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At Warm Springs, Ga.,
April 26, 1929.

Miss Grace C. Tulley,
Albany, New York.

Dear Grace:

A new batch of mail has just come this morn-
ing. I do not know what in the world happened to all
the stamps. Will you ask Miss McGoldrick how they were
given to the Governor, whether they were mailed to him,
or if he brought them with him, because we need stamps
sadly.

Will you please ask Mr. Mahoney if he has sent
my salary check? By the time this reaches you, there
will be two due me, and I need them both.

Please ask Whitehead if the one gallon can of
maple syrup arrived, and let me know. Also will you ask
him if he will pack up well the two cans of maple cream
which the Governor asked him to put away for Warm Springs,
and send them down here.

Affectionately,

M.of

P.S. Some day I'll write you a
nice long letter. Hope all goes
well with you. Love.
EXECUTIVE MANSION
ALBANY

At Warm Springs, Ga.
May 8, 1929.

Miss Grace C. Tulley,
Executive Mansion,
Albany, New York.

Dear Grace:

Please forward immediately a box of the Governor's stationery, and also a small quantity of corresponding second sheets. Our supply of letterheads is very low, and second sheets were not included with the other supplies sent down here.

Always sincerely,

M. A. L.
Warm Springs, Georgia
November 23, 1931.

Dear Grace:

The Governor got your telegram about the games. Wasn't the Harvard-Yale game sad!

We are having heavenly weather down here but I miss our battles. Also, there have been no new scenarios for any excitement but I will have a lot of news for you when I get back. Write if you get a chance.

Lots of love,

[Signature]
Miss Grace Tully,

Executive Mansion,

Albany, N. Y.

Affecttately,

Henry T. Hackett
Attorney for Proponent,

226 Union Street
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Warm Springs, Georgia.
November 23, 1933

Dear Paula:

Here we are in Warm Springs. We have had three lovely days for sunbaths. The whole world is gradually descending upon us but as long as we can stay in our corner - we will.

Doctor McIntyre arrived yesterday morning and told me you had gone up to see Grace on Tuesday.

Do write when you get a chance and tell us all the gossip. Everyone here is well. We all tried to get colds when we first arrived but were not successful.

Tell Grace for me that her boy friend, Louis arrived yesterday morning. That is, tell her if her temperature is still normal. I would hate to see it go up to 200.

Lots of love from the gang. Will see you soon.

Much love,

[Signature]

Affectionately,
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

August 26, 1936

MEMORANDUM FOR PAULA LARRABEE:

Dear Paula:

Thanks ever so much for arranging the main entry. It is working beautifully and the screen is now folded up against the wall!

We both have missed you these few days, but I hope you are having a swell rest at Mattapoissett.

When you return will you please get together in one bunch all reading copies which you have of the President's speeches. If they are not dated will you check up and put a slip on each one with the date. Then in another pile will you get the drafts of speeches.

I expect to go to the country (Massachusetts) for Labor Day week-end, and will be back here on the eighth. However, this is not definite. You will probably know the reason within a few days.

Much love.

M. A. LeHand

of course it is the help of the President's speech writers who have helped me. I thought at first that the President was never angry for

and his little one is feeling much better. He will be home from the hospital by the end of next week. He was feeling very well again when I saw him. I expect the President will be out of the hospital about the middle of next week. He will be feeling much better. We are all getting well, and I hope we are all feeling well.

Affectiately,
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON  

May 27, 1937.  

MEMO FOR THE P. S.  

Senator Andrew's secretary called to ask if the President would sign four pictures of Rollins College. He said because the President and Mrs. Roosevelt had both spoken there, Dr. Holt was most anxious to have these pictures signed and mailed so they would have them before College closes on June first. What to do? 

G.  

10, 1942.  

Miss Volk. Will you for writing to me as I am hungry for I understand, and is jump into his little week, as she was feel- th and I need a rest, to get it. Every- behen Sherman said “War convinced every day that is the important I had her operation news. Please give be completely recovered know you are feeling af- ternoon. He will be borow morning. We are, but I must say they queen of the will be spending the same time, we are all much good and that different scene. It f us, in which the  

Affectionately,  

The President joins all of us in sending much love to you and all the family.  

