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On Board the CUNARD R.M.S. "AQUITANIA"

(Longhand)

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July 23rd
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600 miles E. of Hawaii

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UNITED STATES SHIP HOUSTON

(Longhand)

Sunday Oct. 13 (1935)
Bahia Honda Bay
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Mar. 31

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U.S.S. INDIANAPOLIS

Thanksgiving Day

Dear Grace -

All well so far & a grand cruise - I wish you could have seen the "crossing the line" ceremonies! Marvellous costumes & much fun at the expense of us "Pollywogs" - but we are now all "Shellbacks" & have beautiful colored certificates to prove it.

From an almost complete lack of radios I take it the nation is still at peace, though it may be that you all are being very considerate of Father & are carrying on the war without his help!

So far the weather has been perfect, & fairly cool as the breeze has been ahead. Tomorrow we face a hectic day in Rio from 7:45 a.m. to 10:45 p.m.

Take care of yourself - Give my love to the family

Affectionately yours

F.D.R.

Will you save this envelope for me?
U.S.S. INDIANAPOLIS

(Longhand)

Dec. 2

Dear Grace -

Wasn't it too tragic about Gus? We are all terribly upset.

Otherwise, all the official things have gone well - but we are all tired & will have a long rest after Montevideo tomorrow -

We expect pouch tomorrow - So glad the operation went all right.

My best to you all

Affec

F.D.R.
At sea
Equator
Tues. Dec. 8th

Dear Grace -

This time Crossing the Line has no terrors! It is muggy & hot - All well, though of course all are much saddened by the tragic death of poor Gus - I'm brown as a berry - We are making up a pool on what King Edward will do! We hope he won't abdicate.

Back Tuesday night - you should get this Monday morning. Just think of doing this whole trip, Washington to Washington in exactly 4 weeks to the day. It will be good to be back.

Will you send for these books I have marked?

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U.S.S. TUSCALOOSA
Feb. 17
Sat.

(Longhand)

Dear Grace -

All well & at last "The Press" has been told we reach the Canal Zone tomorrow & inspect the Atlantic Defenses - Tomorrow night they'll be told we are to spend a few days in the Pacific looking over some of the outlying defenses of the Canal on that side (perhaps a few fish too!)

It's lovely & warm today! I'm getting a real sleep & some sun - and I hope you're getting some rest & sleep too! though it sounds as if it's still cold & snowy "up North" - We got away one day ahead of a big storm at Pensacola. Pa & Dan & Ross are in great form - I'll try to get you a hat & a perfume in Panama!

Much love

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(6) 4 letter to post! -

Be a good child & do please get a good rest - you & Dorothy should arrange 3 days off & 3 days on - Get lots of sleep & keep up the diet! It's done wonders! I too hope to take off 5 lbs. I'm in the lap of luxury. I wish so much you could be on this trip with me. I will write by pouch leaving about the 20th & you sh'd get it by the 26th. Lots of love. Affectionately F.
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F.
Thurs. Nov. 18 or 28

Grace dear

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I have only one enclosure - 5 books of the Peter Pauper list. Rigdon is sending back 3 signal papers. I suppose you or Latta will get them.

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Dear Grace -

It was good to get your note this morning & to know that all goes well & that the work has slowed down! I'm in Cairo - busy all times - W.S.C. here & his daughter Sarah, also Generalissimo & Mae. If you'll learn Chinese & Russian I'll bring you the next time as interpreter! We had a day in Tunis - Elliott & F Jr. with me - the latter goes home on his own wounded destroyer & Elliott & John B. go with me on our next leg tomorrow.

Last night a lovely little family Thanksgiving party & the big turkey was delicious.

The conference goes fairly well - my role is that of peacemaker. I've seen the Pyramids & made close friends with the Sphinx. Congress should know her.

Much love - Affec.

F.D.R.
Dear Grace -

Arrived OK at end of sea voyage. Lots of sleep & still need more. Really grand trip. Heard only 1 submarine. This place greatly cleaned up. Winston is here. We have had a staff conference & tonight we are off in 20 planes. All well - take care of yourself - lots of love.

F.D.R.

Will you post these - but stamp them first!
THIE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dec. 9th

Dear Grace -

Homeward bound at last! Grand to get your note in Cairo 3 days ago. Since then I've been in Malta & Sicily. On the whole it has been a successful trip, especially Teheran. Tell no one but I may get to W. the 16th or 17th. I'm on a very long & tiring plane trip & as you know I hate the damn things. Said goodbye to John R. & Elliott. They are going back to Italy.

See you very soon!

Affec.  
F.D.R.
Feb. 18th
Algiers

Grace dear –

We are off soon after a hectic visit in Egypt –
2 Kings & 1 Emperor in 2 days – & I said good bys to the P.M.
on the 3rd! All goes well but again I need sleep. There’s
an awful lot to tell you about. Ibn Saud & Haile Selassie etc!
I’m fairly well up on my work but there’ll be lot more by
Mar. 1st.

Affec. F.D.R.
THE WHITE HOUSE
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For Grace
From the Sheik of the San Blas Indians with a Merry Christmas via

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