

PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL FILE

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March 2, 1934.

My dear Mr. Duffy:

The President received your letter of February twentieth and thanks you heartily for sending him a copy of your book. He is glad to have it and I am sure he will be interested in looking through the volume at a favorable opportunity.

The President is indeed grateful to you for your expressions of loyalty and confidence.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

John C. Duffy, Esq., X
Hopkinsville,
Kentucky.

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JOHN C. DUFFY
ATTORNEY AT LAW
HOPKINSVILLE, KY.

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February 20, 1934.

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

Dear Mr. President:

I have mailed you, under separate cover, a copy of a little book written by me as a part of my contribution to your administration, and I hope that you will receive it. ||

I am in entire accord with your administration and I am wishing you the greatest success.

I had the honor of introducing you as a candidate for vice-president when you and Mrs. Roosevelt visited our town. |

With very best wishes, I am

Yours very truly,

John C. Duffy

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March 5, 1934.

My dear Mr. Secretary:

Will you not be good enough to
have an appropriate acknowledgment made of
the enclosed book which was sent to the Presi-
dent by Dr. Giuseppe Russo de Aldisio.

Very sincerely yours,

LOUIS McH. HOWE
Secretary to the President

The Honorable,
The Secretary of State, A 20
Washington, D. C.

Enclosures.

of Pompei, Italy,
Dated 1/5/34-Dr. Russo, Chaplain of Sovereign Order of Malta, Penitentiary in
the Pontifical Basilica of the Rosary, expresses his admiration for the govern-
mental principles of the Pres. and his best wishes for the health of the Pres.
and the achievement by our people of a fuller & more Christian life. Declaring
that Pres. Roosevelt's principles are based largely on the social teachings of
Christianity, he presents to the Pres. a copy of his work entitled "A Contri-
bution to the Study of the Origins of Social Authority".

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March 5, 1934.

My dear Mr. DiVito:

The President has asked me to acknowledge your letter of recent date and to thank you for sending him the drawing to which you refer.

He has asked me to assure you that your kindness in sending your views and suggestions to him is very much appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Frank DiVito, Esq.,
1449 South Eighth Street,
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.

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(Mother G.C. Dammann)

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Dear President:

Please accept my
humble drawing, I could not
help of feeling sorry for those
army pilots. I know you
might think me bragger, much
but I think there should be enough
at least a small monument to it
for the pilots whose lives in
were lost. But under any
circumstances, if a tax
must must be made to
finance this monument
— forget it! What this
country needs is confid-
ence, and to keep it rose
out of foreign affairs and
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(Mother G.C. Dammann)

if there is a war in a
foreign nation, this coun-
try should have no
sympathy for neither
of these countries whatso-
ever. Much obliged if
you will keep my draw-
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I am sincerely, and
devotingly yours,
Frank Dillit

P.S.

Please if possible
answer my letter, if any
time.

NO REPUBLICANS ALLOWED.

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March 8, 1934.

My dear Mr. Doedecke:

The President thanks you ever so much
for the fine picture which you were good enough
to send him recently. He is glad to accept it
and deeply appreciates your thought of him in
this connection.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Leland,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

William Doedecke, Esq.,
22 Logan Street,
W. Brighton,
Long Island, New York.

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(Mother G.C. Dammann)

I am my father's
house. He
which relations--
I go to prepare a
place for you--
I will come again
and receive
you into myself,
that where I am,
there you may be
also.

March 8, 1934

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My dear Charles:

The President thanks you ever so much
for your kind letter of March first and for
the sketch which you were good enough to send
him. He warmly appreciates your thought of
him in this connection.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Charles Howard Decker,
831 Carmalt Street,
Dickson City,
Pennsylvania.

Sincerely yours,
Charles Howard Decker,
831 Carmalt St.,
Dickson City, Pa.

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(Mother G.C. Dammann)

Dickson City Pa.
Mar. 16 34.

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In my Father's
house are
many mansions...
I go to prepare a
place for you...
I will come again,
and receive
you unto myself;
that where I am,
there ye may be
also.

JOHN 14:2,3

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Dear President -

I am taking the liberty
of sending you a sketch of yourself which
I drew the other day. I am thirteen years
of age, a student in seventh grade at the
George Washington School in Dickson City, Pa.
My art teacher is Miss Mary G. Ferris and she
suggested that I draw a picture of you
for our class. This picture is the first one
that I have ever tried of you and I hope that
you will like it.

Sincerely yours,
Charles Howard Ducker,
831 Carmalt St.,
Dickson City Pa.

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March 8, 1934.

My dear Miss de Metreides:

The President thanks you ever so much
for the fine gift which you were good enough to
send him recently. He is indeed grateful for
the spirit which prompted your act.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Lolland,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Miss Marie de Metreides,
735 4th Avenue,
San Francisco,
California.

Framed picture of President on velvet

(Mother G.C. Dammann)

April 20, 1934.

My dear Miss De Metreades:

I have received your letter of April twelfth, with the enclosed clipping. An acknowledgment of the picture which you were so kind as to forward to the President was sent to you on March eighth, addressed to 735 4th Avenue, and returned undelivered. I am very sorry that this should have occurred.

I want you to know that your friendly interest is deeply appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LE HAND
Private Secretary

Miss Marie De Metreades,
735 47th Avenue,
San Francisco,
California.