Affectionately,
The White House
Washington

October 10, 1942.

Dear Grace-

After this election you are a millionaire! Here’s mine—made the night of Wallace’s nomination! I covered and came out 10 ahead! “O” Missy.

Good and of course he has really helped you even eat these Miss Volk. Will you for writing to me as I am hungry for I understand, and am I jump into his little week, as she was feely and I need a rest, to get it. Everyone Sherman said "War, convinced every day"

You had her operation good news. Please give be completely recovered know you are feeling grand now! Miss Volk afternoon. He will be tomorrow morning. We are , but I must say they the queen of the work will be spending the same time, we are all much good and that different scene. It completely recovered of us, in which the

Affectionately,

Henry T. Hackett
Attorney for Proponent,
June 10, 1942.

Dearest Missy:

All the news I hear about you is good and of course I am very happy. I am so glad the change has really helped you -- and it must, because they tell me you even eat these days!

I have had several letters from Miss Volk. Will you be good enough to thank her ever so much for writing to me and tell her to please continue to do so as I am hungry for news.

Vic has just been reclassified, I understand, and is now in 1-A, which means that he will soon jump into his little private suit and be off to war.

Mary took a little time off last week, as she was feeling pretty poor and needed a rest. Dorothy and I need a rest, too, but we don't know when we are going to get it. Everything here remains hectic as usual and when Sherman said "War is Hell," he said something! I am more convinced every day he is right.

I have just learned that Babe has had her operation and is doing all right. That is very good news. Please give her my love and tell her I hope she will be completely recovered very soon.

The King of Greece arrives this afternoon. He will be fed and will spend the night, leaving tomorrow morning. We are full of distinguished visitors these days, but I must say they don't remain very long.

We all miss you much but, at the same time, we are all delighted that the change is doing you so much good and that you are really enjoying your food and a different scene. It is always nice to be with one's family.

This takes to you love from all of us, in which the President joins.

Affectionately,
June 23, 1942.

Dearest Missy:

I am enclosing a letter from what appears to be an old friend of yours in Cambridge.

I am sorry to hear from Miss Volk that you have not had very good weather and hope by now the sun is shining so you can sit out and enjoy the outdoors. I think it is grand that you are continuing to gain weight and that you have a ravenous appetite.

We have been really very hectic here, otherwise I would have written sooner. As you know, the Prime Minister of Great Britain is here at present and has been for several days and the King of Yugoslavia arrives tomorrow. We are all getting so snooty here that we won't even talk to anyone unless it is a King, a Prime Minister, or a Princess. We will have no traffic with just the ordinary human being. Confidentially, I wish they would all get the hell out of here -- they make a lot of work and keep the Boss constantly in conferences or entertaining them. But I guess it all has to be done and will make for better cooperation between all the United Nations and that is the important thing.

Your many, many friends in Washington are always asking for you and send you all kinds of messages of love. We all miss you very much but are delighted to know you are feeling much better and improving every day. It is grand news! Keep up the good work. We really expect you to be a "roly-poly" when we see you, which we hope will be very soon.

You have probably read that the Queen of the Netherlands has arrived in Canada and I think will be spending most of the summer over here. She will be our next visitor -- officially or unofficially.

I do hope Babe is home and completely recovered from her operation. Tell her to take it easy and not overdo until she is completely strong. Please tell Anna the President appreciated her nice letter and asks me to thank her for writing to him.

The President joins all of us in sending much love to you and all the family.

Affectionately,
July 9, 1942.

Dearest Missy:

I have heard through Dr. McIntire and also through Sam, who had a letter from Chris, that you are making the most amazing progress. You don't know how it delights all our hearts to know that you are coming on so well. They tell me that Lily Pons is really going to have some competition in a very short time.

I was sorry not to see Sister when she was here, but she wired me the night I was leaving for Hyde Park. I would like to have heard the news of you first hand.

The Boss is off for another trip to Hyde Park. They are entertaining the Queen of the Netherlands, the Crown Princess and the little Princesses. In other words, they are going to have a house full. Royalty bogs down on us these days, and when it is not royalty, it is the President of some country!

