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Even in China you have
the elephant on its
knees!
Neil Vanderbilt

President Roosevelt
The White House
Washington DC
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C. Vanderbilt
330, FIFTH AVENUE.

Gen. Conner
Chairman 2nd

Oct 14-

My dear Mr President -

That speech tonight in Chicago
was a masterpiece! Your compari-
sons hit the nail right on
the head and drove it home.

I sat in a room full of
people who hate and despise you

attack, nothing that Ogden Mills,
or Harrison Williams, Winthrop
Aldrich or the Duponts, Al Smith
or Lou Douglas spread can possibly
harm you. Your shirts are clean
and they know that there are
not.

May God protect you and give
you strength until Nov 3rd —
and we will do the rest —

As always — Neil Vanderbilt

And watched them take it! I
think there must be something
massachistic about me. But it
did me good to see them cringe
and look shiftily from side to
side. After you were through
the men all got into a huddle
and talked it over; and I came
up here to write you a line.

If you'll keep up that kind of an

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[1940]

REARLLEN
BELLEVUE AVENUE
NEWPORT R.I.

Dear Missy:-

At a dinner party last night Freddie Prince said he had offered Wilkie a plan for agriculture which he believed Wilkie might offer shortly to the public. If he did he said, Wilkie would tell the farmers if elected he would have his Secretary of Agriculture refund to farmers 30% of the shipping cost of any product by rail.

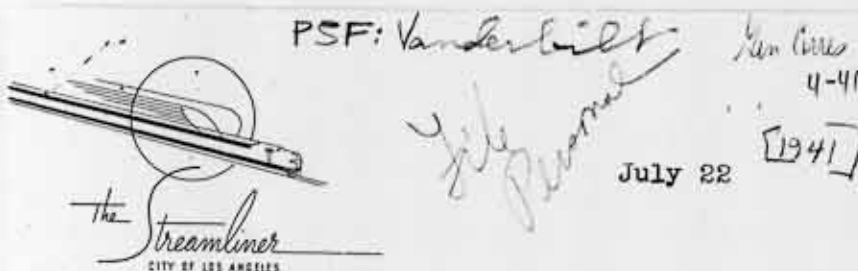
Prince added 'although I have to play ball with the administration because of my job with Armour, nevertheless I learn from our agents throughout the middlewest that the farmer wants a change. Hes sick of Roosevelt's advisers. He wants to get rid of all this supervision. I think Roosevelt is on the way out, and I'm contributing to Wilkie.'

I also learn here Missy 'a way around the Hatch act' is to make contributions in cash personally to Republican campaign managers.

DONT ANSWER THIS. Will see you in Washington.

As always,

Red



Dear Grace Tully:-

Here are a couple of suggestions I think the President should see.

They come from Pat O'Brien, formerly a Captain in the old 69th in France. He is a great admirer of the President; has worked hard for him in the far-west. Is the father of 4 small children; is an artist; a sculptor of note - at present designing the Key Pittman mountain memorial, among other things.

I am bound for Mexico City for J Edgar Hoover on a mission of some secrecy. Shall be back in mid August. Begin lecturing again in mid-Sept. Have 222 engagements booked so far in advance.

Thought the President's talk yesterday on the need of retention of the army splendid; and hope and feel sure, the Congress will concur.

Trust this finds Missy in much better health.

With all good wishes,

Reil Vanderbilt



Dear Neil

It is quite evident that the West is not aware of the seriousness of the present situation or, in other words the precarious condition the U.S. is in.

It seems to me this can, in a way, be remedied by eliminating the cheap, stereotyped high-pressure sales talk put over the radio, by local announcers - which in most cases (Kemo in particular) are obnoxious, due to their lack of ability to impress.

We have at the present moment in this country, a vast

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PAT OBRIEN.

~~Am. Cons.~~
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C. Vanderbilt

November 18, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR: Mr. Neil Vanderbilt.

Dear Neil:

The President wanted me to tell you that he has given no thought and will give no thought to anybody mentioned in your letter as possibilities for Ambassador to Mexico.

In fact, he has already selected the men and probably an announcement will be made very shortly.

Yours,

E. A. W.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 14, 1941.

MR. TERRY FOR MR. WATSON:

Will you tell Mr. Watson that
there is no thought of any of the people
he mentions in his letter to Secretary
Tolson?

W.H.



THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

November 10, 1941.

THE WHITE HOUSE

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My dear Mr. President:

Upon my return from San Francisco, I found the enclosed letter from Neil Vanderbilt, which I think that you ought to see. I do not know whether there is any basis for the rumors referred to and I am sending it to you without comment.

Sincerely yours,

Harold I. Fisher

Secretary of the Interior.

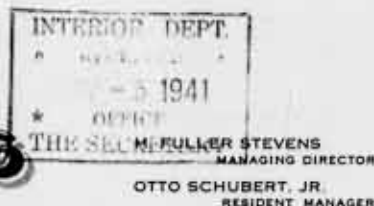
The President,
The White House.

Enc.

ADOLPHUS BUSCH, III
PRESIDENT

Hotel Adolphus

DALLAS
TEXAS



Nov 4

Dear Mr Secretary:-

Walter Winchell said in his broadcast last night that:

'Frank Murphy, Al Smith and Mayor Kelly
were being considered as ambassadors
to Mexico.'

