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November 16, 1942

Dearest Missy:-

Many thanks for your nice telegram on Election Day. It is too bad that we lost old Joe Casey up in Massachusetts. I must admit that New York certainly didn't do very well.

All seems to be going pretty well in North Africa. If you have been following the news, I cannot add anything to what I have already told the Press in regard to operations there.

Mrs. Roosevelt has had a busy and exciting trip to England and I expect her home very soon.

As you know, I have been making a speech every other day for the last week or so and am making one tomorrow for the Herald Tribune Forum.

I am glad that all goes well with you. Keep up the good work and I hope to see you one of these days soon.

Much love.

Affectionately,

Miss Marguerite A. LeHand,  
101 Orchard Street,  
West Somerville,  
Massachusetts.

TELEGRAM

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The White House  
Washington

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The President

I am fighting for you. Love.

Missy

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M. A. L.

April 8, 1943.

Dearest Missy:

I just got back from a few days rest at Hyde Park. I really expected to have some Spring weather but instead it was twenty above one day. However, I did get a little rest and I am feeling fine.

I am so sorry you had that little spell and I do hope by now that you are completely over it. A bird told Fala, who told me, that you are not eating very well these days. Do please take all the nourishment you can and hold that weight.

As I told Babe on the telephone, I hope to get up to see you late Spring or early Summer. I want to tell you all about my North Africa trip.

As you may have read, John Boettiger has just gone into the Army and he and Anna are coming East to stay at Charlottesville while he takes his course. Mrs. Roosevelt has just been out there to visit them and will be returning to Washington in a few days.

I really hope Spring is here and that you are having some nice weather in Boston. Do try to get out and take a little ride and get a change of scene.

My best to all the family and much love to you.

Affectionately,

F. D. R.

M. A. L.  
Letters folder

June 3, 1943.

Dearest Missy:

News of you is better and better every day and I am delighted to hear that you are taking special treatments which are proving so beneficial. Do keep it up, as it sounds wonderful and seems to be doing the trick.

I had a very interesting trip to the South, and Southwest and into Mexico a few weeks ago. I know you have read all about it in the papers by now, but I shall fill you in on a lot of the details when I see you.

I have just come back from Hyde Park where I had a few days of beautiful weather and plenty of sleep -- which I needed after Mr. Churchill's two week visit. The country looked grand and I was able to get out and drive every day. I returned to Washington yesterday morning and I am hard at work seeing the hordes of people who have been awaiting my return.

As you probably know, John Boettiger has gone into the Army and is now in North Africa attached to General Eisenhower's staff. He took the course at Charlottesville and he, Anna and little Johnny spent a little time with us after he finished his course. Anna is now taking John's place on the Post-Intelligencer which is quite a job.

Jimmy got malaria and had to return home from New Caledonia. He lost quite a lot of weight, but I think he will be all right in a few weeks.

August 11, 1943.

Dearest Missy:

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Johnny expects to go to sea duty sometime this summer and Franklin has, of course, been on sea duty the entire period that he has been on the active list.

Do let me hear news of you very soon and I am still planning to come up and see you as soon as the many distinguished visitors have been here and gone.

With much love to you, and my best to all the family,

Affectionately,

Miss M. A. LeHand,  
101 Orchard Street,  
W. Somerville,  
Massachusetts.

August 11, 1943.

Dearest Missy:

As you now know, I am just back from a six day fishing trip in Canada. We really had very good fishing and I spent a great deal of time on the water -- and really caught some black bass and pickerel. We had an ideal lay-out. We lived on the train which they pulled up alongside some cottages which some of the party used, but it was really in the wilds. Nobody bothered me so I really had a good rest.

I am off again for a few days at home.

I was thrilled with Grace's report when she got back from her visit with you.

I hear your house at Yarmouth is grand and that you are enjoying the beach. I do hope you will stay up there until the warm weather is over. As you may have read, we have had very hot weather here for the last week -- in fact it reached the season's "high".

The next two weeks will be very busy ones for me, as you have perhaps gathered from the newspapers and radio reports.

With so much happening this summer, I have not been able to get up your way as I had planned. However, I am still hopeful that it will work out.

Much love.

Affectionately,

West Yarmouth, Mass.

M. A. L.

September 9, 1943.

Dearest Missy:

Many happy returns of the thirteenth. Under separate cover, I am sending you a few books, as I understand you have run out of reading material. They are mostly amusing books -- with a mystery thrown in -- as I know you always went in for thrillers. As I remember it, you were very good at solving them too.

I am off for Hyde Park today to try to get a few days rest. However, I am not too hopeful as the Prime Minister and his party plan to come up on Saturday. This always means more conferences and late hours. Unfortunately, I shall have to be back here, at the latest, on Tuesday, because "our old friends, the Congress" will convene on that day. It was such a relief to have them leave Washington for at least a few weeks.

Next weekend, Johnny and Anne and the children are coming on for a visit and perhaps Johnny will then be going on sea duty.

Elliott and Ruth were here for a few weeks -- and Ruth is still here, although Elliott has gone off but may return soon.

Jimmy was in Kiska for the "take" but, as you know, there were no Japs to take!

Franklin, Jr. is still somewhere in port waiting until his ship is repaired. We have not seen him for a very long time.

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Grace had a letter from Anna telling us that you were back home after your sojourn at the beach.

I take it you will resume your treatments at the hospital, as from all accounts they have been very beneficial.

Wasn't that grand news about Italy?

I hope all goes well with you and I am still hopeful of getting up to Boston to see you, but I fear I shall have to wait until things quiet down a little bit! *Very hectic" (in longhand)*

Much love.

Affectionately,

" F. D. R. "

Miss M. A. Leland,  
101 Orchard Street,  
W. Somerville,  
Massachusetts.