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May 28, 1945

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Very sincerely,

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*Bonds
Miss Tully
paid acct 6*

May 22, 1945.

RE: LE HAND

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

Dear Grace:

If you will execute and acknowledge and return to us the enclosed receipt, release and waiver of citation, we shall forward you check of the estate to your order in the amount of \$500 for your cash legacy under Missy's Will. We have drawn and forwarded the check to Mr. Le Hand for his signature and return to us. For your information similar checks are going to Mr. Le Hand today for delivery to Anna Rochon and Nellie Graffin against their executing similar receipts. For your further information the executor is making an initial partial distribution of \$500 to Barbara and Marguerite.

Will you be kind enough to have your sister execute and acknowledge receipt, release and waiver of citation enclosed herewith and return the same to us.

Here is a call for help. Will you please use your best efforts to have the Treasury Department issue a new check to the Estate of Marguerite A. Le Hand for \$201.03 in lieu of salary check No. 2518331 dated March 31, 1939, to the order of Marguerite A. Le Hand in like amount for March 1939 salary. Under date of January 31, 1945, the estate mailed the stale check from Boston to the Chief Disbursing Officer, Division of Disbursement, Washington, D. C., together with a short form of certificate of appointment proving that Daniel J. Le Hand was executor.

Yours very truly,

O'Connor & Farber

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C O P Y

May 14, 1945

Sir:

Reference is made to your letter, file Misc-1664971-WJK, dated May 2, 1945, transmitting for administrative examination and report the file relative to claim of Daniel J. LeHand for the proceeds of Check No. 2,518,331, dated March 31, 1931, in favor of Marguerite A. LeHand (now deceased), in the amount of \$201.03, drawn by G. F. Allen, Chief Disbursing Officer, under Symbol 1-100.

According to the records of this office, the above described check represented payment of Miss LeHand's salary as Private Secretary to the President for the period March 16-31, 1939, carried on Line 10 of D. O. Voucher No. 1458097, in Mr. Allen's accounts for the same period.

As there is no evidence of a subsequent check having been issued to cover this item it would appear the amount is still due.

The file transmitted with your letter is returned herewith.

Respectfully,

FRANK K. SANDERSON
Administrative Officer

Mr. Leroy Thurtell
Chief of Section
Claims Division
General Accounting Office
Washington, D. C.

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May 29, 1945

RE: ESTATE OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT, DECEASED.

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

Dear Miss Tully:

Thank you for your letter of May 26, 1945 and the information contained therein.

I am sorry that I was unable to talk to you when I was in Washington last Friday but my schedule was somewhat upset in the afternoon, making it impossible for me to telephone you again.

Mr. Plogh states that Harry Ellefson was actually on the payroll at the time of the President's death and that his name should therefore have been added to the list. We have now added both his name and that of Mrs. Amelia Depew to the list and believe that the papers are now complete.

Before Colonel James Roosevelt returned to the Pacific he mentioned the Washington Hollow - Morgenthau matter to me and suggested that we get full information concerning it. He said that it appears from his father's checkbooks that regular periodic payments were made to Secretary Morgenthau in connection with the Washington Hollow property but that there was nothing to indicate just what interest his father had in the property. Do you have any personal recollection, papers or records to show just exactly what interest, if any, the President had in this property? Perhaps Mrs. Klotz will be able to furnish you with details.

I note that you are still holding the letter addressed to Dr. Solon Buck covering the delivery of the papers and files to the National Archives for storage and safekeeping and that

Miss Grace G. Tully

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May 29, 1945

you will send it on to him just as soon as you have the final count on the crates. Please be sure that Dr. Buck acknowledges receipt on a copy of the letter, which should then be promptly forwarded to us. In order to complete the inventory of the estate it is quite important that we have as soon as possible the list of the contents of the crates prepared by you and under your supervision.

Incidentally, under date of May 2, 1945, Admiral Wilson Brown wrote Mr. O'Connor concerning the inventory of the contents of the Map Room which were being deposited in the National Archives at the direction of President Truman until the termination of the present national emergency. In that letter Admiral Brown stated that Lieutenant Elsey was preparing the inventory and would forward it as soon as completed. Will you kindly check with Admiral Brown or Lieutenant Elsey to find out what progress is being made on that inventory and when it can be expected.