You may recall I visited Mexico last summer in behalf of
the President, G-2 Army, and FBI, myself, and gave the
President a confidential report of my own findings there
at that time.

You must get word to the President, Mr Secretary that if
what Winchell reported is true it would not be a popular
move in Mexico at the present moment.

What we need there now, is a man either with a wife who
can entertain a lot; or a man who likes gaiety, and is
able himself to go out lots in public etc. Someone of
the Tony Biddle or even the Bill Bullit type would much
better suit the present situation. Perhaps Mayor Kelly
would. But the religious issue is still a bone of con-
tention down there; and an outstanding Catholic would
cause us many misgivings.

The Nazis are well organized in Mexico today. They have
plenty of money to spend, and are spending it. Our Embassy
has for some years now been darkened except on official
occassions. There is no leadership in the American colo-
ny - no one through whom matters pertaining to Americans
can be cleared - no one to entertain Mexicans and Americans
- no common meeting ground.



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A 'name' of importance might also be a good
representative - such as Averill Harriman,
or even young Doug Fairbanks - an ex-army
or navy officer - or someone of the type
of Jimmie Walker who is gay and amusing -
but please not Mrs Al Smith in our embassy
there. Frank Murphy is swell, but too
much of an executive-type.

Yours hurriedly

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Frederic Vandewilt

TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

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CHICAGO, ILL., Nov. 18, 1941

GENERAL WATSON:

SHALL BE AT SHOREHAM THURSDAY FROM 9 UNTIL 5. REGARDS.

NEIL VANDERBILT.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

11-6-41

MEMORANDUM FOR: GENERAL WATSON

When Major O'Brien contacts
us is it all right to tell him that
the President will likely be in Warm
Springs the 19th and 20th, when
Neil Vanderbilt states he will be
in the city?

RB

Yes
Edwin

ADOLPHUS BUSCH, III
PRESIDENT

Hotel Adolphus

DALLAS
TEXAS

November 1, 1941.

H. FULLER STEVENS
MANAGING DIRECTOR
OTTO SCHUBERT, JR.
RESIDENT MANAGER

General Edward Watson,
Military Secretary to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear General:

I expect to be at the Shoreham on November 19th, and part of the 20th, and would like very much to have a short chat with the President some time during those two days. Major O'Brien will contact you later.

I will have been lecturing by then in more than 200 cities from Coast to Coast, talking to an average of about 5,000 persons a day since September 20th. I am booked in 404 more cities before the end of March.

Trust this finds you well, and with every good wish.

Yours sincerely,

Carl Schubert



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Nov 29, 1942

Dear Mrs Roosevelt:-

Things are moving very fast about me, at the moment.

Early yesterday I got a sort of heart attack (angina, the army doctor called it) and put me to bed until Monday. Yesterday afternoon an order came in sending me first to San Antonio, then onto the Brazilian jungles - like the cop who offends his Chief and is sent to Harlem. -- Unless something is done, I move out of here Tuesday; it will take me the rest of the week to motor to San Antonio.

But why should I have to go?

If they were sending me to England, to N Africa, to Australia, swell; but why there?

I will be 45 in April; I have a 'heart' and 'an intestinal condition'. I've been doing my job here to the complete satisfaction of my immediate commanding officer: Col Lester D Baker, Plant Guard Force Commander, MMD, 52 B'way, an old West Pointer, US Milit Attache to Brazil, the Argentine, Chile for the past 12 yrs. Why must I be made the sacrifice for the Gullion crowd?

When you have time please read the enclosed. I can be reached here on Plaza 5-0807; or Mu 2-2666.

Yours respectfully,

Paul V.

PS If the President has COMPLETE CONFIDENCE in Gen Marshall, and could ask him to see me, or to subpoena me to Washington - with my records, I think Marshall would be stunned, at what's going on here, in the most lush city in America.

