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[July 9, 1932]

The President

The White House Washington D.C.

The Power Authority of the State of New York advises me of the status of its negotiations with the State Department in the matter of effecting an agreement between the Federal Administration and the State of New York in connection with the development of the Lawrence River for navigation and power.

According to this report after <sup>many protracted</sup> conferences between the State Department and the Power Authority, over a period of <sup>two</sup> ~~eight~~ months, the ~~Secretary~~ Secretary of State has referred the matter to you for final determination.

The ~~only~~ question, failure to agree upon which has prevented complete ~~agreement~~ accord, is the proportion of the cost to be borne by the State of New York. Agreement on this is, as I know you will understand, a vital necessity.

In view of this, therefore, I believe that you and I should seek speedily to adjust this matter by a personal conference, and that it can <sup>quickly</sup> be solved by business-like methods.

With full agreement ~~of~~ between  
the Federal Administration and the State of  
Washington, it will be possible to submit  
a treaty to the Senate for <sup>and I hope favorable</sup> immediate action  
as soon as signed.

Now, I respectfully point out that  
<sup>ough action, greatly</sup> ~~well, written by at least 6 months~~  
the initiation of this ~~great~~ <sup>great</sup> project  
one which means cheap transportation <sup>by deep waterway</sup> for  
the agricultural and other products of the  
West; cheap electricity ~~for~~ from the  
State owned and controlled resources ~~of the~~  
~~State~~ to be developed for the primary ~~purpose~~  
~~of~~ interest of homes, farms and industries;  
and, of immediate importance, employment  
for thousands of workers.

Can we not ~~then~~ cut red tape, eliminate politics  
and work together to secure early <sup>and final</sup> action  
on this great public work? It has already  
been too long delayed.

I had myself ready to go to  
Washington on 48 hours notice at your  
convenience. ~~From now on~~ I will be on

a cruise between New York and Cape Cod this  
week but will be in port each night. ~~The~~  
Wind & Attorney will be forwarded promptly.

Franklin Roosevelt  
Governor of New York



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I am <sup>sure</sup> that you agree with me that prompt and speedy settlement of this only question remaining unsettled is a matter of vital necessity.

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It is my belief that this a personal conference between us <sup>then</sup> could be promptly solved

In international matters affecting  
the joint rights and interests of the  
United States government and one or  
more of its sovereign States, an under-  
standing should be reached between the  
Federal and State governments as a  
condition precedent to the conclusion of  
negotiations with a foreign nation.

TELEGRAM

November 14, 1932.

The President,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

I appreciate your telegram and I am glad to cooperate with you in every way that is practicable and subject to the ~~limitations~~ <sup>requirements</sup> of my present duties as Governor of New York.

I shall be delighted to confer with you in Washington as you suggest. I have been confined to the house with a slight cold and am, therefore, not able to suggest a definite date, but I will call you on the telephone as soon as I can definitely fix my departure for the South.

In the meantime, to the end that I may familiarize myself with details of the foreign debt situation, would you be good enough to ask the ~~Secretary of the Treasury~~ <sup>appropriate Department</sup> to send me the details of the original loans, all subsequent adjustments and all payments of principal and interest, and also <sup>copies of</sup> ~~the Secretary of State to send me~~ such diplomatic correspondence as is pertinent to a full understanding <sup>of the subject,</sup> especially since the Moratorium of 1931?

A careful study of this <sup>material</sup> will permit me, when I see you, to talk matters over with a <sup>more adequate</sup> ~~full~~ knowledge of ~~the~~ facts and background. I recognize, of course, that on this subject

~~essentially~~ action rests immediately upon the present Congress, which meets for its last Session on December fifth.

~~It would seem best that you and I should have an informal talk.~~ I had already arranged to meet a number of the Democratic leaders of the present Congress a few days later and I can at that time give them the benefit of any observations that I may have after <sup>my informal talk</sup> ~~discussing the subject~~ with you.

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November 17, 1932.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR TELEGRAM STOP IN PURSUANCE OF MY THOUGHT EXPRESSED TO YOU IN MY FIRST TELEGRAM THAT OUR CONVERSATION SHOULD BE WHOLLY PERSONAL AND INFORMAL COMMA IT SEEMS BEST THAT I SHOULD DETERMINE WHETHER IT IS PROPER FOR ME TO ATTEND *your* ~~THE~~ CONFERENCE <sup>on Wednesday</sup> WITH SENATE AND HOUSE LEADERS AT WHITE HOUSE AFTER YOU AND I HAVE TALKED ON TUESDAY AFTERNOON. *Professor Raymond Moley will come with me on Tuesday.*

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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