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Miss Paula Tully,  
The White House.

Merry Xmas and a whole lot of luck to you and yours and our  
great Chief during the New Year.

Neil *Vanderbilt*

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Yours sincerely,

*Neil V.*

P.S. We have taken a swell house at  
Lake Arrowhead - 3 hours from Beverly  
Hills for the summer. Wish you'd  
come out. We'll save a swell room  
for you - Neil

From Nelly Vanderbilt

WRITTEN ENROUTE  
Return reply:  
c/o Biltmore Hotel  
New York City



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Wonderfully interesting  
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SISTER SHIP TO M.V. "GEORGIC,"  
BRITAIN'S LARGEST MOTOR VESSELS,  
Length 680 feet. Breadth 82 feet. Depth 44 feet.

FOR THE ADDRESS ONLY



Tweet - tweet -  
How are you?  
Heil

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The White House  
Washington D.C.  
U.S. America

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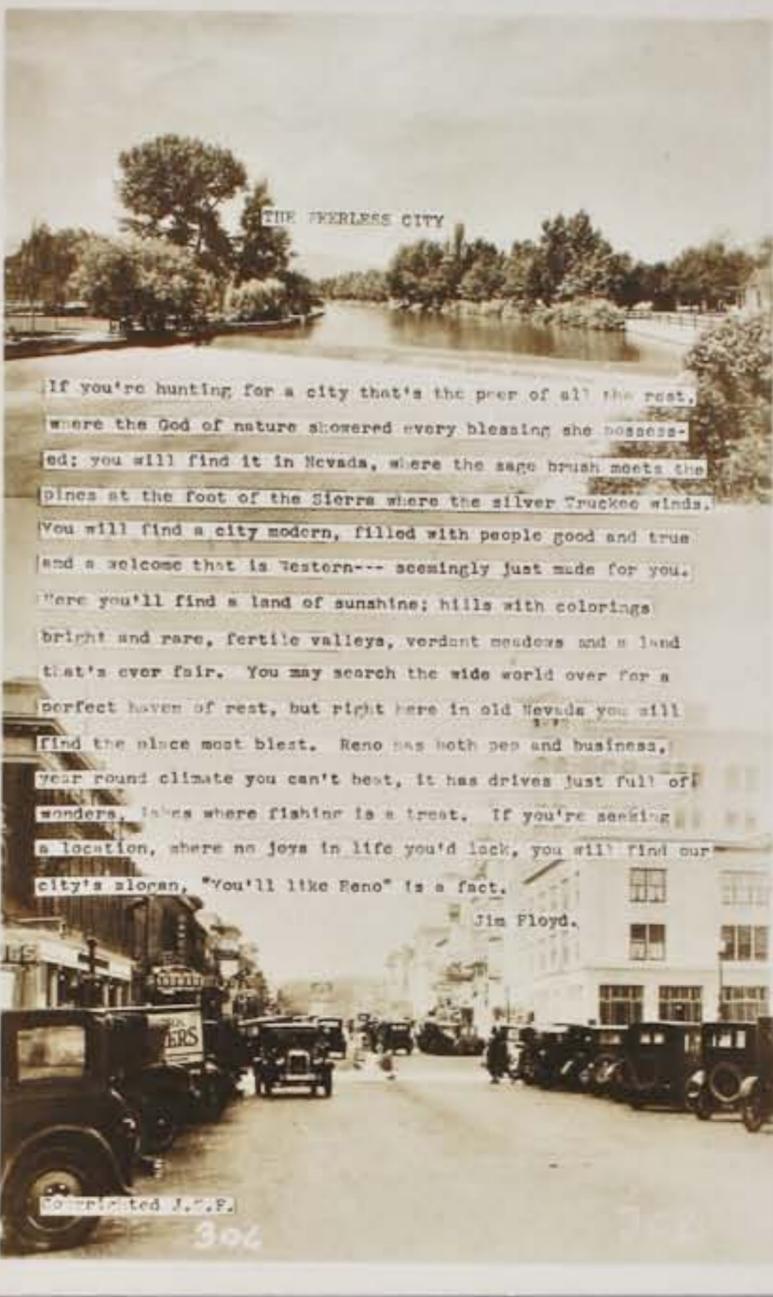
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Miss Paula Tully  
The White House  
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New York City

April 30, 1935

My dear Paula Tully:

HIGHLY ELIGIBLE, my latest novel, will appear in Red Book Magazine, out May 5th, and for the next five issues. Believing that you were interested in FAREWELL TO FIFTH AVENUE, my recent book, which by the way is being filmed by Fox, since it became a best seller, I thought you might be interested in following HIGHLY ELIGIBLE.

