet containing correspondence showing Mr. Roosevelt's continued interest in The Harvard Crimson. The material is complete except for the letter above referred to, and Mr. Carmichael points out that in a telegram from the late President dated October 16, 1933, permission was granted to Mr. Carmichael to publish the letter along with other correspondence. In view of this fact, I am inclined to let Mr. Carmichael have a copy of the letter. If the letter is readily available to you, will you send a copy to me for examination, and if it meets with the approval of the Executors, I will forward it on to Mr. Carmichael.

I expect James Roosevelt to come East next week, and if it can be arranged, I plan to ask him and Mr. Hackett to accompany me to the National Archives so they can see at first hand just what the problem is with reference to the material stored at the Archives. Please let me know what time would be most convenient for you in the event the trip can be arranged.

With personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons

UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION
NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 12, 1946.

Dear Doc Crepley:-

I fear your other letter must have gone astray. About the medals, we have none of them here at the Archives, as far as I know. I suggest you write to the Director of the Smithsonian and ask him to send you a complete list of medals sent to him from time to time by the President, or by you in his name.

Also, you might find that some of them are in the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park. If you drop Mr. Fred W. Shipman, the Director, a note asking him to let you know what he has in the way of your little medals, I feel sure you can track them all down. Mr. Shipman might also be willing to look in the big house at Hyde Park and see if any remain there.

I am sorry I cannot be more helpful in this matter but I just don't know, offhand, where the medals can be located.

I hope all goes well with you and with kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Ralph E. Crepley, Esq.,
United States Maritime Commission,
45 Broadway,
New York, N. Y.

45 Bway.

UNITED STATES MARITIME COMMISSION
NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 5-1946

Dear Grace:-

Some months ago, I wrote you about the models I'd made for Fraubolin over the years. Not having heard from you, I presume you never got it.

Some fine folks, Eleanor wrote me they'd all gone to the National Archives. As I knew Fraubolin wanted the Smithsonian to have some of the better ones, I am naturally wondering at the outcome. A lot of them, made years ago, are too terrible for words. I wanted either to destroy them or rebuild them. But Fraubolin always said he loved them & wanted them as they are. So that was that.

Any news you can give me abt what's going to happen to them over the years, I shall be mighty glad to have. I'm

just curious. As having seen his
they have historical value, frightful
as some of them are.

I hope things are going
well with you. I hear from
Eleanor every so often and
see her occasionally,

Sincerely,

R. E. Cropley.

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120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

March 13, 1946

Re: Estate of Franklin D. Roosevelt

Miss Grace G. Tully
The National Archives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

Thank you very much for your letter
of March 11, 1946.

The information relative to the old
letter sent to Mr. Roosevelt in 1937 by Mrs.
Sherburne is exactly what we needed to clear
the records.

Sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons

O'DONNOR & FARBER

COMMISSIONERS AT LARGE

120 BROADWAY

NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

March 11, 1946.

Dear Mr. Keons:-

I have your letter of March 5th in regard to the old letter sent to the late President by Mrs. Baulah Locke Sherburne, and I find that Miss Le Hand sent a check, under date of September 18, 1937, made out to Mrs. B. Sherburne for \$15.00.

With kindest regards,

Always sincerely,

GRACE G. TULLY

Harle R. Keons, Esq.,
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120 Broadway,
New York 5, N. Y.

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*Sent check
dated Sept 18/37
Mrs B. Sherburne
old letter*

March 5, 1946

Miss Grace G. Tully
The National Archives
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

H. R. Harmer, Inc., who is handling the sale of the President's stamp collection, has asked me to check into the following matter:

On September 2, 1937 a Mrs. Beulah Locke Sherburne, South Duxbury, Massachusetts, wrote to the President stating that she had an old letter dated August 26, 1858 addressed to Messrs. Benj. Delano & Son, Kingston, Mass., and asking if the President would care to purchase it for \$15.00. On September 11, 1937 Miss LeHand replied to that letter requesting Mrs. Sherburne to send the old letter described by her in her letter of September 2, 1937. The old letter referred to was found in the stamp collection but there is no record as to whether or not the price of \$15.00 was paid to Mrs. Sherburne. Would it be possible for you, without too much trouble, to check the files or possibly the check books for 1937 to determine whether or not the item was paid.