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(Mother G.C. Dammann)

Civil Works Administration Workers,
Fitchburg, Mass.

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735 - 47 Ave

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San Francisco
Calif

April 12, 1934

Dear Miss Marquerite Le Hand

As you see in the
news paper enclosed. I sent
this picture framed all ready
to use, to our dear President
for his birthday, which would
arrive there, few days after
his birthday. Walter Farg's deliv-
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not from friends of the
Miss J. Barnicle, 33 Heywood
Ave 9th.) The above mentioned

and's personal

(Mother G.C. Dammann)

Civil Works Administration Workers,
Fitchburg, Mass.
March 9, 1934.

Man told me, he believed to
White House in time. but
I did not hear anything about
it. if President received it
safety or not. I will be very
grateful to you, if you
kindly, find out for me.
I will feel very sorry if it got
lost some how. and President
didn't have it. it took a
month to work it -

Last year I sent to President

not from friends of the
Francis J. Samuels, 33 Heywood
March 9th.) The above mentioned

(Mother G.C. Dammann)

Civil Works Administration Workers,
Fitchburg, Mass.
March 9, 1934.

One of my hand made handkerchiefs
for his Mother, on Mothers day
I had a letter from the White
House, written by one of President
Roosevelts secretaries, thanking me for
the handkerchiefs & for my letter.
I will be very glad to send you
one of my hand made silk
flowers. If you let me know
what color you like. This
will be a little present to you
for my appreciation.

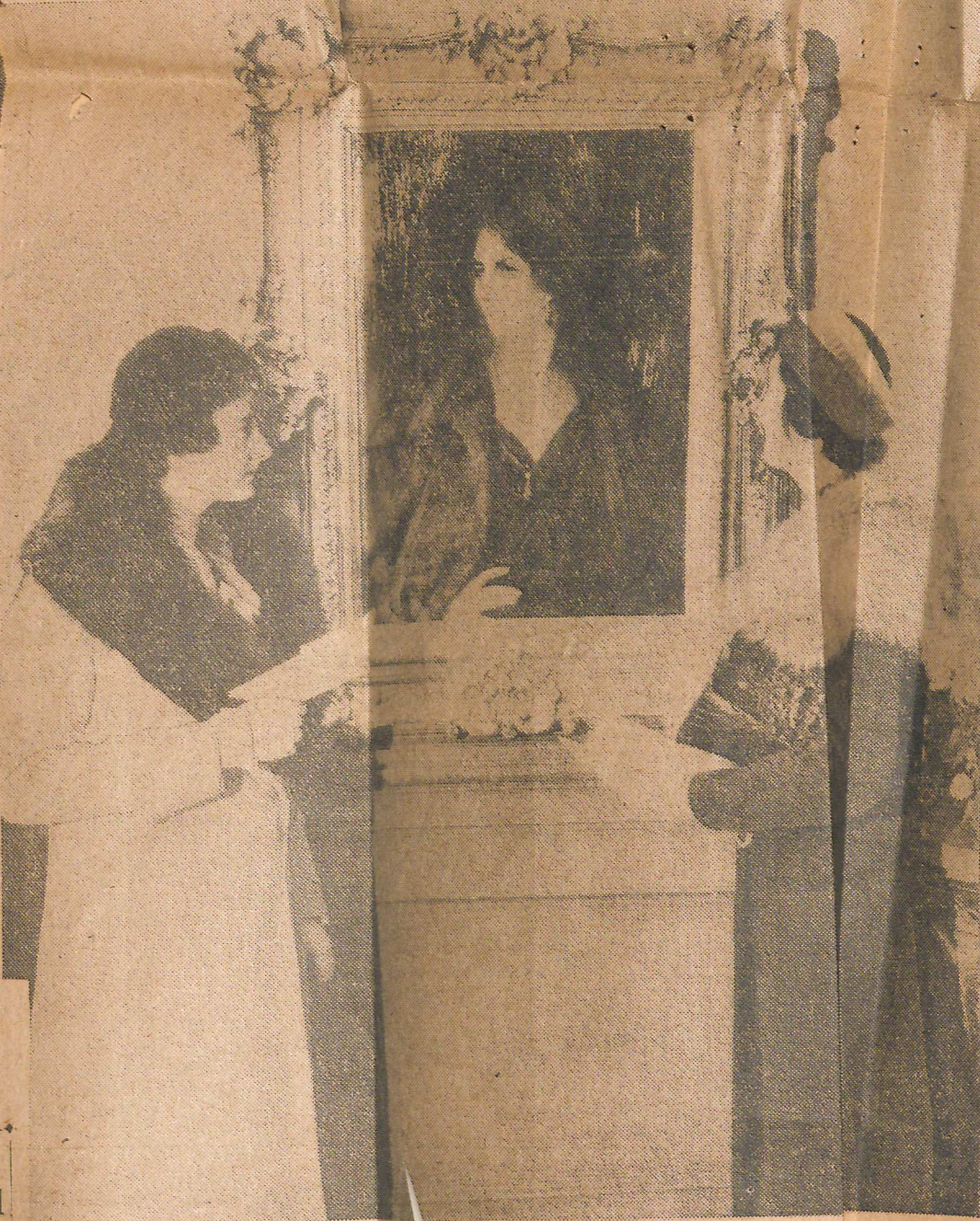
Very sincerely
Marie DeMetre

at from friends of the
Miss J. Samuels, 33 Heywood
Ave. (N. 9th.) The above mentioned

(Mother G.C. Dammann)

LLIS URGES BUILDING SAFETY

Californians Will Be Depicted in Goodwill Art Exhibit at Fairmont



who have been models for paint-
of Saratoga will be present at
bition opening at the Fairmont
the reproduction of a paint-
n, the novelist, by Sigall.