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Tully

January 6, 1943

Grace Tully  
"V"

Dear Neil:

Thank you for your note. As you probably know, the President was extremely busy Christmas Eve and Christmas Day, so it was not possible for him to go out to Walter Reed. However, I understand that Mrs. Roosevelt called on you and found you feeling somewhat improved.

This takes to you every good wish for the New Year and I hope that you will soon be feeling quite well again.

Very sincerely yours,

X GRACE G. TULLY

Major Cornelius Vanderbilt,  
Walter Reed Hospital,  
Washington, D. C.

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Received in  
M/T's office  
12/21/42 - Mrs R.  
away



Dec 18-1942

Dear Grace Tully -

You have probably thought of this long before I have - but I wish F.D. could come out here Christmas eve or Christmas Day. The men would go wild and it would put new pep into them - and if he could call on dear old Gen Pershing too it would help lots. I see quite a bit of the General. He tottles in to see me every now and then, and we discuss the progress of the war.

Army from Burma, Bataan and Ipin without links.

I understand I shall be here for weeks  
more — some sort of nervous breakdown  
due to overtaxation of the heart. So  
sometime later on — in January — when  
they allow me visitors will you pop in  
some Sunday afternoon, or any evening  
between 7+9.

God bless you grace. Have a merry  
Christmas. Take good care of the only  
man who really counts in all the  
world any more — as I know you will.

As always —

Neil Vanderbilt  
(Major. Special)

P. S. Mother will be at the Carlton, Sunday P.M.  
Monday + Tuesday. Do you think you could  
wangle a tea at the White House with Mrs  
F. D. Mother is still in mourning for Father.

*Tully*

February 23, 1943.

Dear Neil:

Thank you for your note and also for your card. I am indeed sorry to hear that you have coronary thrombosis. However, with the proper amount of rest and not going at things too hard, I am sure you will come around all right. I am glad you are enjoying your stay at Lake Placid.

Do take care of yourself and I look forward to seeing you when you get back to Washington.

Always sincerely,

*Grace*

Major Cornelius Vanderbilt,  
Lake Placid Club,  
Lake Placid, New York.

Walter Reed Hosp

Jan 16 -

[1943]

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Dear Grace Tully,

Your letter cheered me lots.

I have had some very, very bad news. I've got "Coronary thrombosis" - the same illness which killed my Dad - and this Hospital will probably ask that I be retired in about 6 to 8 weeks from now. Its tough to take in the middle of our biggest war.

Yours as always -

Neil V -

Tully

Grace G. Tully

July 9, 1943.

Dear Neil:

Ever so many thanks for the subscription to "Script". I know I shall enjoy it and I much appreciate your thought of me.

I do hope you are feeling fit again. I am sorry I did not have a chance to see you while you were at Walter Reed. Please let me know if you are going to be in Washington any time soon.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully  
Private Secretary

Major Cornelius Vanderbilt,  
640 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Grace G. Tully



THIS SIDE OF CARD IS FOR ADDRESS

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

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I've been doing quite a bit of 'undercover work' for J Edgar Hoover again, and I get along splendidly with all of his brilliant, uptothe minute outfit. If I did do anything - along any of these lines, I'd like later on to ask the President to have me transferred to his Dept again.

Mother also thinks I ought to ask the President to appoint me as an Ambassador somewhere. She thinks I should have the same opportunity to prove myself as Tony Biddle or Bill Bullatt. And now that - due to Father's death I have the income to support it, she thinks I ought to have either the Army Colonelcy or the diplomatic post, for my record.

I am mentioning these things to you as I thought perhaps sometime you could take them up with FD.

For my own part I am trying to buy a natl magazine and to turn it into a liberal publication. I am also trying to get a natl colmn going on a wide scale, in order to be of service in 1944 to the President. I have already been signed up for LECTURES in the fall as I had been doing in the years prior to the war; only this time on a far larger scale (if Walter Reed will permit, after their fall exam of my heart); and I am working toward an advertising connection with an established and rather well known firm.