1. Gullion, who likes to think of himself as the Anti-Liberals Robin-Hood, has been spreading his tentacles out all over the place during these past few months, so that I am now becoming really worried concerning the President.
2. Gullion is supervising 'things' both above and underground at Hyde Park. The 240 MP Battln is a hand-picked outfit of his. His frequent inspections at Hyde Park, scarce me no end, for the President's safety - if - he had in the President's entourage others playing that type of game.
3. Gullion is closely allied with Gen Jimmy Ullo, the Adjutant General; and to some extents with even Gen Dewitt and good old Gen Drum. He is a close 'personal' friend of Pa Watsons and even Mac.
4. Gullion's NY group is well organized. His key man in this area is old Col Joe Baer, the Chief of Staff for Gen Thomas Terry, 2nd Service Command - who replaced Gen Irving Phillipson. Under Baer come a long line of satellites headed by brutal, swashbuckling Gen Ralph K Robertson, CO of the Metropolitan Military District. Robertson a onetime candidate for Lt Gov of NY on the Republican ticket, is a National Guard Officer from Buffalo. He is anti-New Deal, anti-FD, anti-war-effort, anti-Semetic, anti-Labor. He is a brutal, unethical person. He was relieved from command of his brigade just before the begining of the North Carolina maneuvers in 1942, and was sent to NY, as Provost Marshal, under Gullion. In 1941, it was in his brigade that the round-robin letters to Congress protesting extension of the Draft Act originated. Robertson's principal heelers for Gullion in the NY area include also Col Foreman, the present Provost Marshall, who is acting Chief of Staff for Col Baer; Lt Col Jack Rohan, the BPR for the 2nd SC, an ex-NY Daily News reporter and personal friend of Joe Matterson; Lt Col Edward Miller, the G-1; Lt Col Marsh and Capt Blewer in his office at 42 B'way; Lt Col Henry Busener, the Exec Off for Robertson, at MMD, 52 B'way, an anti-Semite of the worst order; Major Gurzny the Adjutant, Major Lovejoy the DIO, Lt Col John J William, CO of the 716 M P Battln, Lt Col Griffith the CO of the 715 MP Battln; Lt Col Godfrey the Asst G-2 at 2nd SC, and a great many others of lesser importance.
5. Gullion is a vain, conceited, sadistic, man. While at Govs Isl recently he stayed with the Joe Baer's. He and Baer and Robertson are close friends in crime. All three drink little, plot late, play indiscriminately - usually with other men's wives. Gullion has had a series of notorious affairs. The latest is with Mrs Bradford Norman Jr, of Newport, RI. He recently was attentive to Mrs Lionel Atwill; and prior to that to the notorious Countess Maurice Mohl, the girl-friend of Otto Abetz, Hitler's man in Paris. Now coincidentally Robertson has had two very hot affairs here all summer and fall. One is with Ann Blumenthal. The other Mrs Perry Osborn. Ann Blumenthal's biy-friend prior to Robertson was Count Alexander Mohl, who fled to Portugal on the SS Nyassa, last March. But Ann Blumenthal still has his two children at her Brookville, LI, estate; and up until recently he was phoning her often from Portugal. His brother and sister in law the Maurice Mohl's are living now at the Hotel Lenori, 63 St & Madison Ave, in NY. She it was who was Abetz' and Gullion's girl-friend! Mrs Perry Osborn's boy friend is a Carel von Herculum, a German who had his name changed in Holland in 1938.
6. Gen Robertson, whom my Mother has entertained often at '640', learned either before of after coming into this district, of my feelings of distrust for he and Gullion.

7. Now Robertson is a slipshod-soldier. He has spent hours taking his ladies to shows and nightclubs; and only minutes with troops. Last summer when I was acting as Inspector General of Transports and he was Provost Marshal of the area, he never forced inspections of troop ships, so that there were never fire-boat-or-life-preserver drills. I crossed paths with him on this on several occasions and I still have my records to prove this. Robertson held no Alerts, in 7 weeks - 1 a week in the past 4, after a terrible local army row. He held no inspection of the many freight yards in which we have hundreds of millions of dollars in army, and lease-lend materials stored, and where we have thousands of troops on duty day and night who ought to be inspected.
8. Two active investigations of the Metropolitan Military District are now under way by Inspector Generals of the 2nd Service Command. But they may both be whitewashes. They had me on the stand for over 8 hours at one of these, and appeared to be trying to find out to whom I reported concerning Army inefficiencies, if the CO blocked me from seeing the CG. I merely stated that the 'Commander-in-chief' had set up a 'channel'. Most of the other questions asked seemed to be in the nature of a sort of whitewash of the MMD.
9. A few days before the last of these investigations took place Gen Robertson put me through 4 1/4 hrs of grilling in his office. At the close of this he threatened to have me courtmartialed for getting word to the Commander-in-chief about his inefficiencies; then reaching over he grabbed my tunic viciously and said 'I expect to tear this off your God-damn back; I expect to ruin you so that you can never again walk up Fifth Avenue with your slimy head held high in the air again; I expect to break you back into the ranks. I never hated anyone so much in my life as I hate you; and you'll know just how much that is when you find out that your slimy New Deal friends won't come through for you, when you need them.' During the second investigation I quoted as much of this statement as I could, into the record.
10. Instead of fighting the enemy here in New York, we are fighting ourselves. The Germans have inoculated the Army with the worst bug yet: anti-semetic-propaganda. There are many officers who will tell you they'd rather have Hitler running the world, than FD. Its the same old line - only coming from on high it is scary.
11. Does Gen Marshall know this is going on? Is he too afraid of his own position to order an investigation of it? Could'n't the President subpoena me - and my records to Wash, and have a complete unbiased investigation made - before its too late?
12. Meanwhile I'm to be gotten out of the way. Ft Sam Houston first. And by Dec 1, unless someone steps in, in time. J Edgar Hoover, Messres Tolson and Tamm know all about this; and my records are an open book.

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Mrs Roosevelt
Wash Square South
City

By Hand

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~~Don't know~~ ✓
[1943]
PSF
C. Vanderbilt
Monday -

Dear Grace Kelly -

You asked me to give you a ring when I returned. I have done so on several occasions without much success.

Since I am now able to go out most every day from 2 to 10 P.M. would you let me know a convenient day for you and we shall get ourselves a corner in the hyacinth lounge that will be quiet - or go anywhere you suggest.

3) I had a nice long, old fashioned
chat with Mae the other day. If it
had not been for that rot face
O'Brien's influence over me these
many years Mae and I would never
have broken our friendship. Now that
I have O'Brien's number I hope things
will be different.

Do give me a ring here any time
and leave word to call you. I have
told them if the White House calls
to be sure to get me to the phone.