Miss Marion Davies, as po
shown here, and will be a p
addition to Sigall's work, othe
be Orin Peck and Matteo S
paintings, privately owned, l

Dog Is Bequeathed \$3000 Trust Fund

CHICAGO, Jan. 26 (AP).—Diana,
pet puppy of the late Mrs. Allie
Heater, who died last December, re-
won't have to live much of a dog's
life. A total of \$3000. was left in
trust by Mrs. Heater for the dog.

Two fair admirers above are getting
an exhibition preview of the
Helen Wills Moody executed
The artist, who lives in Sara
Montalvo, the home of his la

Senator Phelan, will presor the first
of Helen Hanna

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FISH CONTRIBUTE TO ART



Mme. Marie de Matreades, 735 Forty-seventh ave-
nue, pictured with a gift for President Roosevelt. A
photo of the executive, mounted on velvet, has been
surrounded by thousands of fish scales which have
been geometrically arranged and then artfully tinted.

(Mother G.C.Dammann)

CLERKS PROTEST LOW WAGES

Civil Works Administration Workers,
Fitchburg, Mass.
March 9, 1934.

Sends the President a desk, chair and desk-set from friends of the
Fitchburg C.W.A. (Envelope addressed to Francis J. Damicle, 33 Heywood
St., Fitchburg, Mass. who wrote letter of March 9th.) The above mentioned
were sent to Barn Springs.

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Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Leland,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

From the Union, Boston,
and the Fitchburg Workers,
Fitchburg,
Massachusetts.

(Mother G.C. Dammann)

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March 13, 1934.

My dear Mr. De Salvo:

The President thanks you warmly for your letter of March ninth and wants you to know how much he appreciates the handsome picture frame which you were good enough to send him. He is glad to accept this product of your own handiwork and is indeed grateful for the spirit which prompted you to present it to him.

Very sincerely yours,

John D. LeHand
M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

John De Salvo, Esq.,
280 Washington Avenue,
Chelsea,
Massachusetts.

(Mother G.C.Dammann)

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260 Washington Avenue,
Chelsea, Massachusetts
March 9, 1934.

Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States,
White House,
Washington, D. C.

Sir:

Enclosed herewith you will find a frame
with your picture which I have made un-
tiringly in my spare moments at home.

It expresses my intense feeling of admir-
ation and it will give me the greatest
pleasure to know that you will accept this
small but sincere token.

May this letter find you in the best of
health.

I am, Sir, your most obedient servant.

Respectfully yours,

John De Salvo.

The Drexel Building,
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.

(Mother G.C. Dammann)

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PHILADELPHIA

March 13, 1934.

GORDON DORRANCE
PRESIDENT

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Dorrance:

Dear Mr. President:

Your note of March seventh has been received by the President and he is indeed grateful to you and Mr. Walter E. Quigley for your thoughtfulness in sending him the copy of the book to which you refer. He is glad to have the volume.

Very sincerely yours,
As he is not, he must have been by this truly prophetic book, which was ten years after his death, on the first anniversary of your New Deal.

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Gordon Dorrance, Esq.,
The Drexel Building,
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.

(Mother G.C. Dammann)

Mr. Bucher
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GORDON DORRANCE
PRESIDENT

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President

I am sending you, with the compliments of
Walter E. Quigley, of Dorrance & Company,
and of myself personally, a first-edition
copy of the late Congressman Lindbergh's
"Your Country at War and What Happens to
You after a War."

If Congressman Lindbergh were alive today,
he would be one of your staunchest supporters.
As he is not, he must be represented by this
truly prophetic book, which is published by
us ten years after his death, on the first
anniversary of your New Deal.

Yours very sincerely

Gordon Dorrance

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Very sincerely yours in C.J.

G. C. Dammann

(Mother G.C. Dammann)

March 14, 1934.

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My dear Mother Dammann:

I am in receipt of your letter of March
thirteenth and have taken pleasure in laying the
enclosure before the President. He is indeed grate-
ful for your kindly expressions and looks forward
to reading the book you were good enough to send
him. He appreciates your thoughtfulness.

Thank you ever so much for writing.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mother G. C. Dammann,
College of the Sacred Heart,
Convent Avenue and 133rd St., West,
New York, N.Y.

Very sincerely yours in C.J.

G. C. Dammann

(Mother G.C. Dammann)



COLLEGE OF THE SACRED HEART
MANHATTANVILLE, NEW YORK, N.Y.

COLLEGE OF THE SACRED HEART
MANHATTANVILLE
100 WEST AVENUE AND 133RD STREET, WEST
NEW YORK, N.Y.

March 13th., 1934

Mr President.