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S VANDERBILT, JR.

Rob Wagner's Script,  
9480 Dayton Way,  
Beverly Hills, Cal.

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

Dear Miss Tully:

Beginning with the issue of  
June 26, you will receive  
Script as the gift of Major  
Cornelius Vanderbilt.

Kindly notify us if there is  
any error in your name or  
address as used above.

Sincerely,

*Ann Mason*

Circulation

I am working toward an advertising connection with  
an established and rather well known firm.

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S VANDERBILT, JR.

Reed had had me retired because of Angina, etc.

This is all awfully difficult for me to handle with Mother. She keeps thinking of Father's splendid war record, etc. I had Volunteered in World War I, and served overseas as a Private. Was discharged as a Sergeant 3 months after war was over; and was immediately commissioned a 2nd Lt. In 1924 I was elevated to Major, from Capt, 1st Lt etc; and I had remained in the Reserve Corps for 23 yrs in this grade.

Mother still thinks now that I am well again that I should 'do my duty' and ask the President to re-commission me. -- It is difficult to live for our families is'n't it?

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G. Tully  
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But I realize that health comes first.

Have had 8 teeth removed out here, also more than 2 inches of jawbone (still a result of being gassed in the last war); and am living up to the very letter of the law as set by Walter Reed after my Angina there last winter (19 weeks in bed).

This is a long letter. Forgive me. But I do want YOU and the President to know there is practically nothing I would not do for you; and I hope that if and when I can be of service to the President in any further fashion, you'll let me know.

I think it is disastrous to permit the Gullion Army crowd still to spread dissention in the ranks; and to be a part toward causing these racial disturbances. Personally I feel that that is as much a part of treachery, as the work done by the Bundists and the Fascists themselves.

But I am only one small voice - crying out in the wilderness, and they and their financial cohorts are the world.

I do hope this finds you in good health. Write me when you have a moment,

Yours as always,

*Paul Vandebilt*

LT, JR.

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1307 S Virginia St  
Reno, Nevada  
July 15, 1943

Dear Grace Tully,

Thanks so much for your good letter of July 9th. I took a bachelor apt at the Shoreham, ~~as of July 1st~~, and expect to hold onto it all summer, fall and winter. Had rather hoped being there the end of this month, off and on in August and September. Will let you know definite dates later.

Dined with Mrs Roosevelt out at the Tumbling DW Ranch in Franktown, the other day. She looks well, had secured a good rest, and seemed to me to be more charming than ever. She made a splendid impression in Nevada, which due to the unfortunate influence of Pat Mc Carran has become increasingly anti-New-Deal of late. In fact I think it was a swell thing that Mrs FD came here, as you will note in my next Script column.

I have been out here nearly 2 months now - and feel fully 1000% better. The air, the quiet life, the deep sage have all done me a world of good. My 'troubles' which are as nothing compared to those facing the President, but which concern various personages, in and out of the family, who have brought attachments onto estates of grand-parents left to me, seem remote. Morris Ernst's firm in NY, and Sam Platt's firm here, are able, thoroughly, though very slowly caring legally for them. In the end what is left I suppose will belong to lawyers anyway

My former CO in the 2nd Corps Area is about to receive his BG. He has asked Mother to ask me, to ask the President to recommission me on 'limited service' in the fall, and he states he will make me a Lt Col, and assign me as his Chief of Intelligence.-- I discussed this at some length with Mrs Roosevelt; but it was her opinion then, that I could do more with my PEN, than with my sword; and she advised me not to seek to be recalled, after Walter

CV:BM

MAJOR CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, JR.

*Grace G. Tully*

Russell Birdwell

August 31, 1943.

Dear Neil:

I did try to reach you while you were at the Shoreham but without success.

I am delighted to know that you are back in the newspaper game again and I have been following your articles with interest.

Do let us know when you are next in Washington.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully  
Private Secretary

Major Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.  
Russell Birdwell and Associates,  
30 Rockefeller Plaza,  
New York, N. Y.

*Neil*  
MAJOR CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, JR.