I am sorry that we were required to cancel our trip to Washington this week but hope to be able to fix a new date in the very near future. If at all possible, I shall pick a time that is convenient to Mr. Shipman since there are a few matters that should be gone over with him.

Sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons

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*Answered
by phone April 14/46
All personal financial
files from
1938 turned over
to Mrs. Roosevelt
when the Pres.
died -*

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120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

April 10, 1946

Miss Grace G. Tully
3000 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

In connection with the appraisal of the real estate at Hyde Park, Mr. Hackett is anxious to know if there are any records available indicating exactly what Mr. Roosevelt paid for the Hill Top Cottage. The contractors, as you may recall, were Adams-Faber of Upper Montclair, New Jersey, and the building was constructed in 1938. I understand that the original contract called for approximately \$15,000.00 but that the building finally cost about \$30,000.00. Do you think it would be possible for you to get the desired information from the files without too much trouble.

You may be interested to know that Mary Eben's request has been taken care of and that she has sent me an autographed photograph of the President which has pleased me very much.

Sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons

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April 10, 1946

Dear Miss Tully:

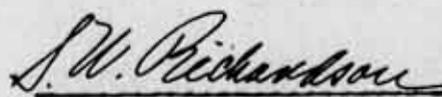
There are enclosed with this letter mimeographed copies of two documents which you furnished the Committee from the files of the late President Roosevelt. The first document is dated December 7, 1941 and appears to be a memorandum from Prime Minister Churchill to the President, and the second document is the draft declaration attached to the first. There is also enclosed a mimeographed copy of a paraphrase of a telegram from the Australian Minister for External Affairs to the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs of the United Kingdom. Permission to use the first two documents was granted the Committee by the British Government only upon the condition that the third document be released at the same time.

At the public hearing last Tuesday, the Committee asked that a further check of the records and files of President Roosevelt be made to ascertain whether any further information or documents are available concerning the enclosures. You will note the description of the "President's subsequent procedure" in the third document and the assertion that "he will issue his warning" on Tuesday afternoon or evening. The Committee desires to know whether the records and files of President Roosevelt contain any memoranda relating in any way to the three documents mentioned above, and to the basis for the assertion made by the then Australian Minister at Washington in the third document regarding the intentions of President Roosevelt. In particular, the Committee would like to know whether President Roosevelt's records and files contain any memoranda of conversations between the President and the then Australian Minister at Washington, Mr. Casey, or copies of memoranda or messages from the President to Mr. Casey which might have served as the basis for the Australian Minister's assertions.

We will greatly appreciate your usual prompt attention to the Committee's request.

Sincerely yours,

Miss Grace Tully
3000 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.


General Counsel

The Prime Minister would be very glad of any comments which the President may have on the attached draft of a declaration to the Japanese Government.

The Dominion Governments have yet to give their views on this text. They are being consulted urgently.

The Netherlands Government have been given a copy of the draft.

December 7th 1941.

Your Excellency,

I have the honour to inform Your Excellency that I have been instructed to make the following communication to the Imperial Japanese Government on behalf of His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom, Canada, the Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, and the Union of South Africa.

His Majesty's Governments in the United Kingdom, Canada, Commonwealth of Australia, New Zealand, Union of South Africa have followed closely in consultation with the United States Government the negotiations in which the latter have been engaged with the Japanese Government with a view to relieving the present tension in the Far East. His Majesty's Governments viewed with the same concern as the United States Government the rapidly growing concentration of Japanese forces in Indo-China which prompted the enquiry by the United States Government to the Japanese Government on December 2nd. They have found Japanese reply to that enquiry extremely disquieting. However valid the explanations in regard to North Indo-China as to which they expressly reserve their views the reply entirely fails to explain the fact that the bulk of Japanese forces are stationed in South Indo-China and are being constantly and heavily augmented.

There is no threat from any quarter against Indo-China and this concentration in South Indo-China is only explicable on the assumption that the Japanese Government

are preparing for some further aggressive move directed against the Netherlands East Indies, Malaya or Thailand.