When reading a certain
passage in a very beautiful presentation
of the Public Life of Our Lord Jesus
Christ you came very vividly to my
mind. It describes the spirit in
which Our Lord set about His teaching.
It seemed to me that your whole

ishop's Goodiers, Public Life
action which made me think
much for him - that I thought
special passage marked. I
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hands directly. I am therefore
letter directly to you in the

hope that you yourself will find an opportunity of putting it into the President's
hands yourself. There is a little picture of Manhattanville marking the place. In case
it should be misplaced in the unpacking the special passage is the description of Our
Lord's character and action which ~~precedes~~ follows the account of the Sermon on the Mount in the
first volume, pp. 229 - 237 and in particular pp/ 234-235.

You will pardon me, I know, my dear Miss Le Hand, for taking this liberty
in writing to you. Though I do not know you personally some priest who knows you well
has spoken to me of you. For the moment I cannot recall who it is, I regret to say!
Perhaps you know our Convent of Kenwood in Albany. At any rate we have our Faith in
in common and I am sure a deep admiration for the great and good man whom God has raised
up to save our country and a longing desire to procure for him some consolation in the
work which you, more perhaps than any one else, realizes is so great and so anxious.

With every good wish and assurance of prayer for you if you will be so kind as
to help us in this matter of getting the book to the President, I am,

Very sincerely yours in C.J.

G. C. Dammann
(Mother G.C. Dammann)

dealing with us - your people -
 since you have been carrying your
 heavy burden. has been modelled upon
 his. his President. I am therefore sending
 you the book - in the name of our
 Community - begging you to read for
 your consolation and encouragement -
 in difficulties the passage marked -
 Assuming you, his President of our daily
 prayers for you and all your cares. I am,
 respectfully yours
 (mother) Grace C. Dammann

COLLEGE OF THE SACRED HEART
 MANHATTANVILLE
 CONVENT AVENUE AND 133RD STREET, WEST
 NEW YORK, N.Y.
 March 13th., 1934

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G. C. Dammann
 (Mother G.C. Dammann)



COLLEGE OF THE SACRED HEART
MANHATTANVILLE
CONVENT AVENUE AND 133RD STREET, WEST
NEW YORK, N.Y.

March 13th., 1934

My dear Miss Le Hand;

Some time ago when I was reading Archbishop's Goodiers, "Public Life of Our Lord", I came across a passage describing Our Lord's action which made me think so much of the President, whom He has given us, and pray so much for him - that I thought I would dare to get the book and send him a copy with the special passage marked. I feel that it would be such a consolation to him to read this special passage - and perhaps all the book - that I am anxious that it should reach his hands directly. I am therefore taking the liberty of sending both book and explanatory letter directly to you in the hope that you yourself will find an opportunity of putting it into the President's hands yourself. There is a little picture of Manhattanville marking the place. In case it should be misplaced in the unpacking the special passage is the description of Our Lord's character and action which ~~precedes~~ follows the account of the Sermon on the Mount in the first volume, pp. 229 - 237 and in particular pp/ 234-235.

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Very sincerely yours in C.J.

G. C. Dammann

(Mother G.C. Dammann)

AN ADDRESS

GIVEN TO

The Alumnae
of the
College of the Sacred Heart
MANHATTANVILLE

BY

THE PRESIDENT OF THE COLLEGE

ON

CLASS DAY
JUNE 5, 1933

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urday evening, March 17 at the Hotel Continental in Cambridge,

AN ADDRESS GIVEN TO THE ALUMNAE OF THE COLLEGE OF THE SACRED
HEART, MANHATTANVILLE, BY THE PRESIDENT OF THE
COLLEGE ON CLASS DAY, JUNE 5TH, 1933

The maintaining of traditions is one of the objects of the New Associated Alumnae of the Sacred Heart as set forth in Article II of the Constitution and an increase in the number of suitable students in the schools and the colleges of the Society is another of its expressed objects. A way to help in bringing about the latter will be taken up in a letter which I hope to send shortly to each member of the Alumnae with our most recent catalogue. The maintaining of traditions and the results of so doing we might perhaps think out together this morning. And first, I think, we should distinguish between essential and accidental traditions—the first growing out of fundamental principles, the second, loved and delightful for many reasons perhaps but too dependent on time and circumstance to be unchanging. A few of our “old children” make the mistake of deploring changes in these latter as if they meant the tumbling down of an entire beloved structure. Others fancy that the Manhattanville of today for instance, college though it be, has exactly the curriculum and discipline, the manners and customs of their own school in 1890! Still others seem to feel that by not throwing overboard all past experience we have failed to keep pace with the modern world and that they must seek elsewhere what they think they desire for their children. The greater number by far, however, realize that we today try to do not what Saint Madeleine Sophie did in 1850, but what she would do today were she facing the problems which are ours in the United States in this year of depression 1933. They know with us that she left her daughters certain basic principles on which was built an education essentially Catholic in end and in structure. They know too that women educated by such principles are eminently fitted to meet the demands which will be made upon them in the New Era just as the first women trained in the Schools of the Sacred Heart in France, were fitted so admirably to meet the needs of the period of reconstruction after the French revolution. For the educational principles of Saint Madeleine Sophie are based upon changeless truths concerning God, and man and the world, and concerning the relations between these realities which the phantasmagoria and the flux of modern life cannot alter. Accidentals may—indeed must—change to meet changed conditions but truth despite Heraclitus and Bergson is not relative and it is on truth and the capacity of the human mind to attain it that Saint Madeleine Sophie built her educational system.