I was very happy to hear that Chris had been to see you and was able to really have a nice visit.

Mary has probably told you that Hacky has gone away for a weeks holiday to Virginia Beach. Everyone else is on the job except Pa who has been under the weather for the last few weeks. I don't think any of us will have much of a holiday this summer, but we will perhaps be able to snatch a few days every now and then.

I am enclosing a note which came to you from Fred Polangin. I had no idea he was out on the coast.

Your many good friends ask about you constantly and send all kinds of messages of love and the hope that you are feeling much better. Things continue very busy but not quite as hectic as we were a little while ago. However, we have our rush days and days when we can catch our breath.

One of these days I hope to be able to get up and pay you a visit over some weekend. It will be grand to see you again, as I miss you very much.

This takes to all the family my love, and to you oceans of love from me, in which the family -- both personal and White House join.

Devotedly,
August 13, 1942.

Dearest Missy:

Everything here has been popping the last couple of weeks and that is why I haven't written. As you know, we had the Queen of the Netherlands here for several days; Harry got married; Prime Ministers and Presidents of Republics arrive practically every day so besides our regular work, we have a lot of added duties looking after the odds and ends that have to be done whenever visitors come to the White House. I need not tell you anything about this, as you are more familiar with it than any of the rest of us.

Thank Miss Volk for her nice letter. I am having the hassock forwarded to Falmouth. The bedjackets, nightgowns and school books are being sent to 101 Orchard.

I think it is grand you are getting off to the beach for a few weeks. I hope you will have good weather. The last few weeks in Washington have been very rainy and as a result much cooler than the usual summer here.

We went out to Shangri-La for last weekend. The Archie MacLeishes and the Rosenmans were invited and while the weather was really terrible, it was a nice change for everyone. We leave tonight for Hyde Park "off the record" to spend four or five days. The President feels this will be the last chance to get away for that length of time, as he has more visitors coming and also the rubber report will come along in about ten days, together with a lot of things that are pending which will keep him confined to Washington.

Alda MacLeish and Archie both asked very specially for you want me to send you their love when next I wrote. Also, Sam and Dorothy send love and everyone is delighted that you are getting along so well.

Ray has gone out to Wyoming to spend about ten days on a ranch and from there he goes on to the Coast, combining business with pleasure.

Mary has been on her holiday at Spring Lake and I assume you have heard from her.
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Everyone here is well and joins me in sending much love to you and the family.

Affectionately,

P. S. Under separate cover, I am sending you a package of Marie Earle cream which Eleanor Townsend forwarded here for you. I also had a nice letter from her and wrote her telling how you were getting along. She was much concerned because she had not heard from me in some time, but again I find it hard to keep up with all the mail. However, she is much interested and sends all kind of sweet messages and love.
Hello Miss Tully,

I'm writing this again. Missy continues to gain, she

had a steady diet of potatoes

Ogden on the east side, and she, of

course, we're delighted to

have her change from Scotch

to her. It's so much better

for her.

Missy had a letter from

Mrs. LeHand, I think about four weeks

ago. She mentioned that she

was sending a box of food

and fruit waiting for the

day to arrivé. Before I

answered the note, however,

Missy has received something.

She may have been

sent, but she hasn't seen it yet.

Missy would like

to have Biggie send her Marine

blue bag and that Mr. Hopkins

sent her for Christmas all

of her old jackets, and some

spelling and school books that

she thought were in the book

shelves behind the door in

her living room. It is

quite cool here in the

mornings now, and she
Send, brought several things the "pushets." The "knacker" mailed from Georgia to the White House and I think it wasn't unpacked at the time.

We're all fine and almost packed to go to the beach.

Our address will be New Silver Beach post office, Falmouth, Mass.

Everyone says hello.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

[Handwritten text on the last line is not legible.]
March 3, 1943.

Dearest Missy:

I have been trying for ages to get a letter off to you, but things have been humming around here since the President's return. Weren't you surprised when you read that the President had gone to North Africa? Everything was very "hush" "hush" here and while everybody caught on to the fact that he was away from Washington, they had no idea he had left the country. Everyone tried to guess where he was but usually they would decide he had gone on a fishing cruise. I hated the idea of having him fly, but he felt it was very necessary to hold Casablanca conference so there was nothing else to do. However, it was taking quite a chance and we hope he will not get the habit. Don't you agree?

