May 22nd

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Dear Lucy

I think you may be interested to know of my latest venture — I have bought Georgia Warm Springs, on the "restaurant plan"! And am busily engaged in its development — The chief feature is of course the spring itself which I am convinced has great possibilities for the treatment of infantile paralysis — They have never had any doctors there in the past, & need the orthopedic instruction will experience an experimental period there this summer with about thirty patients — If

the report is favorable we shall get facilities to take care of a lot more cases — and as there are over 100,000 children & others who ~~not~~ need treatment it ought to do much good —

My own legs continued to pain there this year & on June 16 I go to Marion Mass to take further exercises, though I will be back in N.Y. once or twice to go to the office — Between now & the 16th I am in N.Y. trying to catch up for lost time.

Apparently the negotiations of the Boy Scout Committee with the

Kittredges is still going on — I enclose the latest reports of the Committee —, but have not had time since getting back last week to see any of the Lunt people.

It was so nice to hear about you all at Aiken from Livy Davis — Anna as you know is to be married June 5th & great preparations are in progress — I wish you knew the child — she is really a dear fine person & I am happy too in Curtis Dall the new son-in-law — Doesn't that sound ancient! — I suppose your

We back at Allamachy for the summer —

Very sincerely yours
Franklin D Roosevelt

P.S.

A very belated "Many many happy returns of the day"

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Tuesday –

Dear Lucy –

I don't know Mr. Kittredge's address and hope you will be able to get him a message – The Bay Scout purchase is definitely off – we couldn't afford his price! But I am also chairman of the Taconic State Park Commission which is to build a parkway north through Putnam County. Our engineer has worked two or three different lines, one of which would pass through the Kittredge place. We expect to get most of the land for the right

of way by gift or a very low figure, because the Parkway will greatly increase the accessibility & value of the adjoining land. I have asked Vanderbilt Webb to see Mr. Kitteredge about the whole matter.

I am just off for Warm Springs for four days – it will be a bit hot, but I thrive on heat & also it helps the legs, & I hope to find the 30 patients, mostly children making great progress down there. The faithful L. Hour goes with me.

I hope all goes well with you.

Very sincerely yours,

Franklin D. Roosevelt

P.S. Did that terrible explosion reach as far as Allamuchy?

Mrs. Winthrop Rutherfurd

Aiken

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May 18

Dear Lucy -

Thank you ever so much for the information about Mr. Swaney - it is as I found in regard to the quality of his food & his ability to get on with people - He must be somewhat out of my friend's picture -

I am making a very strenuous ten days with the President & other officers of the Fidelity & Deposit Co. - Toledo, Detroit, Milwaukee, Chicago & St Louis - one & two days in each place to look over our branch offices & encourage business - I date it is out of them - with

luncheons & dinners & receptions - but I had to do it as I have done little these past few years to earn my salary - and I need the latter! I get back to N.Y. on Monday & will be there (except week ends at H.P.) till I leave for the Houston Convention on June 19th - I am stopping off at Warm Springs on the way down for a couple of days & again on the way back, just to see how everything is going & to start plans for our new winter swimming pool -