It is one of the basic characteristics of the education given at the Sacred Heart that it has its roots and its fruitage in Eternity. This establishes the special form and color, the mass and the line of its develop-

HARRY O. DOLBY, Secy.
224 Kentucky Avenue, S.E.,
Washington, D. C.

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ment in Time. It is a related thing, not something isolated, apart from the whole of life or from life in its wholeness—human and divine. Then it is essentially a **humanistic education** in the true and Christian sense of the term. "God saw all things that He had made and they were very good." The Society strives to introduce her children to these good things of the natural order and especially to those studies which give an understanding of that microcosm which is the masterpiece of His creation—man in his totality and oneness, in his activities and accomplishments—to those studies which tend to develop the faculties which are specifically "human," to those which give a grasp of the underlying and immutable principles by which human life must be directed. This choice of subjects, this accent on education rather than on instruction, this hold upon first principles makes—both in the supernatural and natural order—for a certain **integration, co-ordination and oneness** which is another of its characteristics. Moreover it is a **practical education** for it fits for life—for living in the *hic et nunc*. First of all, for the great majority, for living as wise wives and mothers a life which exacts understanding, intelligence and a trained, strong, rightly directed will brought to bear on details of daily action as upon the ideal which governs them. Secondly, for the life of an educated Catholic woman called upon to meet problems of the most searching nature, either in a professional career or in the more hidden work of a finely organized home—and one might add more especially in the latter, since these problems are problems of a society of which the family is the essential, and alas! the threatened unit. The education which you received in your formative years was not only a supernatural, humanistic one and practical, it was and is a **growing thing, a living thing, not a finished thing** when you were handed a diploma but a "continuum" as the schoolmen say. It aimed at awakening interests, at arousing faculties to a never-ending activity, at opening up fields of knowledge which would entice you to exploration, at pointing out objectives, so that you would go on educating yourselves day by day, acquiring new knowledge, bringing to bear upon each new circumstance of life those principles whose truth is more surely held as their inclusions and their applications are more fully understood.

The New Era is a great challenge to women thus educated. It will be a time when "jobs" for women in the material and narrow sense will be fewer and fewer and when because of mechanization there will be much more leisure both for women gainfully employed and for women in the home. This leisure will call out to be filled and God forbid that any of you should fill it with futilities, with "the bewitching of trifles" when there is so much to be done for God with it. If by accident the New Era will afford more leisure, in its essence it will be a time of constructive

upbuilding on the ruins of the mistakes of the past. An upbuilding—on the great principles which are your heritage—of a new society, Christian as the world has never yet been Christian, a society founded on the principles of social justice and instinct with the life of Christ. The church has an opportunity before her now which is certainly greater, in this country, at least, than she has ever had. Are we going to lose the chance of helping her in the great work of reconstruction? It is an inspiring and thrilling task and the Pope has called us to it in his great Encyclical on Catholic Action. We should educate ourselves as to what this really means. The Alumnae of the Sacred Heart have always given generously of time and energy and means to good works. Continue to do so—loyally in the ranks, impersonally and "unpolitically" as officers on boards and committees of strictly Catholic Charities, but also be willing to take the responsibility of serving as Catholic representatives on non-sectarian boards of social and civic good works in order to safeguard our rights and make known Catholic principles. We have only to look at the career of one of our alumnae, Mrs. Nicholas Brady, to see how much can be done in this way by selfless, constructive, untiring service. All this calls for the application of the highest intelligence and character and the need for workers in all fields of social service was never greater than at this moment.

But there is another field for which I wish to make a plea today—that of definite **Catholic Intellectual Action**. Your education has fitted you for intellectual activity and you should take the responsibility that such fitness entails. I do not mean a purely theoretic intellectual activity whose end is one's own personal pleasure and profit but an intellectual activity that is not divorced from living, that applies to life and to the good of others, experience and principles gained from thoughtful reading and study. The world about us is looking for solutions and many outside the Church are coming to realize that she alone possesses them. The Pope in his great *Encyclicals—on Christian Marriage, on Education, on the Social Order*—has marshalled the answers to the problems of the troubled, baffled world and in the *Encyclical on Catholic Action* he has shown us how we may help in bringing about the new order. All that you may do individually or collectively to make known the principles underlying a true Catholic culture, to "get across" to each one with whom you come in contact a Catholic philosophy of life is Catholic Action in the intellectual order. As right thinking is a prerequisite for right doing, you help to bring about the kingdom of Christ by helping even one inquiring mind to think with the Church, if only on one point.

May I make some practical suggestions as to such action in the hope that they fructify in your own minds and result in activity which will be a joy to yourselves and a real contribution to Catholic Action.

HARRY C. DORSEY, ESQ.,
224 Kentucky Avenue, S.E.,
Washington, D. C.