You certainly had a rush of callers a few weeks ago. I have talked to all of them since their return and they were terribly pleased to see you looking so well. Bill Bullitt was particularly enthusiastic about his visit with you and so was Doc. In fact, everyone was delighted to see you. It is too bad they could not have spaced their visits a little bit better because you were probably worn out after that one weekend.

Under separate cover, I am sending you some new underwear which Mary found in your apartment the other day. You might need a little extra so thought I would send it along. Also I am sending you that tan crepe dress with the white collar which I thought you might use for a change this spring. Mary is sending you some dusting powder and other things she feels you can make use of at present.

I guess Mary has told you all the news about George Durno -- who, by the way, accompanied the President to Casablanca — in order to keep a record of the entire trip. He has just finished his report and left Washington the end of last week. John Henry expects to leave Washington with General Hurley tomorrow. It was nice to have them both back for a visit. Also, Louis Ruppel has gone into the Marines as a first Lieutenant. I saw him the night of the White House Correspondents dinner. He told me to be sure and give you his love. He seems to be enjoying his training and is stationed at Quantico where he can get to Washington occasionally.
We have almost no civilians left. We have an entirely new crowd of newspapermen at the White House.

I went for a cocktail yesterday afternoon with Jean and Charlie Poletti. He now has a job as Assistant to the Secretary of War.

"Off the record" we may go to Hyde Park this weekend and if we do, Hacky hopes she will be able to take an extra day or so and run up to see you.

I want to come up soon to see you too, but mother has not been well of late and our maid has left us, so that complicates matters in the Tully household at the moment.

Steve's boy was inducted into the Army and left yesterday morning. At noon his daughter was operated on to remove a kidney stone, which fortunately they were able to dislodge without cutting her up.

Keep up the good work of getting better and better every day. Those reports are wonderful. Everybody here sends you love and this note takes to you and the family much love from me.

Affectionately,
Dear Sue:

Forgive us for not writing more often but we are terribly busy. Marguerite is improving so rapidly it is amazing. Mr. Bellott must tell you.

This letter is on one sheet which Missy hopes you will take care of. She is not able to explain so many things of importance.

She says, 'I found to be a load of her things out of her apartment and then my two steps and would deliberately tell her you can't talk slow talking then. As she now realizes what she can't take besides thing she doesn't know about.

For instance, loads of stockin - bundles of beautiful handkerchiefs - a gold cigarette case. Bill B. gave test come 1927. The lovely jewelry or cigarette top - says. When she wasn't through with them in the attic, I helped.

And take all she wanted. Really to learn her tail about. I would cause you to think worse - Marguerite said she couldn't explain.
to you but it was driving her crazy. As far as we can make out the thought she had was to get herself able to tell the Judge. She also told Jeanne she was twice to death of her. To hear her talk about her would drive you crazy and she absolutely helpless. Also she wanted you to kick up Vincent Astor cigarette lighters. She also took 'wings' for the President gave her.

She used (Missy) Lee V.A. lights in Washington and then it disappeared. She now has told me perfunctory and setting to numerous inventions. I think an invention should be taken again and that Lady taken care of.

She would hide things in Marguette's chest case in the daytimes and then take them out with her. She tried to lend her say to tell you had credit and each day just Lee looked on with her thing and be helpless about it. I was distinctly Lee said—

Well write again soon— but she is now

Too terribly upset about this we never life to

Lair in straightened for her sake— She just

said 'Tell from all and if it she's the

love—

Henry T. Hackett
She took loads of things that were packed away in the attic & effects and when we requested her to open them, she would just say "I am taking those".

Alk -
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

I saw a Bouquet of fresh flowers
Chevalier Garde perfume puck
Arden's Blue Grass toilet water
Mary Chess toilet water (tapestry)
Jean hate friction lotion
2 bottles large and small

With much, much love to you, in which mother and my family join, as well as all your devoted friends in the office.