There is so much I'd like to tell
the President - so much he ought
to know for now + for 1944 - but
if that is out - I know you will
be equally fracions in passing it
on. You have known me a long time

3) And you know of my devotion and loyalty to him. It has never even quivered. I repeat as I have many times that if God grants me my health there is nothing I will not do for him if he asks it - or suggests it.

God bless you Grace. And do get in touch with me if you can. Be careful of mail here - Ed Jones tells me all of mine is being opened.

Yours as always -

Neil V -

P.S. And let's bend all our efforts to put the Chief back in - in '44.

PSF
C. Vanderbilt

~~Gen. H. H. H.~~
full
personal



* Walter Reed Hq
March 24, 1943


Dear Mrs Roosevelt -

From an unusually reliable source I
learned a couple of days ago that
Gen Allen Dulles is contemplating
resigning soon (because of age) and
handling the campaign to make Gen
Mac Arthur the Republican candidate
for President in 1944 - a sort
of "draft-MacArthur-movement."

Because I think the President should
be apprised of this as quickly as
possible, I am again bothering you.

There is one forced sign to all of
this to me and that is that the
purveyor of this information who is a
close personal friend of Sullivan's makes
no mention of the "Plot to Seize
Control of the Government" in his claim.
(Mail sent to me to the Hospital is
being opened.)

With all good wishes - Yours respectfully,
Neil V.


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ARMY MEDICAL CENTER
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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BFC Vanderbilt

Dear Grace Tully,

Clarence Rose who is connected with Russell Birdwell with whom I was formerly connected prior to the King Carol debacle made a statement at my Mothers house at tea last Sunday afternoon which J Edgar Hoover thought I should write you immediately.

Rose who is just back from Mexico, and who by the way was here today for an appointment with Ed Stettinius, said that Messerschmidt had been called in to see "a man high in the Demo party" (hinted it was Jesse Jones), just prior to his returning to Mexcity City couple of weeks ago. Rose said this man had told him if King Carol was willing to put \$300,000 into the coffers of the Demo party, he would '5 days thereafter be allowed to enter the USA to help restore Rumania to the peasants'. -- Rose further said that Messerschmidt had told him that, and that he, Rose had told it to Carol (and Birdwell). Rose said Messerschmidt then told him he would arrange an appointment for him (Rose) to see FDR. He said his train was late getting into New Orleans, and he missed his appointment here with FDR, but that the White House had arranged for him to see Stettinius whom he saw today. Rose said at luncheon at the Mayflower today in the presence of several men, that 'my mission here has been successful.'



THE SHOREHAM - WASHINGTON, D. C.

Yours hurriedly,

(Vanderbilt)

[Signature]

See cover "v" 4-44

"Going Places with Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr."

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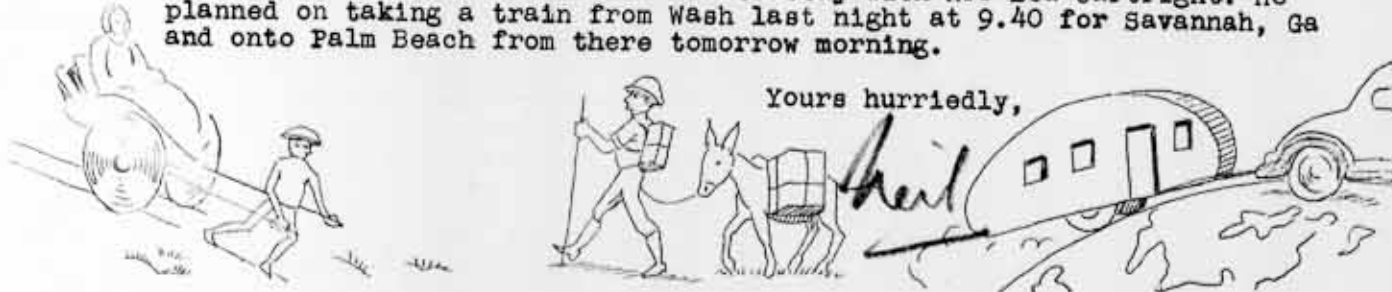
Shoreham Hotel *C. Vanderbilt*
March 23, 1944

Dear Grace Tukly,

On the train from New York yesterday afternoon that man called JANGEROV (my spelling may be off) sat in the Dining Car in the seat right opposite me and made some statements which if true should be brought to the proper authorities immediately. I made notes of them and here they are:

1. Said Frank Murphy told him confidentially in NY last week that FD "won't run because he knows he's beaten because of his constant association with Frankfurter, Hopkins and that gang".
2. The Patterson-Mc Cormick papers are going to hold a convention in Chicago May 3; and are organizing a special American Legion convention to meet in Wash Apr 27 before the DAR Convention in Wash Apr 28. All three groups (700 to 800 at the AL) will denounce the President's 'Globalony' and will ask for immediate court martial of Kimmel-Short to tell the true story of what happened before Pearl Harbor. (He incidentally told me he is working with the NY Daily News toward putting a weekly paper in Spanish about the US in South American and Central American papers -- a paper similar to 'THIS WEEK' or 'PARADE'. He said he has copywritten 'ABC News Service' in all Latin American countries for this purpose; and has signed up 28 of the largest papers there -- said there were 2,000 papers as 'prospects'. He sees a lot of the Daily News crowd, also Mrs Patterson and Mrs Igor (Bootsie) Cassini.) Says Cassini has signed contract with them.
3. That Bootsie Cassini told him that Sen Bob Reynolds had 'saved' Igor 'Gigi' Cassini at the very 11th hour from going overseas last week; and that instead he would be transferred to an OCS and eventually 'washed out' of the Army so he could go back to work and 'tell the truth about the Hopkins gang and their behind the scenes parties'.
4. That Gen Beigbedier, who was 'Spanish Governor of Morocco' represents the Spanish monarchy here, and has the backing of the Churchill Govnt. That Beigbedier knows all about the Communistic tieup of NY Post-Allan Chase-Bowiet Embassy-Frankfurter.
5. Jangerov was enroute to Palm Beach to stay with Mrs Bea Cartright. He planned on taking a train from Wash last night at 9.40 for Savannah, Ga and onto Palm Beach from there tomorrow morning.

