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October 10, 1940

MEMORANDUM FOR
THE SECRETARY OF STATE

The enclosures are self-explanatory
and I am sending them to you for your
information.

M. A. LeHAN
Private Secretary

Enclosures

Thanks

White House, Washington.
MEMORANDUM FOR
THE P. S.

Will you drop him a line and tell the Secretary of State?

F. D. R.
Dear Marguerite,

A startling change has come over my life since I received your kind letter of August 16th. As you know, when I was evacuated from France at the end of May with the rest of the British Army, I rejoined the Artillery as a Lieutenant and was posted to the East Coast defences. From there I have now been abstracted by Mr. Duff Cooper to take over the direction of the American Division of this Ministry, which apparently has not been functioning to the satisfaction of the Government. The job is a very difficult one and I am approaching it with considerable trepidation, but I do feel that from my long residence in America and my intimate personal friendship with most American newspaper men I at least have the qualifications.

I would be extremely grateful if you could tell the President of my appointment and also, if you get the opportunity, Mr. Cordell Hull, who at all times was most friendly to me when I was in America as "Daily Telegraph" correspondent.

We are having an unpleasant time at the moment with these incessant German attacks from the air, but the public morale remains excellent, and it is surprising how some people here are accustoming themselves to a troglodyte existence. If Hitler thinks that he can win the war by bombing London, he will find himself very much mistaken.

I hope that you will find time to drop me a line, although I fully realise how busy you are, and you know without my telling you how much I will always value any helpful suggestions you can ever make me in a purely informal fashion.

Yours ever,

[Signature]

Miss Marguerite LeHand, Private Secretary to President Roosevelt, White House, Washington.
October 10, 1940

Dear Douglas:

I was delighted to have your letter of the seventeenth and awfully glad to hear of the work you are doing. I am telling the Secretary of State about you and I do hope all goes well.

My best wishes to you.

As ever,

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