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EMBASSY OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Paris, March 23, 1939.

Dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to submit herewith to the Chief of State in accordance with his request made to me at Warm Springs, Georgia, the recommendations as to the personal needs of Their Royal Majesties, George VI and Elizabeth, King and Queen, By the Grace of God, of Great Britain, Ireland and of the British Dominions Beyond the Seas, King and Queen Defender of the Faith, Emperor and Empress of India.

I may add that my most onerous diplomatic labor since reaching Paris has been the extraction of these recommendations and that I expect you to decorate me at once with the Order of the Royal Bathtub.

I ask for this particular decoration because the President of the French Republic, at vast expense, had installed in the Palais d'Orsay for the reception of  
Their

The Honorable

Franklin D. Roosevelt,

President of the United States of America,  
Washington, D. C.

Their Royal Majesties two superb bathrooms containing mosaic tubs with gold faucets which, during the stay of Their Royal Majesties, were never once used!

I may add that it has been indicated to me by the Government of the French Republic that the preferences of Their Majesties in the way of wines do not go beyond Veuve Clicquot and Pommery-Greno champagne of the best years. I have, therefore, prepared against the arrival of Their Majesties in Washington, one hundred bottles of Pommery-Greno, 1928, which I shall be glad to place at your disposal provided the situation in Europe should seem to indicate that there may be some chance of Their Royal Majesties going to America. My parsimony is motivated by the fact that the grand smash seems fairly imminent. I prefer, therefore, to restrain the departure of these bottles until my next departure for the United States in the hope that we may drink them together.

With my profound obeisances, I am,

Your humble and obedient servant,

William C. Bullitt

Enclosure

Four lists.

SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FURNISHING OF HIS MAJESTY'S ROOM.

Large bed "de milieu" (in center of panel) with the head against the wall. (Never with the side along the wall)

No bolster - two pillows.

Special bolster supplied by His Majesty's valet.

Warm, but light, blankets, with a silk cover.

Very soft eider down quilt, which can be accordion-pleated at the foot of the bed.

On each side of the bed a bedside table with a lamp.

In the bathroom or bedroom (according to possibility) and preferably in a window recess on account of light, a dressing table with a triple mirror, high enough to enable contemplating oneself when standing.

Very comfortable settee.

Ash trays, matches, cigars, and cigarettes for the guests, His Majesty having his own cigarettes.

Great number of hangers: some of them very wide with the back slightly curved; others with a double bar for trousers; no special clip hangers for trousers.

On the desk an inkstand with two inkwells: one full of blue-black, the other of red ink.

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No toweled bathrobe. His Majesty prefers large bath towels.

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To be ready to supply, if requested, garnet-red and white carnations for boutonnières.

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SUGGESTIONS FOR THE FURNISHING OF HER MAJESTY'S ROOM.

Large bed

No bolster - two pillows

Bed cushion supplied by Her Majesty's maid

Light, but warm, blankets with a silk cover

No eider down coverlet - a soft silk cover folded in four on the foot of the bed, with one corner turned up.

Bedside table with lamp.

Bathroom

A large dressing-table, or a table for the bottles.

Four glasses, one of which is graduated.

Bathrobe type of bath towel.

Quantities of hand towels.

Basket for putting linen after use.

Bath thermometer.

Several spoons, large and small.

Dressing-room or Boudoir

Dressing-table perfectly lighted day and night, with armchair of corresponding height.

Near the dressing-table a small table with drawers for hairdressing and toilet articles. This table should be easily removable.

Very comfortable settee with soft linen blanket.

One or two ash trays and matches for the King. The Queen does not smoke.

On the desk:

inkstand with blue ink  
thin penholder with "J" pen (or similar make) of medium size  
red pencil  
blue pencil  
ordinary black pencils with very sharp points  
ordinary, and typewriter erasers.