Yours hurriedly,



PSF: Ken Corcoran "Vanderbilt" 4-44

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WESTERN UNION PRESS MESSAGE

A. N. WILLIAMS
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

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FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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Personal

Ernest - Nowell -

Dear Grace Tally -

If the President takes the Press + goes
to the next 3-Power meeting in any way
except by plane - could I apply to go -
representing the "Post" + Syndicate?

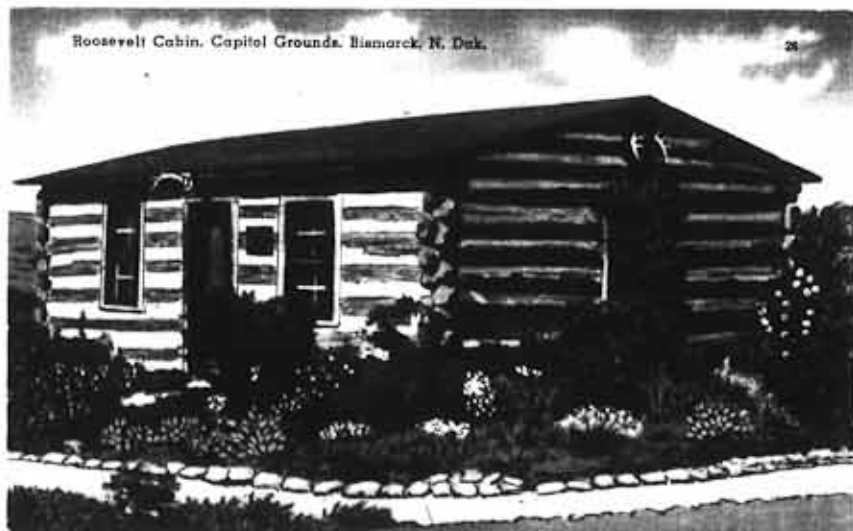
Shall be in Wash Tuesday. Have much to
tell of the Survey trip, etc. But would
like so much to be closer to the Governor.

This is off the record as to you alone!

Dope is the meeting will take place in
Australia in January - (Could I go as far as Calif
if no further.)
Harrniedly -
Neil V -

Roosevelt Cabin, Capitol Grounds, Bismarck, N. Dak.

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Moved to the State Capitol grounds for protection from souvenir hunters, this is the old Badlands Ranch home of Theo. Roosevelt. As it appeared before its removal first to the World's Fair at St. Louis and then to its present location.



Dont believe
Bass will carry this
state or S.D. +
it will be close
in Minn + perhaps
Wisconsin - Post
- Mail -



Miss Juan Jolly
White House
Wash D.C.

hms PSF:Vanderbilt *Gen. Cases "V"*
4-44

August 30, 1944.

Dear Neil:

Ever so many thanks for the copies of those interesting letters to Paul Porter. You have certainly covered a lot of territory and I follow you pretty closely through "Vanderbilt Writes". I shall be interested to hear about your trip firsthand on your return.

With all good wishes and best of luck,

Always sincerely,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Esq.,
640 Fifth Avenue,
New York, N. Y.

PSF: Vanderbilt



The
WARWICK
WALLACE C. O'LEARY
PRESIDENT - MANAGER

HOUSTON, TEXAS

Where Main Boulevard crosses Hermann Avenue

Aug 24, 1944

Dear Paul Porter:-

FDR will carry Calif from half a million up, depending on how many of the new workers are Registered. Registration I think is the biggest SINGLE job of the Demo State Comm. Each Precinct should have someone working at ONLY that. Most people I talked with out there think they DONT HAVE TO REGISTER.

I think Downey had the edge in Calif too.

FDR will carry Nevada, Arizona and New Mexico too. And so far I would say Texas is also in the bag. The anti-FDR voices here make a lot of noise, thats all.

Pat Mc Carren is going to be a tough nut to crack in Nevada, but Pittman has a 50/50 chance; and if Pat licks him, I think 'Molly' Malone may lick Pat.

I was glad to see Lyon Stambaugh make it a three-way fight in North Dakota again. I think we can very well defeat Nye like that.

In the movies throughout the west, and down here the President is getting a good hand now on his Honolulu-Alaska shots, though I still hear a lot of talk about how ill he looks, and how tired he sounds on the radio. Yet quite a few people I talked with, after his Bremerton speech said he sounded more like his old self -- and they seemed to like his ad-libbing!

Personally I don't think Dewey will carry any more than the following states: Maine, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, both Dakotas, Wyoming, Colorado, Idaho. If the European war is over Dewey may also carry: Vermont, New Hampshire, Illinois, Michigan, Wisconsin and Minnesota.