Affectionately,

(9:30)

Henry T. Hackett
Attorney for Proponent.
Mary Rinkhill - Cologne
enprall

Helena Rubenstein town +
Cosmetics perfume rect (bottles)
May 12, 1943.

Dearest Missy:

I have been trying to get a note off to you ever since my return from the western trip, but we came back to a bad situation in the coal mines which meant, as you know, jumping right into a speech with only 48 hours notice made it a little hectic.

We really had a very interesting trip and saw a great many troops. We had an evening and a day at Warm Springs. It was nice to get back after such a long absence. Everyone asked about you, particularly Miss Plasteridge, and they all send their love.

If you were listening to your radio last night you know we again have the Prime Minister as a visitor, which means the President will be extremely busy for the next week or ten days, conferring with the Combined Staffs, etc. He is particularly well, you will be glad to know, but the Lord only knows why! I hope the British don't wear him down.

I understand you need a new spring coat and I hope you can find something that you like. You seemed to have given away all the spring coats you ever owned — and it seemed to me you had many.

Sam Rosenman is coming along very well and is now out of the hospital. He will remain in Baltimore for about a week and then go to New York to rest up for the balance of this month and perhaps June. He really overworked and became so fatigued that it hit his weak spot, which I take it is his eyes. You remember the dizzy spells that he has suffered from for years. I hope this observation and treatment at Johns Hopkins will clear up that condition.

I do hope you are getting out these lovely spring days and get a bit of fresh air and sunshine.

We all continue to miss you very much and I am going to try to get up within the next few weeks. I will let you know in advance when I can arrange it.

With much, much love to you, in which mother and my family join, as well as all your devoted friends in the office.

Affectionately,

(9.9T.)
July 6, 1943.

Dearest Missy:

I have been a long time getting off my "bread and butter and points" letter to you. I did so much enjoy my visit and it was grand to see you looking so well. It was fun getting over to the beach at Nahant. I envy you being so near a beach.

We hope by now your rocking has arrived, as it went off several weeks ago. Also, I am sending up to you within the next day or two, three nighties which I hope you will like. Also, we sent you one slack suit the other day and we are getting off another one today. I think they are both very pretty and look as though they might be comfortable.

General Giraud arrived yesterday and he will be in Washington for several days. The President is lunching with him today and is giving a dinner for him tomorrow night. He is really a very fine looking gentleman -- and extremely tall for a Frenchman.

I was sorry about "your friend Zobian" arriving in Boston. Don't let it bother you, as, of course, he is a nut.

I don't know what happened to our friend Bill Bullitt, as I have not heard from him since his visit with you. Perhaps he went to his farm for a little holiday.

I do hope you were able to get that house at Falmouth Beach, as I think it would be a nice change for you.

We were up at Hyde Park over last weekend. As you probably know, Sam and Dorothy have taken the Dolly Backer house for the summer. Sam came back on the train with us and will be here for a few days doing some special job. He really is feeling very well after his fairly long rest. Jimmy Rosenman has passed the college entrance exams for both Harvard and Yale, but has not yet made up his mind which he wishes to go to.

All goes well here and even the weather has been good to us. It has been delightfully cool for the last week, but we needed it after that terrific hot spell of about ten days to two weeks.
I hear you are spouting every minute these days. Keep it up! I was sorry I missed having a little chat with you on the telephone yesterday.

Everyone here sends you much love and they were all eager and interested to hear of my visit with you, which I gave them in great detail.

With much love,

Devotedly,

Grace

Miss Marguerite A. LeHand,
101 Orchard Street,
W. Somerville,
Massachusetts.
September 4, 1943.

Dearest Missy:

We have been on a merry-go-round pretty much during the month of August, -- Hyde Park, Canada and Hyde Park again.

As you know, the Prime Minister, Mrs. Churchill and their daughter are still here and, of course, the President is getting very little in the way of rest these days. The conferences at Quebec were pretty strenuous -- lasting late into the night. However, the few days at Hyde Park after the Quebec conferences, I think, rested the President but, of course, he returned to Washington and started right in again.

Harry was a little fagged out after Quebec, so Dr. McIntire insisted that he lay up a week or so in the Naval Hospital. He is getting rest, which is what he needs mostly, and he will be back in Washington in a day or two.