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# Russell Birdwell

and Associates

NEW YORK CITY  
CABLE ADDRESS "BIRDWELL"

BEVERLY HILLS  
NEW YORK · 30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA

August 6, 1943

Miss Grace Tully  
Private Secretary to the President  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Grace Tully:

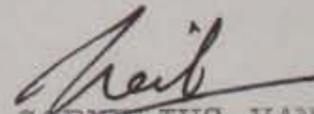
I shall be at my Shoreham apartment Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday of next week and do hope to have a chance to see you. This is just a line to let you know I have recently joined this firm as a public relations counsel. I was retired to the inactive list of the Officer's Reserve Corps by the United States Army on May 28 last, afterhaving spent five months at Walter Reed Army General Hospital in Washington, D.C., suffering with angina pectoris. The Army Retirement Board stated that it would be impossible for me to do any further active military service in this war due to the condition of my heart.

As you know for the past twenty-five years I have worked as a newspaperman in all parts of the world and I felt that the next step after my Army Retirement was to get into some kind of business I understood and in which I could be of some further service in the war effort as well as in the reconstruction period thereafter.

Russell Birdwell is also an old newspaperman and he has had some years of experience in public relations work. He handles a great number of accounts at the present time, among them Celotex, Certain-teed, Henry J. Kaiser, -Howard Hughes cargo planes, some motion picture concerns and some foreign governments. He did a magnificent job for "Gone With The Wind" and a most successful job for United China Relief.

I do hope to see you soon. With all good wishes,

Yours sincerely,



MAJOR CORNELIUS VANDERBILT, JR.

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My N.Y. Post column is now  
being widely syndicated. Will  
use any suggestions in it the  
Big Chief would like to get  
straight out.

Come up here for Mother's  
birthday but the weather is  
foul - rain, damp, cold.

Yours as always -

Neil V.  
Neil Vanderbilt

BEAULIEU  
BELLEVUE AVENUE  
N.Y.C.

Labor Day  
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Dear Grace July -

Sorry we missed in Wash  
as I'd wanted you to meet  
my new boss Russell Birdwell  
who heads the commercial  
public relations firm I recently  
joined. He is a brilliant  
guy. We'll be back for the  
opening of Congress. Boston.

Grace "V" July



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Sept 2, 1944

Dear Grace -

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VUE GENERALE DE QUEBEC, CANADA. CITY AS SEEN FROM THE RIVER.

THE FLEET AT ANCHOR  
 in San Francisco Bay is always an interesting sight. These immense fighting ships however appear insignificant in size to the new \$79,500,000.00 Bridge which connects San Francisco with Oakland, Berkeley, Alameda and other East Bay Cities, establishing great Metropolitan Area with rapid transit service, and direct entrance to San Francisco from all points North.