My Second US Tour will be over next week-end, and I'll write you then again; and see you in Wash about Sept 10th.

Yours as always,

Paul Vanderbilt

Mission to China 'Exiles' WPB Chief?

By CHARLES T. LUCEY
Scripps-Howard Staff Writer

WASHINGTON, Aug. 21.—Assignment of WPB Chairman Donald Nelson to an economic mission to China led to speculation today as to his future—and the interpretation put on the announcement of his mission by some informed officials was that it meant "exile to Siberia."

Mr. Nelson has been in frequent conflict with high Administration officials on policy matters.

President Roosevelt announced Saturday that Mr. Nelson would go to China with Maj. Gen. Patrick J. Hurley—the WPB director to discuss economic matters with Generalissimo Chiang Kai Shek, and General Hurley to discuss military matters.

The important sentence in Mr. Roosevelt's announcement, insofar as Mr. Nelson's future is concerned, was one saying, "They will be gone several months."

Mr. Nelson, according to his friends, came away from a White House conference, at which the mission was discussed, believing he would be gone perhaps three weeks, including traveling time.

Three weeks would not be a long absence—the WPB Director could return and pick up where he had left off. But if, as Mr. Roosevelt's statement said, Mr. Nelson is to engage in months of conferences and study in Chungking, the WPB reins presumably would be firmly in the hands of Charles E. Wilson, executive vice chairman.

Some of Mr. Nelson's friends doubted that there could be anything in the assignment which would require several months' absence.

Mr. Nelson and Mr. Wilson have held conflicting views on industrial reconversion, the WPB chairman believing steps in this direction should be taken rapidly where there was no interference with war output.

Mr. Wilson, supported by a number of other WPB vice chairmen, was understood to have opposed moving into reconversion until a later time, and this view has been fostered also by heads of the armed forces. In the controversy, Mr. Nelson had his way and a reconversion mechanism was set up in four orders issued recently. But before they could be put into effect, War Mobilization Director James F. Byrnes tightened manpower controls which seemed likely to block Mr. Nelson's program.

Senator Truman, who will be Mr. Roosevelt's running-mate in the November election, also comes into the controversy. As head of the Senate defense investigating committee he has favored early steps toward reconversion.

Writer Says F. R. Will Beat Dewey

Thomas E. Dewey will carry no more than 10 states and will receive from 70 to 100 electoral votes, Col. Cornelius Vanderbilt, retired, U. S. Army, said today in El Paso. Since May 15, Colonel Vanderbilt has visited 139 towns in 44 states conducting a Presidential Poll in interest of the column he writes for the Bell Syndicate, which appears in 346 dailies throughout the United States.

"The states that Roosevelt definitely will not win are Maine, Indiana, Kansas, Nebraska, Iowa, Idaho, Colorado and the Dakotas," the columnist said.

"If the European war folds in the next several weeks, the Republican candidate might be able to carry some of the following states, which are on the borderline: Vermont, Illinois, Michigan, Wyoming, Wisconsin, Oregon, Minnesota and New York.

"Regardless of war developments, the election will be such

You're In The Army Now



"That old gal was a cute trick when I was here in 1918."

a Roosevelt landslide that I fear for the future of the Republican party," he said.

Vanderbilt attributes the Roosevelt popularity to the laboring

man, servicemen and their families and specialized groups.

Colonel Vanderbilt is checking up on the political situation in El Paso and visiting Joe E. Goodell.

AFTER FIVE DAYS RETURN TO



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Miss Grace Tully
The White House
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March 10, 1945.

Personal

Dear Neil:

Thank you ever so much for your nice letter. We are all delighted to know you are coming along so well and feeling quite yourself again.

The President has sent a little note to Dorothy Backer telling her that he "thinks it would be fine if you could wover the San Francisco Conference for the Post".

Do take care of yourself and we look forward to seeing you, if not before, at least in San Francisco.

The President asks me to send you his best wishes, to which I add mine.

Always sincerely,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Mr. Neil Vanderbilt,
Seaway Apartments,
9119 Collins,
Miami Beach, Florida.

Private

March 10, 1945.

Dear Dorothy:

I do think it would be fine if Neil Vanderbilt could cover the San Francisco Conference for the Post. I know he has not been well, but my reports are that he is feeling much better.

I am just back from a quiet few days at Hyde Park.

With all good wishes, and I hope to see you one of these days soon,

Always sincerely,

JDR

Mrs. D. S. Thackrey,
Publisher, New York Post,
New York City, N. Y.

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9119 Collins
Miami Beach
March 1, 1945

Dear Grace:

Wonder if you through your sources could help me out? Indirectly I feel I'd be helping FD and the Administration.

I'd like the NY Post to assign me to cover the SF Conf. All I need is a little push from the White House. The Post has been swell about everything through my long and involved illness and accident, and now they feel I'm sure that they are safeguarding my health by suggesting I skip it. - I've sent them a long letter however placing it on the following plane: If Walter Reed, which will check me again early in April, says OK; and IF I myself feel well enough, will they let me go? I'd be covering simply personalities, etc, but could get in plenty of background stuff which I think might be helpful to MY HERO as well. (The column is syndicated in Texas and Calif at the moment, too).