Before leaving for Quebec, Mary, Roberta and I had lunch with Betsy. As you may have read, Jock returned to Washington after a year's absence from this country and, I think, he is still here, although I have not seen him at all and haven't seen her since that day.

I hear your stay at the Beach has done you a world of good and that you look wonderful. I had dinner with Louis Ruppel the other night and he gave me a very good report. He was delighted to be near enough so he could run up and see you.

I did not forget about the sherry which I promised to try to get for you. Unfortunately, one cannot ship liquors from one state to another without running the risk of being discovered of violating the law. However, a little bird tells me that you will probably get some for your birthday.

I have not had any holiday yet this summer and Dr. McIntire thinks I should get away for at least ten days, and two weeks if possible. As I will not leave here until probably the middle of next week, I fear I may not get up to Boston for your natal day, as I had planned. I will make an effort to come up for a weekend sometime early in October.
It is too bad you were not in Boston to greet Mr. Churchill on his arrival there to receive a degree from Harvard! We have him back with us in Washington today.

I do hope you are having cool weather at the beach. Washington has been terrific these last few days.

With much, much love to you and all the family.

Devotedly,

Miss M. A. LeHand,
101 Orchard Street,
W. Somerville,
Massachusetts.
November 4, 1943.

Dearest Missy:

I was indeed sorry to hear that you had a little upset a few weeks ago, but I am delighted that you got over it so quickly and that you are feeling tiptop again. You can't keep a good girl down!

We just got back this morning from Hyde Park -- the usual election weekend -- and the President had a nice quiet, restful trip. The weather was pretty awful except for two days, but I think he enjoyed the quiet and has come back refreshed.

I got the bright idea the other day that you might like to have a little ready cash for Christmas, so I have asked the Bank to send you $50.00 which I take it will be adequate for your list.

I was sorry to hear that Dr. Durkin had been transferred, but I am assured by Dr. McIntire that there will be another therapist to replace him. I do hope you will continue the treatments, as they seem to do you so much good.

Mary is leaving for New York today and will shop around for some dresses and blouses for you, as well as a hat. I do hope you will like them.

The Roosevelt boys are scattered all over the earth, so I can't tell you much about them.

Mrs. Roosevelt is on the move, as usual -- one day in Wilmington, next day in Philadelphia, next day in Washington, etc. ad infinitum.

Mother was up at Hyde Park with me for the weekend and had a nice visit. It was her first trip to Hyde Park and she enjoyed it so much. From there, she left for New York City, where she plans to spend a week or ten days visiting her family and seeing a few old friends.

Everyone here is well and working hard.
Mary, Hacky and I are all planning to pay you a visit at different times -- between now and Christmas. We cannot tell at the moment when each of us will get away, but as we find the opportunity we will send you a telegram or telephone to you to find out if it is convenient for us to run up for a day or two. I don't know which one of us will come first, but I am looking forward so much to having a visit with you.

The President asks me to send you much love and he will drop you a line in a day or two.

This takes to you much love from everyone at the White House, and especially Mary, Hacky, Dorothy, Roberta and myself.

Affectionately,
February 14, 1944

Dearest Missy:

The Boss, as you know, has been talking for a long time of coming up to pay you a visit, but with so much happening it seems more and more difficult for him to plan future movements. However, he wants very much to see you and suggests that you come down to the White House around the seventh of March. Just at the present moment, the weather is pretty bad here but we hope it will be nicer at that time.

I know you follow the news and the radio and that you know how very crowded the house has been with all the family since the Christmas holidays. Anna and John Boettiger and the three children have been East since Christmas. Only last week Sistie and Buzz returned to the West Coast and Anna and John, I think, went off for a little holiday but will be back shortly. Johnny's wife, Anne, and her two children are staying here for, I think, another few weeks. Ethel and Franklin were here but have left for Miami at the end of last week. Ruth also was on but has gone to Pinehurst and is returning sometime this week. So you see, we have had lots of company.

The President knows you would want to come down when he is not so hectic with family and guests and so that is the reason he suggests you come around the seventh of March, when he hopes to have a little more free time to spend with you. Everyone here is excited about your coming, as they are all dying to see you.