As for your trip to Poughkeepsie to prove the will, it is most desirable that you go there just as soon as possible. The situation briefly is this: All of the necessary probate papers are now on file in Court with the exception only of the waiver of citation from Franklin, Jr., and the affidavit of you and Mr. Snyder proving the will. Mr. Snyder has made definite arrangements to go to Poughkeepsie with me this coming Friday, June 1. That will leave only Franklin's waiver, which is expected any day, and your affidavit. We should very much like to be in a position to complete the probate proceedings as soon as Franklin's waiver arrives. Therefore, it would be greatly appreciated by everyone if you could arrange to go to Poughkeepsie before your trip to Cape May in order that there may be no delay in getting the will admitted to probate the moment Franklin's paper arrives. The estate will, as is customary, reimburse you for your expenses in connection with going to Poughkeepsie to prove the will. Kindly let me know when it will be convenient for you to go to Poughkeepsie and whether there is any additional information which you need at this time.

Sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons

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March 1, 1946

Miss Grace G. Tully
3000 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

Thank you very much for your letter of February 25, 1946 enclosing a copy of the "Brother Lucas" letter.

I spoke to James Roosevelt today and he stated that Thursday, March 7, would be the best day for him to go to the Archives with Mr. Hackett and me to go over the question of the papers and other items now stored in the Archives. I have made tentative arrangements to be in Washington with Mr. Hackett next Thursday morning. If for any reason that date is not satisfactory to you, will you please let me know. Otherwise, you can expect us shortly after 9:00 o'clock on Thursday morning.

With personal regards, I am,

Sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons

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Miss Grace G. Tully
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October 1, 1945

RE: ESTATE OF FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Miss Grace G. Tully
Cathedral Mansions
3000 Connecticut Drive
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

I am pleased to enclose herewith check of the Executors to your order in the amount of \$26.83 to reimburse you for the expenses of your trip to Poughkeepsie and Hyde Park as a witness to the Will as stated in your letter of September 13, 1945. Kindly sign and return the enclosed receipt which is required for the accounting records of the Executors.

There are certain matters which I should like to discuss with you concerning the material now in storage at the National Archives. From the lists which you prepared at the time the material was moved from the White House, it appears that books and other articles of personal property were sent to the Archives along with the late President's papers and files. Some provision must be made to segregate these articles from the papers and I should greatly appreciate it if you will let me know when you are ready to talk to me about this problem. I can arrange to come to Washington next week or the following week to discuss the matter at length.

Sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons

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*Keeping this for
O'Connor address
if I should
write about
messy papers -*

December 12, 1946

Miss Grace G. Tully
3000 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

I am enclosing herewith check of the Executors drawn to your order for the sum of \$35.00 as reimbursement for expenditures made by you at the National Archives as per statement enclosed herewith in duplicate. Will you please receipt and return the original statement to me for the Estate records. You may retain the copy for your own files.

You will be interested to know that Mr. Shipman reported to me yesterday afternoon that the second shipment of papers and files has arrived safely at the Library at Hyde Park and has been placed under lock and key in accordance with our previous arrangements.

Kindest regards.

Sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons

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April 23, 1947.

Miss Grace G. Tully,
3000 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

Thank you very much for your assistance in connection with the President's request for the letter written by James A. Moffett to President Roosevelt on April 16, 1941 concerning oil in Saudi-Arabia.

I have forwarded to the President by registered mail the copy of the letter furnished you by the State Department together with the original and a photostatic copy of the unsigned memorandum dated April 16, 1941, which is undoubtedly the memorandum referred to in the first paragraph of the copy of Mr. Moffett's letter. It is my belief that all of us have done everything possible to comply with the President's request. If anything further is requested I shall let you know.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

Earle R. Koons

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PERRY E. HUDSON, JR.

August 8, 1947.

Miss Grace G. Tully,
3000 Connecticut Avenue,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Grace:

For your personal information Marguerite has written my Chief that she must have her "E" bonds right away, that the official receipts of the Treasurer (to Missy) were never delivered to the nieces etc. etc.

Enclosed herewith for your information is a copy of my reply to Marguerite together with a copy of my letter to the Warner firm dated February 8, 1946 taking care of this matter. I thought you would be interested in having these two because you might be getting a letter from Marguerite about the matter.