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1. Know what is "in the air" in the life of the Church today, i.e., the movements on foot, for example the *League for Social Justice*, the *Liturgical Movement*, the *Liturgical Arts Movement*, the *Catholic Association for International Peace*, the *National Federation for the Promotion of Better Race Relations*, the various forms which Catholic Action is taking in different countries and the Catholic Intellectual Revival on the Continent and in England which is just beginning to take fire over here. We learn to know these things by keeping up with the best in Catholic periodical publications. And here I want to make a very special plea that you should subscribe to, and read, the layman's weekly Review, *The Commonweal*. It is a great reflection on the graduates of our Catholic schools and colleges that the energies of those who are giving themselves so unstintingly to the issuing of this review have to be so greatly spent on trying to keep from bankruptcy. Only lately a non-Catholic father of a prospective student told me that he read it regularly for he considered that no other review in the country gives so clear and intelligent a cross section of the nation's activities and problems. Moreover it brings to bear on these problems the principles which will help to solve them, it keeps its readers in touch with the best in thought and action in all countries and it helps them to think with the Church. I especially stress the *Commonweal* as those who have followed it since its inception have been grieved, indeed shocked, to know that there is grave danger of its ceasing to exist because of insufficient support. If every graduate of the schools of the Sacred Heart in this country would subscribe to it the danger would be over for the future! It is worth much more for its fifty-two numbers a year than the sacrifice of a theatre ticket or two which might serve to secure it. Then there is *America*, the Jesuit weekly. Nowhere since the beginning of the depression have there been such clear and illuminating articles on economics and social justice as those which have been featured in it. The translation into the vernacular of the thoughts as well as the words of the *Encyclical on Social Justice* have put the Pope's great document within the mental grasp of the famous "man in the street," its weekly summary of news saves many an unprofitable search through the pages of a daily and its incisive comment on educational and social problems are both enlightening and stimulating. *The Catholic World* is of course the outstanding monthly magazine and all of us who read Father Gillis' *Editorial Comments* each month know that they alone are worth the cost of subscription. In the current number there are two articles which illustrate just what I mean by Catholic Intellectual Action. The first, *Communism and Complacency*, should sting us all into intellectual activity. The second by an alumna of the Sacred Heart, Kenwood, Blanche Kelly, is a very well written article on the intellectual revival

in Europe. She shows the part played by Sheed and Ward in this revival and outlines the work which they are beginning to do here in New York for the Catholic student of letters. I have heard some say that the *Essays in Order*, which form the greatest serial contribution which this firm has made to Catholic thought, are too metaphysical, too abstruse for the ordinary reader. This may be true, but I feel that a graduate of Manhattanville should not be an ordinary reader! This particular series as well as other publications of the same firm are the practical application to immediate problems of those fundamental principles and ideas which are the very essence of a true Catholic culture. If any of you should say to me, "they are too high brow," I could only reply sadly that you have been "exposed" to our education but alas! have not "taken" it. So if you want to have a part in intellectual or cultural Catholic Action, know what books of this character are being published by Sheed and Ward and other firms, not only know what is current but read and study them, recommend them to thoughtful non-Catholics, assimilate the fructifying and regenerative ideas which such books contain and pass these on in your own conversations and discussions.

2. Give moral and when possible financial support to all movements which have for their object the spread of Catholic ideas and culture. All cannot be active in every group but all can have an intelligent idea of what is being attempted and help by calling the attention of others who would be interested. For example tell your artist friends of the *Liturgical Arts Movement*, your musical and liturgical friends of our own *Pius X School of Music*, make known the very needed and spiritual ideals of the *League for Social Justice* with its stressing of prayer, its simplicity of organization, its appeal to the intelligence. Find out about the little eight page paper, *The Catholic Workers*, edited at 436 East 15th Street, by Dorothy Day and Dorothy Weston (the latter an alumna of Madison Avenue) and destined to do a very big work in combating communism. Have a mind and heart ready to second any sane effort in the cause of God. Know what the *Converts' League* is doing, watch the *Catholic Evidence Guild's* growth in various parts of the country, be aware of the new review—*The American Review*—whose aim is, to quote the editorial of the first number, "to give greater currency to the ideas of a number of groups and individuals who are radically critical of conditions prevalent in the modern world but launch their criticism from a 'traditionalist' basis; from the basis of a firm grasp on the immense body of experience accumulated by men in the past, and the insight which this knowledge affords." Some of these groups are the American humanists, the English "Distributists," with Belloc and Chesterton at their head, the southern agrarians, the neo-scholastics, all of whom are represented in the first issue,

Harry O. Dorsey, Esq.,
224 Kentucky Avenue, S.E.,
Washington, D. C.

April, 1933. The editors of this new venture are not Catholics but they are returning to the Catholic tradition and to Catholic culture and are an evidence of the new influence which the Church is beginning to exercise in the United States. In order to follow up the intellectual thought and movement of the Church something must be sacrificed. Life is too short to do even *all* the things that are *worth* doing, to say nothing of those that are not. But if in order to become an authority on matters Catholic both in religion and culture you have to "sacrifice" time given to "best sellers" to "smart" or popular magazines, is not the gain yours?

3. Give time not only to reading periodicals and meaty books, but to some definite study either in small congenial groups or alone. For example, know the Encyclicals and the current literature that has grown up about them here and in England and Ireland. Become an expert on some Catholic topic, be it sociology, art, apologetics, liturgical music, literature, spiritual books, philosophical treatment of questions of the moment. The biographies of many American women show us how mothers of large families have made such good use of time that without taking anything from their family life—rather enriching it thereby—they have made real contributions to the intellectual life of their locality and even of their nation. Why not our Catholic wives and mothers to Catholic culture?