By the way, I meant to write you a few weeks ago to tell you that because of the "rush on the White House" Mrs. Roosevelt found it necessary to use your apartment. As she did not want to put guests in there with your personal things all around, she asked me if I would have them taken out and stored, so she could use those rooms for bedrooms. This we did, but don't worry about anything as it is all safely in the White House but not in your apartment. It would not have been removed at all but Mrs. Roosevelt did not want the responsibility of somebody walking off with something which belonged to you. Don't you agree that that was the best thing to do?

We are all delighted to know you are feeling so well and we shall be anxiously awaiting your arrival. There will be a tremendous rush to see you when we get your telegram saying that you are on your way.

With much, much love, in which everyone joins,

Affectionately,
May 10, 1944.

Dearest Missy:

I was delighted to hear from Sam first hand that you are feeling and looking very well. Correspondence is not very satisfactory and it is nice to have a first-hand report from someone who has seen you. Sam enjoyed his visit very much.

In looking over your pocketbooks, I found two or three nice Spring and Summer bags which I think you might like to have me send to you. If so, they shall go forward as soon as you say the word.

The weather is lovely here now and I only hope you will decide to come down and pay us all a visit. It would certainly be a nice change for you and it would be great fun for us to be with you.

Mary went to the races yesterday but had a very unsuccessful day financially. However, the weather was pleasant and she enjoyed it.

Everyone is back and on the job and all looking very tanned and fit. They had a grand rest at Bernie Baruch's place, which they say is really very lovely, and most of them could pass now for Jackson or Goodloe!

I had a touch of summer grippe but am now nearly over it.

I do hope you continue well and that you will decide to come down and pay us a visit.

With much love to you and all,

Affectionately,
July 5, 1944

Dearest Missy:

Sorry long time no write! I was thrilled beyond words to have that amusing note from you written on D-plus-2 Day. Thank God we are in France and more than holding our own.

You ask me if I remember the morning Kaltenborn appeared in our stateroom -- how could I ever forget? With you, I never hear him on the radio that I do not picture his face in that french window over your bed. I saw Vincent Astor not long ago and most of our conversation was about "Kalty". He and Minnie both asked about you and told me to be sure to send you their love in my next letter.

The Boss is feeling very fit these days and is at present up at H. P., but will be returning tomorrow. As you have probably gathered from the newspapers and radio reports, General de Gaulle is expected and so the Boss will have a busy few days.

Sister, Buz and little Johnny Boettiger are all at Hyde Park, where they will stay for the entire summer. Anna and big John are here at the White House.

Weren't you surprised about Ruth? -- I had a feeling when she divorced Elliott that she would remarry but I must confess that I am a little disappointed that she married Col. Edison. I met him about a year and a half ago when he returned from North Africa. I had no idea that Ruth was interested in him. Another in-law to complicate life for the Roosevelts!

I did not go to Hyde Park, as I decided I
needed a little time to myself. Dorothy went up and Mary, who has been working at the Library on the books. Hucky also stayed in Washington, as she felt she needed a little change and recreation.

Roberta has been home ill for a couple of weeks. She got a rather bad cold which kicked up her sinuses and also her temperature. However, I talked to her yesterday and she says she is feeling a lot better and hopes to be back this week.

Steve goes along about the same -- never missing the horse sheet for a day! He gave Mary and me a few so-called hot tips -- all of which cost us money.

When the Boss is away, Pa spends most of the time in Charlottesville, so we do not see much of him.

I talked to Louis Ruppel on the telephone the other day. He is stationed here in Marine Corps Intelligence -- which he hates. As you know, he was in the Pacific and would have liked to have stayed there, but orders are orders so, at least temporarily, he is here in Washington.

I dined at Bill Bullitt's house last week and played bridge. I think he is expecting to go overseas fairly soon. Offie, as you know, is in Algiers and I had a letter from him today. I have seen the Wileys occasionally and they always ask about you and send you their dearest love.

I do not know any really exciting news but this fills you in a little bit on what is going on.

Everyone here joins me in sending you dearest love and do drop me a note when you have a chance.

Affectionately,
June 3rd

Grace dear,

6-day! Invasion!
Hurray!!!