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Grace Tully  
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 White House  
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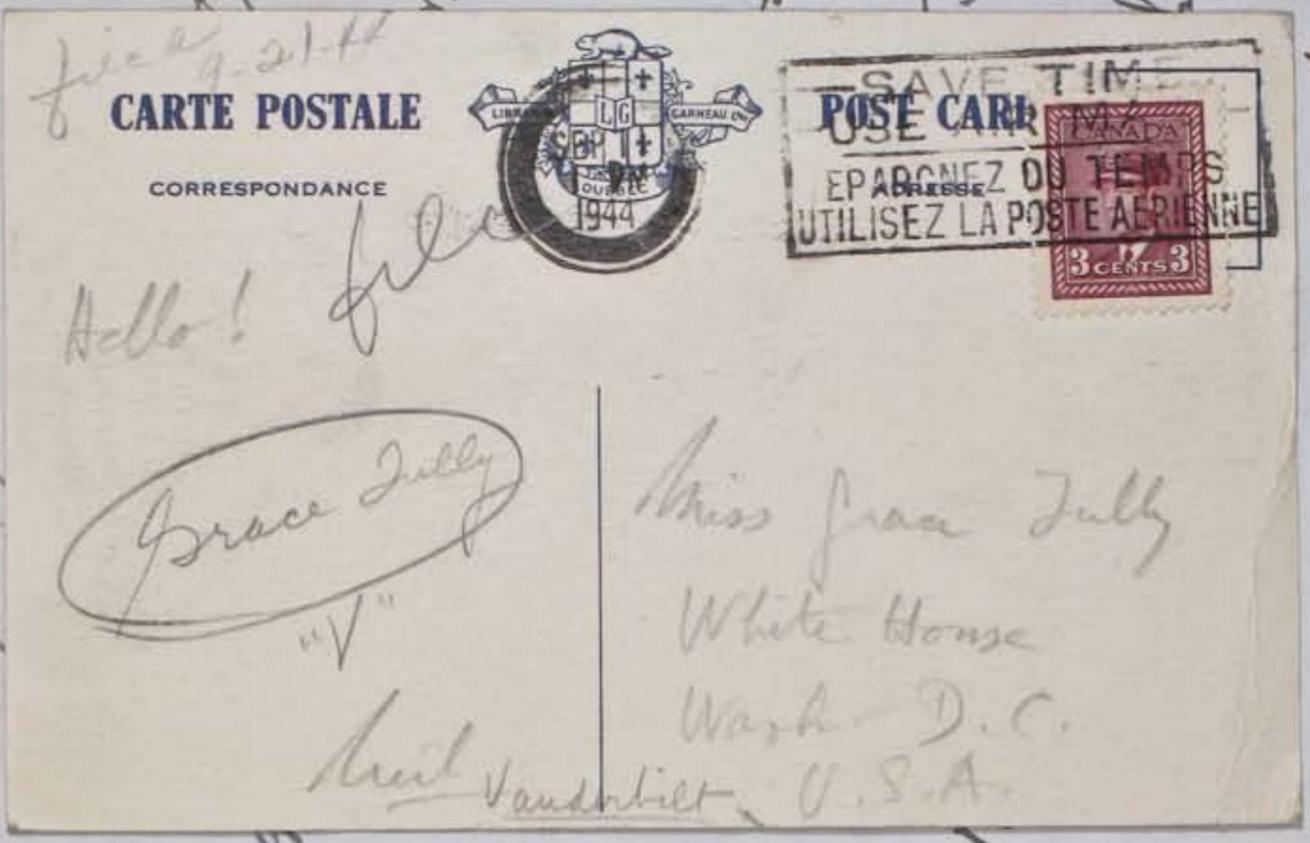
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July 21-44  
CARTE POSTALE

CORRESPONDANCE

Hello! file

Grace Tully

Miss Grace Tully  
White House  
Washington D.C.  
New Vandenberg, U.S.A.

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Neil -

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BELLEVUE AVENUE

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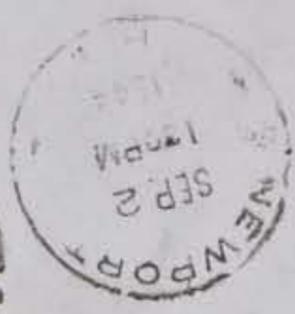
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Miss Grace Tully  
The White House  
Washington - D.C.


Good Delivery



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Dear Grace -  
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POSTAGE WILL BE PAID BY ADDRESSEE

May 26, 1945

Dear Neil:

You were sweet to send me that nice note of sympathy and the very beautiful flowers just after the President's death. I appreciated your thought of me more than I can tell you.

I know how fond you were of the late President and while the country lost a great leader, we lost a very wonderful friend.

I have been following your column at the Security Conference and if, on the way back, you should stop in Washington, get in touch with me.

With best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

GRACE G. TULLY

Cornelius Vanderbilt, Esq.,  
NEW YORK POST,  
Palace Hotel,  
San Francisco,  
California.

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NEW YORK POST,  
Palace Hotel,  
San Francisco,  
California.

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With sympathy  
and fondest  
memories.  
Neil

MOTHER'S DAY

the socially correct way to remember the day.



May 13th

COLORFUL BLANK AND ENVELOPE TO MATCH - AT NO EXTRA COST

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CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER  
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

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FULL-RATE	DAY LETTER

MISS PAULA TULLY =

HOTEL WILLARD WASHINGTON DC =

DEAR PAULA WOULD YOU AND MISS LEHAND TAKE TEA WITH NEIL  
AND ME AT MAYFLOWER LOUNGE AT FIVE SATURDAY PLEASE ADVISE  
METROPOLITAN 0135 BEFORE TEN AM=

JACK OBRIEN

*Neil Vanderbilt*

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

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*Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr*  
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BOX 654 • RENO, NEVADA

Enroute  
Nov 10, 1959

Miss Grace Tully  
Adm Asst to Sen Johnson  
US Senate Office Bldg  
Washington DC

Dear Grace Tully:-

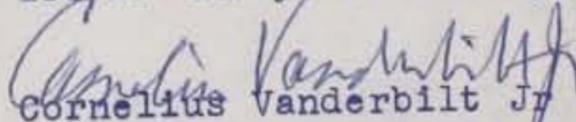
CROWN Publ is bringing out my new book MAN OF THE WORLD on Nov 30th. In fact it will actually be off the press two weeks earlier for the book-reviewers and the critics.