4. Then what shall I say to that group, not small, of especially gifted alumnae whom we are sometimes inclined to moan over! Those who gave real promise of becoming writers and who alas! have never been heard from since they did good work on *The Essay*. The Church in this country needs writers who have something definite to say, know how to say it well and in a way that will have an influence on the literary world outside the church. We know that there are some among the alumnae who could do this if they would but subject themselves to the mental and moral discipline necessary to turn an amateur into a professional! Write, write, and continue to write, criticising yourself severely, receiving an entire collection of rejection slips without the shadow of discouragement, keeping at it until you have acquired the necessary technique and in the meantime growing mentally by thoughtful reading, study, and intercourse with grown up minds whose interests are beyond the trivial and above the material. Manhattanville expects her graduates to do work in this field which calls out loudly to be cultivated, but it means energy of purpose, perseverance and a heart on fire with zeal for God's work.

5. Then there is the field of graduate study. The Church in the United States needs scholars and if your daughters have a bent in this direction you can do much for Catholic Intellectual Action by providing them with the opportunity for further study. Catholic colleges need

professors with degrees from various universities and the nuns are not numerous enough to fill the needs. Study in European universities with the chance of steeping the mind in Catholic traditions at their source would enable a gifted woman to make very definite contributions to Catholic culture in America. Success in specialized work would prove to the world of scholars that the Church is here, as she always was, the mother of learning. A beginning has been made in this direction but pioneer work is still to be done. Catholic universities are working definitely in this field and women scholars are needed as well as men.

Manhattanville wishes to do its part in this vital and vitalizing intellectual revival which is upon us as I speak to you. So I urge you first to a realization of it, second to an enthusiasm for it, and third to an active part in it. Beginning with the next scholastic year September, 1933, we hope to open some extension courses in Religion, Philosophy and History. The courses in the College in Major subjects will also be open to a few college graduates who might wish to take some which were not offered when they were here or which for lack of time they were not able to accomplish. It will be our means of having a share in this movement. But the very life of a movement is its soul, its soul must be spiritual, and a soul raised by God's mercy to a supernatural end and committed by that fact to supernatural means. The soul of Catholic action comes from its union with Christ's Mystical Body. The human means which it uses are divinized by the grace of God which vivifies them, and by prayer which multiplies indefinitely their power. The end is that which from your earliest childhood has been placed before you as the one reason for your existence—the glory of God. So let us all throw ourselves with ardor into the work of bringing about the reign of Christ in His world and particularly in our own beloved country.

Harry O. Bursey, S.S.,
224 Kentucky Avenue, S.E.,
Washington, D. C.

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THE COLLEGE OF THE SACRED HEART
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a general endowment fund of \$212,000	a general endowment fund of \$1,000,000
3 scholarships, capital endowment of each, \$20,000	25 scholarships, capital endowment of each, \$20,000
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THE COLLEGE NEEDS THE FOLLOWING BUILDINGS:

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A Science Building	\$200,000
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A combined Administration and Residence Building for the Pius X School of Liturgical Music	300,000
A Dormitory Building	300,000
An Infirmary Wing (with rooms for Alumnae)	100,000
An addition to the Chapel to enlarge its capacity	100,000
Any of the above would be fitting and perpetual memorials for deceased Alumnae and friends of Manhattanville and would bear the name of the donors.	

Harry C. Dorsey, Esq.,
224 Kentucky Avenue, S.E.,
Washington, D. C.

March 17, 1934.

My dear Mr. Dorsey:

Will you please permit this belated acknowledgment of your letter of January fourth to the President. I regret to say that it was evidently mislaid in the mass of mail received at this office and did not come to light until today.

The President is much pleased with the Rooster to which you refer and wants you to know how much he appreciates your sending this drawing to him. He is indeed grateful for your expressions of loyalty and support.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Harry C. Dorsey, Esq.,
224 Kentucky Avenue, S.E.,
Washington, D. C.

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Washington Feb,

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My dear Mr. President,

you no doubt recall of receiving a drawing of a small "Rooster" entitled a "Well Fed Bird", during the Campaign. I am mailing under separate cover, another "Rooster" showing you how large this bird has grown in ten months, and how it will continue to grow in the years to come, that you will remain in the White House.

Four Yes, Eight & possibly more years than that.

This old Democratic Rooster,

Thomas J. Daly, Esq.,
Harvard Square,
Cambridge,
Massachusetts.

urday evening, March 17 at the Hotel Continental in Cambridge,

was my family's emblem long
before the advent of the
Donkey.

I would have had it framed,
only I thought it may not
go through the mails.

Now Mr President I am
satisfied you will receive
this in the same spirit
that I send it.

I wish you all the success
in the world, a man
whose dominating characteristic
is honest, just, true,
human, fitted for the
high position you hold
cannot help but succeed.

I will now "quote" your last
words, of your last speech,
on the last night of your
campaign,

Good night & God bless you,
I am,

Very truly yours,

Harry C. Dorsey

224 - Kentucky Ave, S.E.
Washington,

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Thomas J. Daly, Esq.,
Harvard Square,
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Massachusetts.

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March 20, 1934.