Relations between the Governments of the British Commonwealth and the Netherlands Government are too well known for the Japanese Government to be under any illusion as to their reaction to any attack on territories of the Netherlands. In the interest of peace His Majesty's Governments feel it incumbent upon them however to remove any uncertainty which may exist as regards their attitude in the event of attack on Thailand.

His Majesty's Governments have no designs against Thailand. On the contrary preservation of full independence and sovereignty of Thailand is an important British interest. Any attempt by Japan to impair that independence or sovereignty would affect the security of Burma and Malay and His Majesty's Governments could not be indifferent to it. They feel bound therefore to warn the Japanese Government in the most solemn manner that if Japan attempts to establish her influence in Thailand by force or threat of force she will do so at her own peril and His Majesty's Governments will at once take all appropriate measures. Should hostilities unfortunately result the responsibility will rest with Japan.

PARAPHRASE OF A TELEGRAM FROM THE AUSTRALIAN MINISTER FOR
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE FOR DOMINION
AFFAIRS OF THE UNITED KINGDOM

Subject to conditions that President gives prior approval to text of warning as drafted and also gives signal for actual delivery of warning, we concur in draft as a joint communication from all His Majesty's Governments. I point out that message from Australian Minister at Washington just received notes that,

1. President has decided to send message to Emperor.
2. President's subsequent procedure is that if no answer is received by him from the Emperor by Monday evening,
 - (a) he will issue his warning on Tuesday afternoon or evening,
 - (b) warning or equivalent by British or others will not follow until Wednesday morning, i.e. after his own warning has been delivered repeatedly to Tokyo and Washington.

COPY
United States Senate

April 16, 1945

Mr. Seth W. Richardson
Chief Counsel
Pearl Harbor Investigating Committee
Senate Office Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Seth:

I think we should have available all communications between the British Government in London and our Government in Washington on November 25th, 26th and 27th of 1941. I know we have a good many of them but I wish you would look into the matter and see that we have all of them including records of any trans-Atlantic telephone communications which may have occurred during those important days.

Cordially yours

/s/ Owen Brewster

Owen Brewster, U.S.S.

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April 19, 1946

Miss Grace G. Tully
3000 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

This acknowledges your letter of
April 17, 1946 in reply to mine of April 10th,
and thank you for your attention to my request.

Sincerely yours,



Seth W. Richardson
General Counsel

3000 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

April 17, 1946.

Dear Mr. Richardson:-

I am sorry for the delay in answering your letter of April tenth, but I have just returned to Washington from New York.

I have made a further search of the files but I am unable to find any additional documents or memoranda regarding the enclosures.

My feeling about the message from the Australian Minister at Washington, Mr. Casey, is that he and the late President discussed the subject but, of course, no record was ever made of such conversations.

I regret that I cannot be more helpful.

Very sincerely yours,

GRACE G. TULLY

Hon. S. W. Richardson,
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of the Pearl Harbor Attack,
Congress of the United States,
301 Senate Office Building,
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April 25, 1946

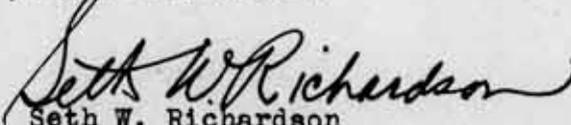
Miss Grace Tully
3000 Connecticut Avenue N. W.
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

There is attached hereto a copy of a letter from Senator Owen Brewster containing a request for certain communications.

It is requested that you furnish the Committee with copies of communications concerning Japan and/or the Far East which were transmitted between the British Government in London and our Government in Washington on November 25, 26 and 27, 1941, and which now appear in the files of the late President Roosevelt. In the event that any such messages have previously been furnished to the Committee, it would be appreciated if you would furnish us with the description of the messages, and it will not be necessary, in those circumstances, to furnish copies of them.

Very truly yours,


Seth W. Richardson
General Counsel

Enclosure

3000 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

April 30, 1946.