TIME Magazine and others may phone you for your opinion on it, since you were so close to FDR for so many many years. I have said that I was an "undercover agent" for him, in his dealings with innumerable foreign potentates over a period of a great many years; and I know you will back me up in this. Of course the book is very favorable to FDR as I wanted it to me; for no one will ever convince me that he did any wrong in his conduct of public office and of foreign affairs.

The publishers are trying to stir up a little controversy on the book, and some of those mentioned therein for whom I wasnt very flattering are liable to say some unflattering things in rebuttal. But I am hoping you will bear me up on the pleasanter side of the picture.

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Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr





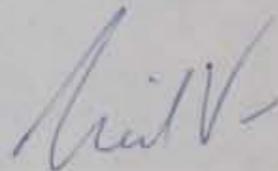
December 11, 1959

Dear Grace:

CROWN brought out my autobiography MAN OF THE WORLD on November 30th in New York. This is the book you were so helpful in helping me to prepare with refreshing my mind on some of the more interesting and exciting anecdotes in the past. I do hope you like the result. It is a good book to give a friend for the holidays.

Again thanking you,

Yours sincerely,



Cornelius Vanderbilt, Jr.

Hon. Grace Tully  
% Sen. Lyndon Johnson  
The Capitol  
Washington, D. C.

*P.S. Was a little surprised at  
your statement to the press  
the other day that you knew  
nothing about "the plot to  
capture FDR". Sure you  
must have had a reason  
for this statement C.V. Jr.*

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% Sen. Lyndon Johnson  
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"Vagabonding with Vanderbilt"

BOX 654 ♦ RENO, NEVADA

March 7, 1961

Dear Grace Tully:-

I have just sent a wire to Cong Walter Baring (D-Nev) asking him to withdraw my name for the Ambassadorship to Israel. He had proposed me to the Secy of State about 6 weeks ago. He thought I would fill this position well, since I have been there so often in the past several years and because I am a close personal friend of Ben-Gurion, Mme Golda Meir and others; and because the movie I made in Israel in 1958 during the tenth anniversary ceremonies I played in over 230 cities with in 1958-59-60, from the lecture platform.

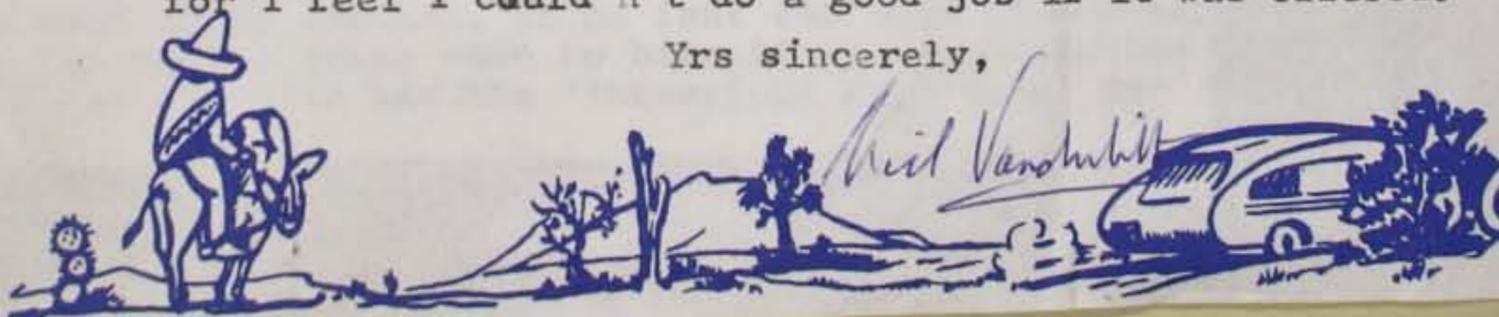
The reason I asked him to withdraw my name was because I am so involved in business here in Nevada and in Hollywood Calif, that I did'n't feel it would be possible for me to do a good job for Uncle Sam if the appointment should come through.