My health continues to gain; and last week I threw my crutches away. The mustache covers the bad scar on my upper lip which is still quite sensitive. My heart appears to be in A-1 condition again. I'm living up to all of the rules which Walter Reed suggested: remain abed until noon; swim and lunch in the sun at the beach and stay there until 4 PM; come back here and rest for 2 or 3 hours, etc. The salt-water-pool has done me more good than almost anything else. Then the sun; and of course the rest.

I know Grace, that the President is going to have a terrific battle to put over his ideas. I know that the Hearst press, plus the Mc Cormick-Patrerson outfit are going to me merciless. -- I realize fully that my own health is not of the best; but I know now that I'm not going to die (which I thought was the case along about Xmastime). I want so much to do my part to help the President; and I know today especially from the mail & wires received when I was in the hospital in Chicago (over 600 tels!) that the column is pulling and pulling well. If the paper shortage was not so crucial I am sure the Post could double or treble its readers, and those are the mass type of people the President wishes to reach.

The Post cut me so much that they seldom run more than 1/3 of what I write, but the southern Calif and mid-Texas papers run me in full. Both these latter areas reach many defense-workers, etc.

The President's speech today was really magnificent Grace; and I know if he knew I was writing you he would sanction this appeal. (Incidentally I have 4 radio commentating propositions on hand right now, but to date Walter Reed had been against them, altho by next month quien sabe?)

With every good wish to you,

Yours as always,

Neil Vanderbilt

PSF
C. Vanderbilt

~~Ben Carter~~ 4-45

March 14, 1945
9119 Collins
Miami Beach

Dear Grace,

It was most awfully kind of you to write me as you did on March 10th. The letter has just come in. I hope that Dorothy Mackrey takes the hint, as I really feel I can be of some service to you all now plus later on. -- The Post 'cuts me' so much that much of the time my stuff reads as if written by a junior grader; but nonetheless it does get out, does reach people, does ~~create~~ some opinion; at least it would seem so from the mail I receive as a result of it.

So I shall anxiously await the next move on the part of the Post.

I'm so happy to know that FDR is really well. These rumor factories have all kinds of stories afloat about him again. Most of them of the viler sort.

Every day sees me gaining. Col Clarke had a Canadian Dr in town the other day. He examined us both. Said I still had water on my right knee and that it would take a couple of months to clear; but that my heart, pulse, blood pressure etc were practically normal again. I go to the beach every day and spend from 1 to 4 hrs in the salt-water-pool. It does me more good than anything -- then of course the sun.

Again thanks and hoping we may get together at the Conf for a meal or at least a cocktail.

With every good wish,

As always,

*Paul
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Dear Mr. President:

Thank you very much for your kind note. Our reluctance to include the correspondent about whom you wrote in the staff from the New York Post covering the Conference arose, as you have surmised, from the uncertainty about his health.

Certainly, since you suggest it, we will be happy to provide him with accreditation and give him a roving assignment at the Conference, to be carried out as fully as his health will permit at that time.

If we are able to provide transportation, we are planning to send a rather full staff to San Francisco, consisting of our Washington Bureau and our chief columnists. I am sure that you will be pleased to know that we plan to issue a special Pacific Conference edition of the Post, which will be printed in San Francisco daily for the duration of the Conference, so that the delegates and others from all over the world who will be there to attend the Conference may be exposed to viewpoints other than those to be found in the Hearst and Scripps-Howard press in San Francisco, or the conservative Chronicle. As you know, there are no liberal publications in that area.

How wonderful that you were able to sandwich in a few quiet days at Hyde Park. You must have enjoyed them thoroughly. We are opening our week-end house there on April 1st, and do hope you will be up again this spring and that we shall see you.

Sincerely,

Tracy

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States
The White House
Washington, D. C.

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Coal Conference To Hear What Part They Will Have If U. S. Enters War

Morgantown, W. Va., Sept. 11.—A message from the War Department which undoubtedly will touch upon the part the great bituminous coal industry will be called upon to play should this country be plunged into the war in Europe will be carried to the third annual West Virginia Coal Conference here September 28 to 30 by Assistant Secretary of War Louis A. Johnson.

This native West Virginian, who is slated to succeed to the head of his department and membership in President Roosevelt's cabinet, accepted the invitation to speak here long before affairs abroad

reached their present critical stage.

Now his appearance takes on multiplied significance and it is expected that his talk at the annual conference luncheon September 29 will be the outstanding feature of the three-day gathering.

Col. Johnson knows well the problems of the coal industry both in peace and war and he is fully cognizant of its importance should the United States be forced into the current conflict.

Uncle Sam has been watching affairs in Europe closely for more than a year and Col. Johnson has been one of the key men in a precautionary program which

should find this country infinitely better prepared than when the call to arms came in 1917.

The first World War is too fresh in the minds of Americans for them to forget economic conditions that existed during that period.

The federal government hopes to have the situation so well in hand as to be able to provide effective regulation and control and keep industry running smoothly in contrast to the skyrocketing prices and emergency measures which were necessary in 1917 and '18.

Col. Johnson has devoted much of his part in the preparedness program to the coal industry and it is expected that he will reveal many of his findings and discuss the plans which have been formulated in his address here.

The talk is scheduled for noon September 29, the second day of the conference, which is expected

to attract several hundred leaders in the coal industry. The luncheon will be held in the Hotel Morgan with A. C. Spurr of Fairmont, president of the Monongahela West Penn Public Service Company, presiding.