Dear Mr. Richardson:-

After receiving your letter of April 25th, I again went through the files of the late President Roosevelt and I find the only communications between our Government and the British Government on the dates you mention were sent to your Committee. They are as follows:

Message from the Former Naval Person to the President, dated November 26, 1941, and signed by Ambassador Winant. I quote the beginning of the message - "Your message about Japan received today. Also full accounts from Lord Halifax of discussions and your counter project to Japan on which Foreign Secretary has sent some comments".

Copy of a "Memorandum of Conversation", dated November 25, 1941 - Subject "Suggested changes in Modus Vivendi" which Secretary Hull had with the British Ambassador, and attached to it a memorandum given to Secretary Hull by the British Ambassador.

Also, I find a message from the President to the Former Naval Person, dated November 24, 1941 which starts as follows: "On November 20th the Japanese Ambassador communicated to us his proposals for a Modus Vivendi".

I hope the above information will be of some help to you.

Very sincerely yours,

GRACE G. TULLY

Honorable Seth W. Richardson,
General Counsel,
Joint Committee on the Investigation
of the Pearl Harbor Attack,
201 Senate Office Building,
Washington, D. C.

P.S. I am sorry but I have no record of any telephone communications which might have taken place on any of these dates.

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ASSISTANT MANAGERS

April 30, 1945.

Dear O'C -

I have your note of April 25, together with "Memo of pictures left in Fidelity & Deposit Office belonging to F.D.R."

In this connection I wish to advise that in April 1937 you inquired of me as to these prints. At that time I advised you that they were turned over to Mr. Basil O'Connor and I forwarded you receipt which we had received signed by someone in his office, thus evidencing their acceptance of them; if my memory serves me correctly, I believe there were sixteen pictures.

In October 1939 I wrote you and advised that we had in the office an inkstand and chair used by F.D.R., which we would be very glad to deliver to you, and on November 6, 1939, an Army truck on its way to Hyde Park picked them up. To my knowledge there are no other articles in the office belonging to him.

I trust the information I have given you herein will contribute in some small measure to the solution of one of your problems.

Assuring you of my willingness to be of assistance to you at any time, and with kindest regards and every good wish, I am

Sincerely,

Lene

P. S. I am returning herewith the memo you forwarded to me.

L. -

**MEMO OF PICTURES LEFT IN FIDELITY & DEPOSIT
OFFICE BELONGING TO F.D.R.**

Family Chart for the United States

Ship scene "Misty Morning" by G. R. Bonfield

Ship "Oxne Cook" built by S. Hall, East Boston 1850

Ship "Flying Cloud" built at East Boston in 1851 by Donald McKay

Ship scene by Edwd. I. Russell 1812-1906

Glory of the Seas - Charles Robert Patterson

**American Ships II - Ship Columbia & Sloop Washington to the
Northwest Coast 1767**

American Ships III - New Bedford Whalers; Rousseau & Legoda 1861

**American Ships IV - Clipper Ship Flying Cloud, arriving off
Sandy Hook 1851**

American Ships V - 44 Gun Frigate Constitution 1812

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Ship scene by Edwd. I. Russell 1812-1906
Glory of the Seas - Charles Robert Patterson
American Ships 11 - Ship Columbia & Sloop Washington to the
Northwest Coast 1787
American Ships 111 - New Bedford Whalers; Rousseau & Lagoda 1861
American Ships 1V - Clipper Ship Flying Cloud, arriving off
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1 - Guest Book of the U.S.S. POTOMAC.

1 - Guest Book of the U.S.S. SHANGRI-LA.

SIGNED:

Grace G. Kelly

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Congress of the United States

JOINT COMMITTEE ON THE INVESTIGATION OF THE PEARL HARBOR ATTACK

May 1, 1946

Dear Miss Tully:

Among the papers which you have furnished us, there is a copy of a letter dated September 22, 1941 from Ambassador Grew to the late President. We have obtained from the State Department files a copy of a memorandum from the President to Secretary Hull dated October 29, 1941, transmitting Mr. Grew's letter to the Secretary with the request that an appropriate reply be prepared.

We would like to know whether you can find among the late President's papers any record of the date on which Mr. Grew's letter was received, and I shall greatly appreciate word from you in this regard.