ABC-TV-Films is planning to produce my MAN OF THE WORLD next summer for release in the fall of 1962. They have also bought Upton Sinclair's 14 Lanny Budd books plus his PRESIDENTIAL AGENT. They will twin them into a one-hour show, and have signed with my agent in Hollywood for from 13 to 78 shows. In addition I am involved in a very complicated business deal under the name of Vanderbilt Industries here in Nevada and in 11 other western states. We represent Kaiser Aluminum, International Tel & Tel, US Steel, Burndy, Airelso, Pepco and a great number of other concerns in the missile business. Added to this I am Chrm of the Board of Vanderbilt Enterprises which is engaged in TV, radio, newspaper and other work in the far west. And added to these concerns I am involved in the building of a very large spa-type hotel.

I thought perhaps the Vice-president would like to know also why I withdrew, and I know at his convenience you will tell him. If the above had already been accomplished I should have been greatly honored to accept the job in ISRAEL, but my very nature would prevent it right now, for I feel I could'n't do a good job if it was offered.

Yrs sincerely,

Neil Vanderbilt





Aug 30, 1961

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Dear Grace Tully,

Mr Kennedy is entirely right in present controversy re the BERLIN CRISIS, and Mr Nixon is wrong.

I say this advisedly after spending 10 days in Berlin and after talking with Germans all over the Western Zones; also after talking with US troop commanders everywhere.

The US is actually ready for anything in Berlin or in Western Germany; but Grace the US troops in Berlin should be equipped with the latest weapons and not some of the antiquated stuff they have there now. This is a sort of outrage. -- I guess a reason for it is that the US Troops in Berlin are more in the nature of a Police Force. They have been taught RIOT DUTY in case rioting breaks out; and I suppose the reason they have such poor weapons is that they were never expected to have anything more powerful than police weapons. But this is untrue. They ought to have the best.

I am glad the President is sending Gen Clay back to Berlin. We need him there, as the people respect him highly.

Too bad the Pres can take sides in the Near East. The ISRAELIS are the only people out here who are really doing anything in the Near East. ISRAEL is as modern as tomorrow. The rest of the Near East, except in a few capital cities is still living in Biblical days.

My lecture season starts in Chicago on Oct 11th, but I'm hoping to come to Wash before; and if so I'd like to talk to Mr Johnson, if he isnt too busy to see me. He has made a great name to himself in recent months and has shown he has the 'intestinal fortitude' for



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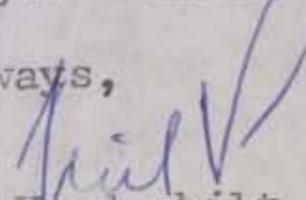
anything the President wants done.

The biggest thing that could be done right now for the peace of the world, would be for JFK to himself come to Berlin, before the end of September and for him to invite "Mr K" to meet him there. If "Mr K" turned him down JFK would become overnight the most important man in the world. If he met him there the international picture would immediately revert to the USA, and not to the USSR.

You'll ask me what I think about Nixons attack on the President, and ~~at~~ his policies. I think it is entirely Nixonian, and too petty to even discuss. I think Nixon thinks this is a good time to hit below the belt, for this is the only way that Nixon knows how to fight; but Mr Nixon will soon find out how wrong he is; and I personally feel his below-the-belt strategy will elect Pat Brown Governor, so perhaps its just as well to let that little flea get in his innings, now.

Mail will catch me at the Amer Exp in Geneva until Sept 12th; then Amer Exp in Berlin. Incidentally we have some damn good men in Europe now; among them Lawrence Levy, Minister to the NATO group in Paris. He is a dedicated public servant, and is doing a helluva job - undercover.

All the best, As always,

  
Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr

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Miss Grace Tully



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Best Wishes

With kindest thoughts  
and best wishes for  
Christmas and the  
New Year



Sorry to have to run  
off so hurriedly but  
Mr. Cornelius Vanderbilt, Junr.  
Thanks again -  
Neil



**"THE SAME TO YOU"**  
**NEIL VANDERBILT**