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[WATSON]

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 3, 1941.

*Missy  
To handle*

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# United States Senate

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May 27, 1941

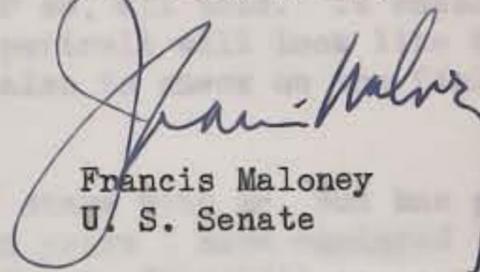
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Brigadier General Edwin M. Watson  
 Secretary to the President  
 The White House  
 Washington, D. C.

My dear General Watson:

For your information and such consideration as you feel it deserves, I am sending you herewith a letter - and additional paper - which I have received from James Weiland, Beaver Brook Road, Lyme, Connecticut.

Sincerely yours,



Francis Maloney  
 U. S. Senate

FM:MW

copy

James Weiland  
Beaver Brook Road  
Lyme, Conn.

May 22, 1941

Senator Francis Maloney  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Maloney:

Referring to your reply of May 17th, I would hesitate to put forward my proposal to President Roosevelt during these times, were it not for the fact that President Lincoln and President Wilson carried through at least twice in each case, similar undertakings during their anxious war days.

I would like to paint the portrait of President Roosevelt for the newly completed Library at Hyde Park. This Library, as you know, is to contain eventually, all the State Papers of his entire Public life. An authentic portrait is not only desirable, but eminently fitting to grace this collection. In the room reserved for the private use of the President are two fine positions for such a portrait.

By "authentic" I mean a favorable likeness, as of the time the Library was built, and one that he approves of. To accomplish this result, I have developed a method which enables the sitter himself, to have a choice in the selection of pose, expression and costume. By means of preliminary photographs, which I take myself, the sitter has this choice, and I am supplied with all the necessary information to work from, as well. This reduces the time and monotony of many hurried sittings, to an hour or so, all told. It enables the sitter to get an idea of what the portrait will look like before the painting is actually started, and also to check on the finished work.

This method is not in the experimental stage with me, but has proved 100% successful during the six or seven years I have employed it. Prior to that, during my New York residence, from 1914 on, I painted in the old way from life. This new method insures satisfactory results, as near as is humanly possible, to all who are concerned in the undertaking.

The President is, I understand, occupied every waking moment, and that his health is not any too good. However, in the not too distant future, it might be possible to get a few exposures, either at Washington, or better still, at Hyde Park, sometime this summer when he is taking a needed rest. Once he approves a print from among those submitted, he need give no more time or thought to the actual painting.

For a painting, such as I have in mind for this position, painted in oil, life size, three-quarter length, approximately 40 x 50 inches

canvas measure, I receive \$2500.

Enclosed is a partial list of Connecticut men that I have painted since living here at Lyme. Any suggestions from your point of view would be appreciated.

Thanking you for your kind interest.

Yours very truly,

/signed/ James Weiland

James Weiland  
Portrait Painter

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Partial list of portraits I have painted recently.

NAME	Place	CAN BE SEEN
Judge Wm.M.Maltbie	Granby, Conn.	Conn Supreme Court
" David Torrance	Waterbury, Conn.	" " "
" Oliver Ellsworth	Simsbury "	" " "
" John D.Parks	Norwich "	" " "
" Frederick B.Hall	Bridgeport "	" " "
Gov'r Jonathon Law.	Hartford "	" " "
Wm.Ssmuel Johnson	Hartford "	" " "
Lord Saye and Sele	Saybrook "	" " "
Judge Milton M.Shumway	Danielson "	Court House at Putnam
" Geo, E.Hinman	Willimantic "	" " Williman
" John W.Banks	Bridgeport "	County Bldg, Bridgrpo
Roy C.Wilcox	Meriden "	Conn. State Capitol
Frank Hayes	Waterbury "	" " "
Geo.S.Goddard	Hartford "	Conn.State Library
J.H.Trumbull	Hartford "	" " "
Charles J.Headley	Hartford "	" " "
J.H.Roraback	Hartford "	Conn.L.P.Co.Office
Fuller F.Barnes	Bristol "	Residence
Charles T.Treadway	Bristol "	Bristol Bk.and Trust
E.N.Stanley	New Britain "	New B.Savings Bk.
George R.Ford	Windsor "	Windsor Bank, Trust
Frank Bell	New York NY	Lyme Bonn.
William Loeb	New York "	" "
Capt.Geoge Comer	East *addam Conn.	" "
Newton D.Baker	Cleveland Ohio	" "
Thomas A.Edison	East Orange N.J.	Lyme "
Andrew Squires	Cleveland Ohio	Wesrern Reserve Unive
Howard Brett	Cleveland "	Cleveland Library
George s.Goddard	Hartford Conn.	Granby Library
Judge A.R.Webber	Elyria, Ohio	Residence
J.D.Fairchild	Brooklyn NY.	Kings Co.Trust Co.
Hubert Cillis	Brooklyn, NY	Guardian Life Ins. NY
W.W.Wilcox	Middletown Conn.	Residence