Thanking you again for your most helpful cooperation, I am,

Very sincerely yours,



Seth W. Richardson
General Counsel

Miss Grace Tully
3000 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

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May 7, 1946

Miss Grace G. Tully
3000 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

In accordance with our telephone conversation of this afternoon, I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter sent today to Dr. Buck authorizing the removal of the 60 boxes of books, the 2 barrels and box containing miscellaneous items from President Roosevelt's desk at the White House and the Naval material taken from the various unnumbered boxes. This letter should be sufficient for the purpose intended but if there is any question, please let me know in order that Dr. Buck may be furnished with whatever additional authorization may be necessary.

I am taking up with the Executors the matter of designating Mr. Shipman to substitute for you at the Archives while you are away and will communicate with you with respect to this matter within a few days. If you are ready to leave Washington before you hear from me, please let me know in order that temporary arrangements can be made for putting the keys at a place where they will be readily available.

I shall also communicate with you later with reference to the request of President Truman which I discussed with you on the telephone today.

Personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons

Encl.

ESTATE OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

120 Broadway
New York 5

May 7, 1946

Dr. Selon J. Bask
Archivist of the United States
National Archives Building
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Sir:

On behalf of the Executors of the Estate of Franklin D. Roosevelt, it is hereby requested that you permit the removal to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Hyde Park, New York, of the following items now held at the National Archives for the Estate:

1. Boxes numbered 1 to 60, inclusive, containing books.
2. Barrels numbered 9 and 10 and box numbered 11 containing miscellaneous items which were in and on President Roosevelt's desk at the White House.
3. Approximately three cubic feet of Naval material consisting of Naval manuscripts and books which had been given to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library by President Roosevelt during his lifetime but not actually delivered to Hyde Park.

Mr. Fred W. Shipman is familiar with the aforesaid items and it is requested that the removal thereof to the Library at Hyde Park be done under his supervision.

Yours very truly,

Earle R. Koons

Attorney for Executors.



DIVISION OF THE FEDERAL REGISTER

The National Archives

Washington 25, D. C.



July 23, 1946

Miss Grace Tully
3000 Connecticut Ave., N. W.
Washington, D. C.

My dear Miss Tully:

In the course of trying to run down an original Executive order for the White House, I called Mr. Shipman at Hyde Park today and was referred by him to you.

The document in question was a secret order signed by the President April 30, 1942, withdrawing certain lands for the use of the War Department in the defense of Dutch Harbor.

The War Department informs me that this order inadvertently found its way into papers transferred to the Archives en route to Hyde Park. Mr. Shipman suggests that it may be in a certain box connected with estate papers of the President here at the Archives, and that you may be familiar with the location of this box.

If this brief description brings anything to your mind that will assist us in locating the order, I will greatly appreciate your communicating with me by phone. The order is needed for publication in the Federal Register and for notation in the tract book of the General Land Office and the appropriate district land office.

Very truly yours,

D. C. Eberhart, Jr.

D. C. Eberhart, Jr.
Chief Editor

3000 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

July 29, 1946.

Dear Mr. Snyder:-

I have your letter of July 28th in which you ask on what basis Mr. Roosevelt estimated the value of the documents which he listed among his contributions on his 1944 Federal Income Tax Return. As far as I know, the President selected the items he intended to give to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library and, from his own recollection of what he paid for them, or their market value at the time, he figured out the total amount of the gifts. I do not remember that he ever called in an appraiser.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

William F. Snyder, Esq.,
c/o O'Connor & Farber,
120 Broadway,
New York 5, N. Y.

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July 25, 1946

Miss Grace G. Tully
3000 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

In his 1944 Federal Income Tax Return President Roosevelt included among his contributions the following:

"U. S. Government, as per my
letter of Dec. 15th, U. S. Naval
letters, documents, etc. . . . \$20,000."

I am enclosing herewith a copy of the letter of December 15, 1944 referred to in the quotation.

The Bureau of Internal Revenue is at the present time engaged in an audit of the 1944 Return, and in this connection the Agent for the Bureau is trying to acquire information as to the valuation of the documents, that is, on what basis Mr. Roosevelt estimated their value as being between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

Mr. Shipman is able to give the Bureau a description and inventory of the documents and, I think, has expressed a personal opinion that the documents would have a market value of at least \$20,000. However, he does not have any information disclosing the basis for the President's estimate.

