Dear Miss LeHand:

Here is a draft of the most difficult chapter of the book. I have tried to keep it subdued, but you can well understand why it is not easy to do that. Will you be good enough to check it for accuracy and to make suggestions? I cannot go into great detail about Warm Springs, but I think a few more paragraphs would not do any harm.

You now have the only chapters in the book which will make any reference to the physical factor. This one will come in its proper place chronologically, between the 1920 campaign and a chapter on "Working for Smith!" You know have a better picture of the lay-out. The first two chapters are a sort of preface. The second part will carry him from the first Roosevelt to the Governorship. The third part will deal with his record as Governor.

It would be easy, of course, to move the first two chapters back to make them the first two chapters of the second part. My own decision is not final. What do you think?

Sincerely,

[Signature]

Ernest K., [Name]

May 9.
In this part there will be no reference to his physical condition. My objective is to make the book give the same impression he does—the physical factor strikes you at first, then you forget it.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

I would appreciate memoranda as extensive as you feel like writing, also criticism of the general construction of the chapter.
Dear Miss Le Hand:

Here is a tentative draft of the second chapter of the book. If Mrs. Roosevelt and you will express yourselves freely, I will be grateful. I am sure both of you can think of more detail with which to build up the theme.

You may think this chapter indelicate. In my opinion, it should be a trifle "hard-boiled." If you invite sympathy, you admit weakness. My plan is to end the first part of the book, which might be termed a sort of preface, at the end of the second chapter. Part two will begin at the beginning of his life—you have seen this part of the book. In the proper place chronologically the story of his illness will come—I'll mail you that in the morning—and with that I am putting the building of Warm Springs. Ex Despite restraint in the writing, this will be a sentimental chapter. It will be followed by one on "Working for Smith." That will end Part two. Part three will be his work as Governor, with another chapter of a more personal nature, telling of his hobbies, etc., but in all of
May 11, 1932.

Dear Mr. Lindley:

Your letter of April 25th,1932 has been received and I am very much interested in your long and valuable service to the great cause of the National Recovery Act. I think the work you are doing is absolutely essential.

Thank you for sending me that chapter of the book. Of course, I realize it is by far the most difficult. At first I didn't like it but on re-reading it I think you have covered all the high-spots.

In regard to the actual attack of polio, Mrs. Roosevelt and Mr. Howe are the ones who must be the critics.

However, there is one statement you make which is not true - that is (on Page 46) "The Insurance Company kept his place open with them. Meantime, Howe filled it." Louis Howe certainly did not make any attempt to fill it. However, if he has told you that he did you must use your own judgment.

On Page 48 I drew a line through a sentence in the last paragraph but you later changed it and made it correct.

In regard to Warm Springs - to my mind one of the finest things about F. D. 's work down there is the fact that before he asked any of his friends to put their money in, he first used more than half of everything he had in the experimental stage and it was not until he and the doctors were fully convinced that Warm Springs would be successful that he attempted to raise any money from others. I think there is one exception to
this — Mr. Pope (President of the Bear Brand Hosiery Company, Chicago) gave him, I believe, $30,000 towards the experimental work. I do not believe that even Mrs. Roosevelt realizes how much he put into it so you must use discretion!

I think the Warm Springs part of the story is beautifully done. You seem to have covered everything briefly but thoroughly.

I am returning all these to you.

You are the best judge of where the chapters should go but it seems to me that it would be perfectly logical to have them all in their respective chapters (1928 and today) as the first two chapters of the second part.

Very sincerely yours,

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