The Convention will be a

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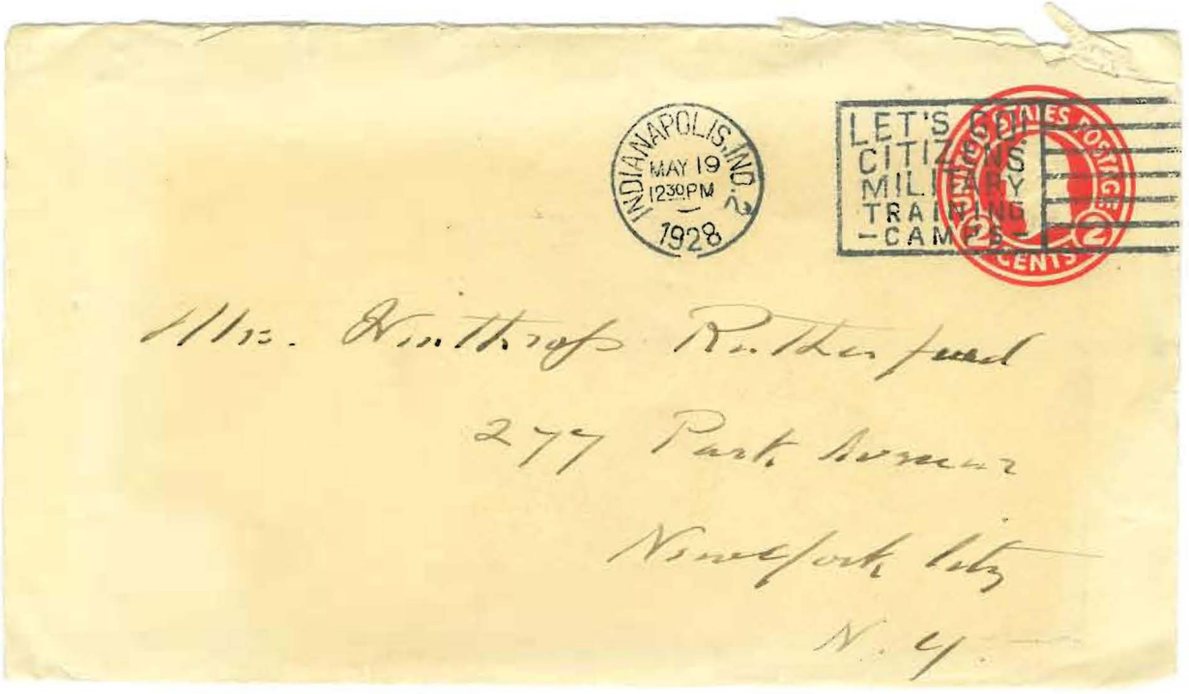
Terrific work (not longer I hope) & I fear I am in for the nominating speech again - but after it is all over I hope for a comparatively quiet summer - Smith will almost certainly be nominated & will make a strong run. Though of course the country is normally strongly Republican -

Did you have a cold wet spring at Bitter? With us at N.S. it poured most of the time & the building operations were much delayed - I will send you some print-shots of the new cottages when I go back there - They are very

small & simple - cost only about
$4,000 each - & I am thinking of
becoming an architect & contractor
& house furnisher - its great fun -
even in Georgia where everyone is
highly inefficient -
I do hope all of you are well

Sincerely yours.
Franklin D Roosevelt

P.S. Are you moving out to
Allamachy soon?



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Sept. 15

Dear Lucy –

What a shame that you have had such a very hospitally summer – and I am only glad that your invalids are all mending – I had never even heard of La Bourboule – but perhaps it is the thing to do to make a "health resort" a panacea for every variety of ailment & that Warm Springs would more quickly become notorious if I were to adopt the idea – You can take comfort though in the fact that we over here have also had a thoroughly wet summer – indeed only ten days ago in Dutchess County all the Creeks overflowed as never before in history & carried away bridges & houses.

We have been at Hyde Park all the time, except for my mid-week visits to N.Y. to earn my salary and the children's trips to house-parties etc — Next week Eleanor & I go to Warm Springs, & return to N.Y. Oct 9th to give a welcoming party to Van Lear Black who returns with his two Dutch aviators after flying from Holland to Java & back.

Then about Oct 20th I return to Warm Springs for a month or six weeks as I suppose it is worth while to go on with the thing that is more than any other treatment bringing back the leg muscles. The greater part of the country is in the midst of another epidemic of infantile paralysis I am sorry to say - a great many

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cases in N.Y. & N.J. though not I think out near Allamuchy - Bud Ohio & Kentucky & Texas all have bad outbreaks - We have 40 patients at Warm Springs & many more applications than we have money to take care of - the "campaign" for funds progresses slowly, but it seems to take weeks to beg even a few thousand dollars, & I loathe the thought of this begging & will never succeed as a professional money raiser - If in the next few years I can put the Warm Springs treatment on a permanent & satisfactory basis I shall never again

let my enthusiasm run away with me - but shall settle down into a life of leisure! But by that time it will probably be the Poor House -

I do hope that by this time your invalids are well again & that your last few weeks will be free from worries - and too that you will have a good trip home - You say nothing of yourself - It means I hope that you have been well - really well -

Sincerely yours
Franklin D Roosevelt

P. S. Thanks so much for the grand little dentists name - I can't go to him till I come back from W. S. as I have only two days in N.Y. before I go South -

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