Among those present will be Governor Homer A. Holt, who is to speak at the annual conference dinner that evening at the Hotel Morgan.

W. E. E. Koepler of Bluefield, secretary of the Pocahontas Coal Operators Association, has completed the program for the conference. He said copies will be available at the School of Mines, West Virginia University, Morgantown.

On the Record

By Dorothy Thompson

Dewey Invites Discussion

In his speech of Sept. 8, Gov. Dewey invited discussion of the future peace organization. His words were, "I believe that the organization of peace is a subject which should be talked about earnestly, widely and publicly . . . the steps by which this goal is to be approached cannot be secret . . ."

Gov. Dewey informed. He himself is fully



has been in consultation with Mr. Hull via Mr. Dulles. He emphasized that "only through a non-partisan approach can America achieve unity of purpose" and pledged that "These subjects



shall never be subject for partisan political advantage.

And there was internal evidence in the speech that Gov. Dewey and Mr. Roosevelt are in agreement on the fundamental lines of the proposed peace organization. Gov. Dewey's outline exactly corresponded with what we have heard from Dumbarton Oaks.

There is to be an Assembly of representatives of all "peace loving" nations. There is to be a Council on which the Great Powers are to have permanent seats, while six or seven others, smaller nations, have rotating seats. There is to be a world court to adjudicate "judicable" disputes. The various and separate armed forces of "equal and sovereign nations" are to be used to enforce decisions.

Working in Twilight

If there is to be discussion, it is this structure which must be discussed and now, before the proposals are ready. For if we eventually must either accept or reject an international program negotiated between the major powers we will be forced into the dangerous dilemma of scuttling the only existing international plan or of accepting something that may not correspond with our real intentions.

"The steps by which the great

Vanderbilt Writes

By CORNELIUS VANDERBILT

Quebec, Sept. 13.—This town is buzzing with rumors again. Here are some of them: either Admiral King or Admiral Nimitz was chosen to head the new super-command in the Pacific to force the conferees met here. And at the same time it was decided, so the stories go, to name Gen. MacArthur as permanent governor-general of the Philippines as soon as he recaptured them. Generalissimo has said that Anthony Eden's speech in London is a sign that Stalin has refused to allow the United Nations passport to go to China through the Soviet after the war. And this, of course, means that the Soviet will not grant us bases in Kamchatka from which to attack Japan. It is being whispered Stalin expects to grab Karafuto, the Japanese southern half of the cheerful Soviet island of the Kuriles, and to take back Japan after the Russo-Jap war in 1946. Eden's visit, so the story continues, is to plan with the military and naval chiefs how supplies and military aid will be shipped to China, other than India, through which they are

Page J. Edgar Hoover! Fala's \$150 silver dog collar has disappeared. Royal Canadian Mounted Police are now checking everybody believed to have patted him in the past 48 hours. And 'tis whispered, the President is mighty sore. He gave the collar to Fala the other day.

goal is to be approached" are being taken now. And neither Mr. Dewey, nor Mr. Roosevelt, is elucidating them, nor is there any public discussion except such as comes from people like myself who are working. If not in darkness, then in considerable twilight.

There's the Real Issue

Mr. Dewey uttered one sentence which goes right to the heart of what concerns those of us who pray for a genuine international organization, transcending any deal between Great Powers. He said, "Force breeds revolt unless it is the servant of law." With that one sentence he could have opened a real discussion about the creation of a Law of Nations. But he did not elaborate the sentence by a single additional word.

of a single additional word. Yet this is the real issue. In organizing the terms it is the question of how the Assembly, the Council, the Secretariat, or the World Court and the use of force can be integrated. Nor where is the purpose of the Assembly defined. Yet a judgment of the World Court is meaningless unless made in the light of an international law which the Council is committed to uphold and enforce. And where shall the law enforce, if it is to be a just and democratic law binding on the whole world? Can you the Assembly, representative of the whole world.

All—representative—systems, wherever in the world, have a parliament to make laws, a court to interpret them, and an executive to administer and enforce them. Translated into familiar terms of nations who within themselves maintain law and order—ergo Peace—what is apparently being considered in Dumbarton Oaks is the following:

The legislative, interpreting and enforcing power will all reside in the Council. The Assembly will be a political and the court a juridical adviser. No law binding on all will be binding on the Great Powers in the Council. For each of these will have the sovereign right to veto itself outside the law.

Since this is the abnegation of any concept of law, there will be no law—such as was proposed last March by the committee of 340 international lawyers and scholars called together by the Carnegie Peace Foundation. In the absence of law, binding on all, there will therefore be the maintenance of peace by force and diplomacy as long as the Big Three agree among themselves. Agreement to be reached by dividing the world into spheres, each Great Power keeping out of the others.

Since it is impossible to divide the world into areas which do not overlap, and since the danger of a world war will only come from one or another of the Great Powers, this form of organization is utterly fragile.

Now's the Hour

I may be misrepresenting the setup now under consideration. I am judging it only from official statements, including that of Gov. Dewey, and from statements made by sources who claim privileged information.

My purpose is not to throw even the slightest monkey-wrench into anything that holds the hope of a real world organization. I have no favored plan of my own nor of anyone else. But I believe that principles ought to be considered and discussed.

And the time for this discussion is now.