If you have any information that will throw light on this matter, it will be very helpful in completing the audit of the Return. I shall greatly appreciate hearing from you at your convenience.

Sincerely yours,

William F. Snyder

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December 15, 1944

Dear Mr. Shipman:

I hereby give to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, owned by the U. S. Government, certain family documents which I purchased from my cousin, Miss Ellen C. Roosevelt and belong with the other Roosevelt account books which I have previously given to the Library. The value thereof is \$1,000 - the same amount for which I bought them.

In addition to this, I herewith give to the Library the U. S. Navy papers, some of which are in the Library and others in the White House, but not including the log books or the non-naval papers. The value thereof is estimated at between \$20,000 and \$30,000.

Very truly yours,

Mr. Fred Shipman,
Director,
Franklin D. Roosevelt Library,
Hyde Park, New York.

3000 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

September 16, 1946.

Dear Mr. Koons:-

I have your letter of September 12th, with enclosures, in re Mr. Bonet's request for certain documents which he claims he sent to the President early in 1943.

As these documents had to do with an estate in England, I have gone through the State Department file for 1943, but have turned up nothing yet from Mr. Bonet. I shall keep on looking but at the moment it doesn't look very hopeful.

I have been back in Washington some time but I regret to say I have not yet completed my job. I much appreciate your interest.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Harle R. Koons, Esq.,
c/o O'Connor & Farber,
120 Broadway,
New York 5, N. Y.

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September 12, 1946

Miss Grace G. Tully
3000 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter dated September 10, 1946 from the Department of State, together with a copy of my reply thereto of today, both of which you will find self-explanatory.

Do you feel that you will be able to look through the files at the Archives in an effort to trace the Bonet papers referred to in the Department's letter? If so, and you are able to trace the papers, please let me know and we will then see what arrangements can be made to get the papers or copies of them to the Department of State.

I have not heard from you for some time but understand from Fred Shipman that you have returned to Washington. I hope this means that you have successfully completed the job you set out to do this Summer and I am looking forward with great interest to see the fruits of your labors.

Personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Washington

In reply refer to
FA 341.1103/7-1146

September 10, 1946

My dear Mr. O'Connor:

The Department of State has received a letter from Mr. Julio Rodriguez Bonet of Arecibo, Puerto Rico, regarding the Claudio Francisco Bonet estate in England.

Mr. Bonet states that he had corresponded with the late President Franklin Delano Roosevelt early in 1943, forwarding documentary evidence substantiating his claim to the estate, to which the late President replied that efforts would be made to assist him after the war.

A letter addressed to Mr. Fred Shipman at Hyde Park, New York, has elicited the information that the files for this period are in charge of the executor of the Roosevelt estate and that inquiries regarding them should be addressed to you.

Mr. Bonet has now been requested by solicitors in England to submit such evidence and he desires that the documents be returned to him for that purpose. A search has been made of the Department's files and of those at the White House; however, no record has been found. It would therefore be appreciated if a search of the late President Roosevelt's personal correspondence might be made to trace the documents.

Sincerely yours,

For the Acting Secretary of State;

/s/ Virginia Ellis

Virginia Ellis
Chief, Estates and Notarials Section
Division of Foreign Service Administration

Mr. Basil O'Connor,
120 Broadway,
New York 5, New York.

ESTATE OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

120 Broadway
New York 5

September 12, 1946

Your Reference: FA 341.1103/7-1146

The Secretary of State
Washington 25
D. C.

Attention of Miss Virginia Ellis, Chief,
Estates and Notarials Section
Division of Foreign Service Administration

Dear Sir:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 10, 1946 addressed to Mr. Basil O'Connor with reference to the matter of Mr. Julio Rodriguez Benet of Arecibo, Puerto Rico.

