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23rd July 1935

Dear Miss Le Hand:

This is a letter intended to bother you!

I am very anxious to get a letter of introduction to Mr. Bruce McClure who is the head of Federal Music projects. I do not want the letter for myself but for Madame Irion who is the head of our Musicians Emergency Fund, Inc. here in New York. I am anxious for her to talk to him and it would be futile for her to go to Washington in an attempt to see him without some letter to pave the way.

I am just off to Martha's Vineyard until Thursday morning, on which day I will telephone you to ask if you can arrange to make this introductory letter possible. Ray Moley put me up to all this and said you were the person for me to communicate with.

Hope you are not melting!

Always most sincerely,

*Helen Astor*

Dictated but not signed

Mrs. Vincent Astor

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Dear Miss Le Hand:-

After causing you so much trouble I have now been informed that the person to see is Mrs. Roosevelt and not Mr. Bruce McClure, that is why you have not heard from me. I am taking the matter up directly with Eleanor.

Thank you for having been so willing to co-operate.

I am off tomorrow.

Always most sincerely,

July 30th 1935

Miss Margaret Le Hand  
The WhiteHouse  
Washington, D. C.

*Helen Astor*

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Dear Miss Le Hand:-

This will introduce to you Miss Ann Knox who has just come over from England. She has been engaged by Colliers to write a series of twelve articles on the subject of Anglo American relations and the <sup>an</sup>undoubted necessity of these relations becoming even more firmly cemented for the future peace and prosperity of the entire world.

Miss Knox intends to get the opinions of twelve leading citizens of both countries irrespective of politics and hopes above everything that the opinions of the President on this matter would comprise the substance of her first article.

If the President has a few moments

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to spare do you think he would see her?

I do hope you can arrange it.

Colliers has such a tremendous circulation which is steadily increasing, far greater than the Saturday Evening Post, and reaches therefore all types of persons, and for this reason I feel that the subject matter of Miss Knox's articles, being of such great importance may have a far reaching beneficial and perhaps vital effect.

Most sincerely,

Helen Astor

31st July 1935

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November 1st, 1939

Dear Miss Lehand:

Ever so many thanks for your message and telegram yesterday. Had I realized that you or the President, or both! remembered the tentative Washington date I certainly would have communicated sooner. The business reason for which I will be obliged to go to Washington has been postponed and therefore I hope that I may have a "rain check" on the invitation. I sent you that message last evening. I am very tempted to fly down this afternoon anyway, just to have a night with you all, but I am pretty involved here and feel I must do my duty.

Vincent says that you and the President will have a meal with us over this weekend. I am so delighted and just let me know, after you get to Hyde Park, when you will come. Of course I want Mrs Roosevelt *Uranor* too, if she is to be there. I must tell you that on Saturday evening I have lent the Tennis Building to Bard College. The students are giving a dance to their new Dean. I picture the joy all round should the President want to come that evening, but he probably would rather choose another.

Again many thanks for your thought of me and please thank F. D. R. also.

Affectionately,

*Helen Astor*