Remember the morning Kaltenborn appeared in our stateroom high as a kite inviting us to see the Irish coast? When I hear him now I still chuckle just a little bit.

Write soon

Love, Missey.

L.D.
Miss LeHand
January 3

Dearest Paula,

The bridge lamps are a joy, and I particularly like the places for drinks and ash. Thank you ever so much.

Grace tells me you are looking well and feeling well which is very

[Signature]
Dear Gracie -

good news - keep up the good work.

Please, some day when you feel up to it, let me know and let us have lunch together. It is a very long time since I have seen you, and I would very much like to.

Lots of love to you, Paula dear, and I hope the new year will bring you health and happiness - lots of it -
and that I will see you soon.

As ever

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July 16

Dear Grace,

Who is getting the Vice-Presidential nomination? I have been beside myself trying to figure it out. Shall it be (Barkley) Douglas, or Wallace (B) or whom?

Love
Missy

B. S. V. P.

P. D. A.
MA receipt
101 Orchard St
Somerville 43

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

I was really disappointed not to hear from you on Saturday but
the White House was abuzz all afternoon with telephone
calls. I hope this message will reach you.

Love,
Missy
Dear Gracie,

I am sending this to you because there are some confidential State Dept. things - the President would like the letters he has signed to be mailed from Rough Riders. The stuff is all marked.

If I didn't see or hear from you on Saturday, but the President you were at the rally. If this telephone ever gets free, I'll call you.

Love,
Missy
NOTICE

Surrogate's Court, County of Dutchess

In the Matter of Proving the Last Will and Testament of

MARQUERITE A. LE HAND

Deceased.

Notice of Probate

TAKE NOTICE: That the last Will and Testament of MARQUERITE A. LE HAND, deceased, has been offered for probate, and that the names and post office addresses of the proponent and of the legatees, devisees and other beneficiaries, as set forth in the petition herein, who have not been cited or have not appeared or waived citation, are as follows:

Daniel J. Le Hand

whose post office address is 166 Waverly Avenue, Newton, Massachusetts

NAMES AND POST OFFICE ADDRESSES

Marguerite Jane Farrell (Collins) 101 Orchard St. Somerville, Massachusetts
Barbara Farrell
Franklin D. Roosevelt
Anna Eleanor Roosevelt
Grace George Tully
Paula Tully Larrabee
Helie C. Gaffin

101 Orchard St. Somerville, Massachusetts
The White House, Washington, D. C.
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The White House, Washington, D. C.
4701 Connecticut Ave., Washington, D. C.
Poughkeepsie, New York

Dated September 22, 1944

Henry T. Hackett
Attorney for Proponent,
226 Union Street
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
State of New York
County of

being duly sworn

sends that on the day of 19 he deposited in

the post office, at the , a copy of the within notice of probate contained in a securely closed post paid wrapper, directed to each of the persons named therein at the post office address written opposite their respective names.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this day of 19.

Notary Public.

* See Sec. 314 sub. div. 17 S. C. A.
Dearest Grace: I am now parked somewhere in Texas, and have just finished the first draft of the Dallas speech. The gang has gone to San Jacinto, and it is hotter than the hinges of hell! They probably will all come back grease-spots. I never knew anything like the heat.

Yesterday was some day! Harvey Couch theoretically gave a luncheon for the gang, but don't be misled by the menu which I am returning to you. It was terrible. The newspaper boys were so furious that our crowd said they were going to take the President directly from Hot Springs to Little Rock and never mention Couchwood. It is all right with me if I never hear of it again. They and we (Malvina Roberta and I) had to walk a mile into the place - up hill and down - I though I was going to pass right out of the picture.

I am getting along very well with the speeched - this is not a good sample of my beautiful typing - but I will never make any record for speed. The blue ribbon makes a lot of difference. It looks more like typewriting.

I am sending you a few oddy ends - nothing very serious. It just keeps the decks clear here that's all. The newspapers can be clipped.

I will write you again if there is any excitement. We are being shunted around so that by the time the crowd gets back I will have seen most of Texas from the car window.

Much love to you and to Paula - I miss you.

As ever

Mary