The files of the late President Roosevelt are temporarily stored at the National Archives, Washington, D. C. pending a judicial determination as to the ultimate disposition thereof. We are requesting Miss Grace G. Tally, the late President Roosevelt's secretary, to search the files in an effort to locate the documentary evidence which Mr. Benet states that he forwarded to Mr. Roosevelt early in 1943. We shall advise you promptly whether or not Miss Tally is able to trace the documents in question.

Yours very truly,

Earle R. Koons

Attorney for the Executors.

3000 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

September 18, 1946.

Dear Mr. Koons:-

Thank you for your letter of September 17th, telling me of the decision of the Executors to remove the late President's papers to the Library at Hyde Park within the next month. I have no suggestions to make. I shall, of course, contact Fred Shipman about the arrangements and will do whatever I can to help carry out your wishes.

In regard to the bequest received by the President under the Will of his aunt, Mrs. Forbes, I have no personal knowledge of its receipt, as Miss Le Hand handled these matters for the President until her illness in June, 1941. If Mrs. Forbes' Estate was not settled until after June, 1941, I may have handled such a check but I have no recollection of it.

As you will recall, I turned over to Mrs. Roosevelt all our files on financial matters from 1940 to 1945. If, by chance, we had any correspondence in connection with this bequest it should be in the "Personal Financial" folder -- even if only a "Thank you" letter to the Attorney or Executor. Also, one of the check books should have a notation when the deposit was made.

Sorry, again, that I cannot be more helpful.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons, Esq.,
c/o O'Connor & Farber,
130 Broadway,
New York 5, N. Y.

P.S. Just took a look in Mr. Frederic A. Delano's folder and found this notation "October, 1940 - Re: Receipt and Release connected with Mrs. Forbes will be sent to the President by Mr. Frederic Delano. See: Personal Financial-1940". Perhaps Mr. Delano could help you out.

Miss Grace G. Tully

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September 17, 1946

In connection with our Federal Estate Tax proceedings, a question has arisen with respect to the \$25,000 bequest which President Roosevelt apparently received under the Will of Dora Delano Forbes who died in July, 1940. Do you know or have anything to show when the President received payment of this bequest and what he did with it. Since this amount was taxed in the Forbes Estate, if we can trace it in Mr. Roosevelt's accounts today, we will be allowed some tax credit for property previously taxed. I believe that a George Northrop of Newburgh was the attorney for the executor of that estate.

The best of luck to you with your book.

With personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Carl R. Koons

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October 7, 1946

Miss Grace G. Tully
3000 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated September 27, 1946 enclosing Frank Sanderson's two memoranda of September 25, 1946. Since you personally know that the bills mentioned in the memoranda were incurred by the President prior to his death, I shall submit them to the Executors for payment. Can you tell me whether both items may be paid by one check and to whom the check should be made payable.

I am enclosing herewith copy of a letter dated September 28, 1946 to Mrs. Roosevelt from Mr. Horace Byron Neff regarding his alleged authorship of "The Wages and Hours Act", together with a copy of Mrs. Roosevelt's reply. Since Mr. Neff claims that he wrote the Act on March 8, 1946, almost a year after the President died, it seems clear that it's a matter that has nothing to do with Mr. Roosevelt. However, since Mr. Neff may have made a mistake in his letter as to the year, the files may have some information on the matter. Can you tell me whether or not President Roosevelt did receive any communications from Mr. Neff and if so, what was done with them. I think this information is necessary in order to make an intelligent reply to Mr. Neff's letter. Any help you may be able to give me will be greatly appreciated.

Personal regards.

Sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons

Encl.

October 22, 1946.

Dear Sandy:-

Here is your check for \$44.65, covering the items in your memoranda to me. Mr. Earle R. Koons, representing the Executors, asks if you will be good enough to send him a receipt for the Estate records.

Hope all goes well with you and that you are not working too hard.

My best to you, Mr. Nelson and all your staff,

Always sincerely,

Frank E. Sanderson, Esq.,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

(Enclosure)

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October 15, 1946

Miss Grace G. Tully
3000 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

Thank you very much for your letter of October 9, 1946. The information on Horace Byron Neff will be very helpful in the event we hear anything further from Mr. Neff. I have decided not to reply to his letter unless we hear from him again, since obviously there can be no basis for his claim.