[Wiley]

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LOCATION OF THE  
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

Riga

17 sept.

Dear Miss deKam  
This is a belated

letter to announce that  
I got back to Europe safely,  
which seems to be about  
the only safe thing in  
respect of Europe that I  
can think of at the  
moment. What a vicious  
mess! And in all the  
great powers in the world  
there seems to be only one  
man to whom one can

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the street below.

The people of Suresnes had also  
put up a second plate; an explana-  
tory one.

"Apostle of Humanity, Champion  
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Peace," it said.

Bombs didn't alter that. . .

{William}

look with hope. I don't refer  
to Premier Abe of Japan -  
In any event all the bad  
eggs seem to be getting  
into one basket, which  
may be pretty good before  
it's all over -

Thank you so much for  
your nice telegram and  
my most respectful and  
grateful thanks to the  
President for his -

When shall we meet  
again?

yours as ever

Wena Wiley

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{Williams}

August 16, 1940

Dear Douglas:

It was nice to have your letter with the enclosed clipping.

All of you are very constantly and very much in our thoughts these days. What a curious world we are living in.

The Convention is over and the campaign is on. It seems a pity that we should have to go through all this turmoil with the world in its present plight. However, that's democracy.

I still look forward to our dinner on the St. Regis roof and I hope it may be soon.

My best to you,

As ever,

mal/tmb

Douglas Williams, Esq.,  
Bryanston House,  
Dorset Street, W. I.,  
London,  
England.

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The Daily Telegraph  
Morning Post

TELEPHONE:  
CENTRAL 4242.

TELEGRAMS:  
TELENEWS, LONDON.

FLEET STREET, LONDON, E.C.4.

August 12 1940

Dear Marguerite-

I think the President  
may wish to see this copy  
of the Daily Telegraph that

I am sending you of  
Clipper-

I am in the Army  
now and join a  
Battalion on the East Coast  
as a Lieutenant in

the Artillery next week-

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Dorcas Williams

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I hope you are very  
well and not too  
upset by the great  
heat -

Yr very sincerely  
Orlando Williams

Bryanston  
Dorset Street  
Wilton 2211

July

Dear Marguerite (If I may be  
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kind cable. I am now you  
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*Bryanston House,  
Dorset Street, W.1.  
Wellbeck 4,210.*

July 12th 1940

Dear Marguerite (If I may be so bold?),

I think the President would like to see the enclosed picture.

Thank you so much for your very kind cable. I am now back from France and as I think the days of War Correspondents are for the moment over, I am rejoining the Army, back to my old Regiment, the Artillery.

With luck I hope soon to be posted to a battery on the East coast where perhaps I may have some fun in repelling German invaders!

The spirit here couldnt be better - in fact, from letters I have received from America, I think you people over there worry unduly over us. We know now where we stand and we are ready to face it. We know the worst and are not at all afraid.

We all hope very sincerely that your great President will decide to stand again and that he will be re-elected.