It is a very humid hot day in New York today and maybe for that reason my letter to Marguerite may be too plain. But my position still is that we took care of this matter in a very orderly fashion in February 1946 and I have had no control over Marguerite's inaction about this matter during the eighteen months' interval.

With kindest regards to you and best wishes for a cooler day.

Sincerely,

Kenneth Hoffman

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Mrs. Thomas E. Collins

August 8, 1947

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Treasurer, Treasury Department, Fiscal Service, Washington 25
was all that was required for you and your sister to have your
respective bonds delivered to you on request.

Mrs. Thomas E. Collins,
101 Orchard Street,
Somerville, Massachusetts.

Yours very truly,

Dear Mrs. Collins:

/s/ Kenneth Hoffman

Your letter to Mr. O'Connor dated August 8, 1947 has
been referred to me. In that letter you request "the safekeep-
ing receipts for Missy's bonds that are being held by the
Treasurer in Washington" and stated that they were never given
to you and Barbara.

Enclosed herewith please find a copy of our letter
of February 8, 1946 to Warner Stackpole Stetson & Bradley rela-
tive to the statement executed by M. C. Slindee, assistant to
the Treasurer, U. S., dated November 2, 1944 listing an aggre-
gate of \$8400 principal amount of U. S. Savings Bonds held in
safekeeping by the Treasurer inscribed in the name of Missy.
On \$4100 principal amount of the bonds your sister was named as
beneficiary and on the remaining \$4300 principal amount you were
named beneficiary. Where the actual receipts for these bonds
were at the time of Missy's death or are now we do not know and
never have known. We knew there were savings bonds in the custody
of the Treasurer which had been purchased by Missy with beneficiary
clauses in favor of you and your sister respectively. Under these
circumstances and through the good efforts of Miss Le Hand we
obtained the statement of Mr. Slindee relative to the amounts and
numbers thereof etc. At the time the estate was settled we for-
warded this statement of Mr. Slindee to the Warner firm in Boston
with our letter of February 8, 1946 mentioned above in order that
the same might be attended to by you at your convenience. This
was done because the Treasurer in Washington recognized no one but
you and your sister as the owners of the bonds. The bonds never
came in to the possession or custody of the estate.

Please note in the last paragraph of our letter of
February 8 that we had been advised by the Treasurer that delivery
of the New York tax waiver (also forwarded to the Warner firm on
February 8, 1946) and your request for the bonds addressed to the

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Corner Statepole Station & Grades
84 State Street
Boston 9, Massachusetts

Yours very truly,

Attention of Miss Bradford

/S/ Kenneth Hoffman

Dear Sirs:

In connection with your telephone call today,
Enc. forward you herewith the original statement prepared
by A. B. Slinger, assistant to the Treasurer, U. S.,
dated December 2, 1944, listing an aggregate of \$8,400
U. S. Savings Bonds held in safekeeping by the Treasurer
inscribed in the name of Miss Marguerite A. Le Rond with
Mrs. F. Barbara Altman and Mrs. Marguerite F. Collins
as beneficiaries. A total of \$4,100 are listed as having
Barbara named the beneficiary thereon, and a total of
\$4,300 are listed as having Marguerite named the bene-
ficiary thereon.

We also enclose herewith original New York
State tax waivers dated November 22, 1944, addressed to
the United States of America consenting to the transfer
of such \$4,100 and \$4,300, face amount of savings bonds.

The enclosures are forwarded to you in order
that they may be available for delivery to Barbara and
Marguerite at the closing. We have previously been advised
that delivery of the tax waiver and request by the bene-
ficiaries addressed to the Treasurer, Treasury Department,
Fiscal Service, Washington 25, is all that is required
for the niece to cause such bonds to be delivered as
they respectively may request.

Yours very truly,

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February 8, 1946.

Re: ESTATE OF MARGUERITE A. Le HAND

Warner Stackpole Stetson & Bradlee
84 State Street
Boston 9, Massachusetts

Attention of Miss Bradford

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WRITE A. LA HAND

February 8, 1946.

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~~3000 Connecticut Avenue,~~

~~Washington, D. C.~~

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