I am enclosing herewith check of the Estate to the order of Frank K. Sanderson for the sum of \$45.65 in payment of the two items for \$43.45 and \$1.20, respectively, referred to in his two memoranda to you dated September 25, 1946. Will you please deliver the check to Mr. Sanderson and ask him to send me a receipt for the Estate records.

The Executors have instructed me to authorize the removal of the files from the National Archives to the Library at Hyde Park. Arrangements will probably be completed within the next week or ten days and Fred Shipman will communicate with you when the details have been worked out.

With best wishes.

Sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons

Encl.

October 9, 1946.

Dear Mr. Koons:-

Thank you for your letter of October 7th. I have checked with Frank K. Sanderson and he would like the check made out to him, as he paid these bills out of White House petty cash, and one check will handle it.

In regard to your friend, Mr. Horace Byron Neff, I have gone through our files on Wage and Hour legislation, which was passed in October, 1938, and find no correspondence or reference to Mr. Neff. I have also checked our alphabetical list but do not find his name. Perhaps Miss Perkins, Congresswoman Mary Horton and Senator Wagner could throw some light on the drafting of this Bill.

I hope you had a nice holiday and a good rest.

Kindest regards,

Always sincerely,

Earle R. Koons, Esq.,
c/o O'Connor & Farber,
120 Broadway,
New York 5, N. Y.

3000 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

September 27, 1946.

Dear Mr. Koons:-

I am sorry to bother you with the enclosed bills right after you have filed the tax return but they have just come to me. If my memory serves me, the item in the amount of \$43.45 was included in the batch of outstanding bills which I had made out the checks for just prior to the President's death. These purchases were made, I believe, by Lieutenant Rigdon on the Yalta trip.

The other item of \$1.20 represents express charges on some photographs of the President sent to Mrs. Roosevelt at Hyde Park. I had forgotten all about this one until I received Mr. Sanderson's memorandum.

Fred Shipman tells me he will be here to supervise the shipping of the papers when the arrangements have been completed.

My kindest regards and I hope all goes well with you.

Very sincerely yours,

Earle H. Koons, Esq.,
c/o O'Connor & Farber,
120 Broadway,
New York 5, N. Y.

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Gates Mills, Ohio, Sept. 28, '46.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt, -

I consider that I have been the victim of the greatest injustice ever inflicted on a citizen of this nation.

On March 8, 1946, I wrote --The Wages and Hours Act-- and secured a copyright on same, the copyright being Sec. C, -- Number 6319.

When I submitted this Bill to the President, I expressly stipulated that he should not use this Bill, unless I was paid for writing the same, and had theretofore written --The Monetary Revaluation Act-- and --The Share The Wealth Bill-- without any compensation whatsoever.

The President, in spite of this stipulation had this Bill passed and utterly ignored my letters asking him to live up to his word.

Therefore, unless I am paid the sum of --Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars-- for my services, I shall enter suit against your Husband's estate.

I have all the carbon copies of the correspondence relating to this matter, including a written demand on the President to return the Bill to me as he had broken his promise, and violated my copyright.

Prior to the writing of the aforementioned Bill, I wrote --A Prayer For A Moratorium On Home and Farm Mortgage Foreclosures In America--. This Bill was attacked by the banks, as unconstitutional, and when The United States Supreme Court upheld the constitutionality of the Act, your Husband took credit for the same as --A Victory For The New Deal--.

I have written letters to several congressmen, concerning the wrongs I have suffered, and they have advised me to sue. Therefore as the sum I have asked is paltry in comparison to the benefit that I conferred, I shall bring action unless my demand is honored.

I suggest that you give me a yes or no within Two Weeks following your receipt of this communication.

If your answer is no, I shall file this claim, and bring suit immediately.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Horace Byron Neff

TO
FROM
DATE

October 4, 1946

My dear Mr. Neff:

As I never heard of you before, I must send
your letter to my husband's executors for answer.

You state you wrote The Wages & Hours Act on
March 8, 1946. My husband died on April 12, 1945.

Very sincerely,

Mr. Horace Byron Neff
River Road
Gates Mills
Cuyahoga County, Ohio

cc: Mr. Earle Keene