I hope you are very well and I am sorry we have no chance for a dinner on the roof of the St Regis. Those days seem very far away for me now.

with kindest regards,  
yours very sincerely,

*Dorothy Hilliard*

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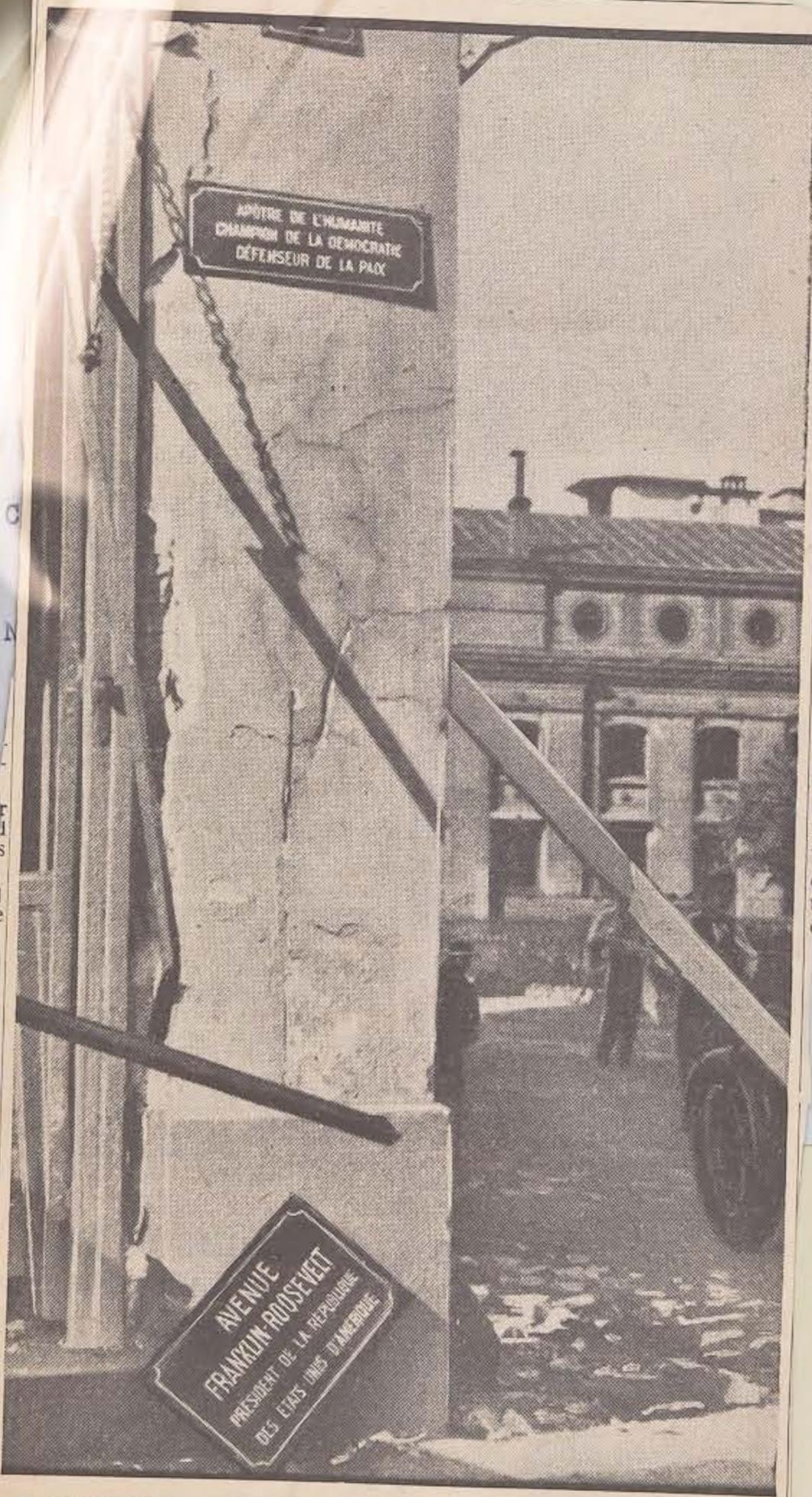
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## TELEGRAM

### The White House Washington

CDU181WUH CABLE 60

London, June 15, 1940

NLT. MISS LEHAND:

Just returned London. Restore kit destroyed battle Arras. Wanted send you greetings and tell you what wonderful stimulant to war-worn Allies. President's heartening words have been this past week. All here full confidence. Funny thing about British which Germans never understand---they never know when they're beaten. Respectful regards to President.

Douglas Williams, care Daily Telegraph.