My dear Mr. Daly:

The President is much pleased to receive the novel little cannon which you were good enough to send him recently. He was interested in reading the article which you forwarded and wants you to know how much he appreciates your presenting this unusual gift to him.

Thanking you in the President's behalf for your thought of him in this connection, I am

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LE HAND
Private Secretary

Thomas J. Daly, Esq.,
Harvard Square,
Cambridge,
Massachusetts.

urday evening, March 17 at the Hotel Continental in Cambridge,



Thomas J. Daly, of Harvard square, Cambridge, looking at desk cigar lighter decorated with Irish and American flags, and a framed poem which he will mail to President Roosevelt as a St. Patrick's day gift.

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ads:- Our President Franklin

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The following, in an antique gold frame with a delicate touch of emerald green accompanies the gift. It is an excerpt of an Irish soldier's address to Columbia on St. Patrick's Day, relating his love for Columbia and how he fought her Southern Battle in 1812 with General Jackson, late U.S. President. The address is about 100 years old, out of print and unavailable at librarys or book stores.

Mr. Daly and his sister exercised their memory for about a week to recall the total of 10 verses, which takes six minutes to redite for proper conception.

Mr. Daly's mother recited it about 25 years ago in St Peters School Hall, Cambridge, and a member of his family received a prize for reading it. He is booked to recite it next Saturday evening, March 17 at the Hotel Continental in Cambridge,

Thomas J. Daly, Realtor
Harvard Square, Cambridge
Sends Gun to The President

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The cannon presented President Roosevelt, by Mr. Daly answers many purposes; cigar and cigarette lighter, also has a flag pole with pulleys and rope, a set of silk flags of many Nations. The U.S. and Irish flags are raised for presentation to the President on St. Patrick's Day.

Inscription on the Cannon reads:- Our President Franklin D. Roosevelt- "Columbia" "Aghrádh" - March 17, 1934- from T.J.Daly, Cambridge, Massachusetts.

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at the Benefit Costume Party of the Cambridge Legion of Honor.

"Columbia Aghrádh"

An Irish soldier's address to Columbia on St. Patrick's Day, about 100 years old.

Just stoop your Eagle head awhile
No wonder Darling that you smile
A Soldier of the rank and File
Has mighty awkward fingers
About a head of wildering curls,
His heart as tender as a girl's
Don't blame him Darling if he
lingers
amid a wealth of Golden hair
To place old Ireland's Shamrock
there.
May blackest sorrow be his share
Who would the twain Dessever.
Now lift your head to all Men's
View Columbia while I drink to You
The Green, the Red, the White and
Blue, for Ever and Forever.

Mr. Daly is grateful to Prof. Albert McMullen and Prof. Frederick Robinson of Harvard who is Doctor of the Art of Gaelic Languages and Irish History for interpretations and data, also to the Cambridge and Boston experts who assisted him in the calibrating and scaling the model, with is perfect in dimentions, and a replica of a field gun.

The different flags are attached, and raised or lowered at the will of the President. Mr. Daly suggests that when France pays us, the flag of France is set at half mast., and that the reason that the stars on our flag are like the stars in heaven is that no power on earth can pull them down.

Thomas J. Daly

March 22, 1934.

My dear Mr. Davis:

The President is in receipt of the handsome cane which you were good enough to send him and thanks you heartily for your courtesy. He is glad to accept this gift, made by your own hands, and wants you to know how much he appreciates this evidence of your interest in his welfare.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

L. C. Davis, Esq.,
C.C. C. 1653,
Gold Beach,
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Rec'd from
L. C. Davis
Gold Beach, Ore.
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...enjoy your inaugural address more than I did, I
...was seated near where you entered your car after address.

M. A. LeHand,

PRIVATE SECRETARY

I have been in the Post Office since April first 1903 had very
high hopes of being promoted to Postmaster. I appreciate the fact
that Sen. Robinson had to choose between friends and they are
numerous here. I was the only applicant from within the Service.

Ben J. Daniell, Esq.,

Post Office Department,
Little Rock, Arkansas. It will inspire others to the extent that the
Arkansas, please recovery.

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Sincerely Your friend,

Ben J. Daniell
Ben J. Daniell
Foreman Hlg. Div.
Little Rock Ark.

PS Will you please advise if this is received unbroken.

BJD.

Little Rock, Ark.
March 19th, 1934.

Handwritten: P.P. 7-9-D

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
White House,
Washington D. C. March 23, 1934.

My dear Mr. President:

I am sending you original picture made for the benefit ball given in Little Rock Ark. January 30 if you will be kind enough to send it to Mr. Daniel: it's suffering that dread disease Infantile Paralysis, I believe it will really be encouraging to them.

The President was much pleased to receive I believe if everyone of them could be impressed with the idea of your kind letter of March nineteenth and thanks better and better, I am not strong for such foolishness, but in you ever so much for your thoughtfulness in sending him the picture to which you refer. He We give credit for our Son's practically deeply appreciates your thoughtfulness in this connection.

Dancing are his greatest sports he will be twentyone years of age Sept. 15th, 1934. is now working for Remington Rand Co.

Assuring you that the President is indeed I have been one of your silent admirers for many years, I have grateful for your friendly expressions and good know it is impossible for you to read your letters much less answer them. will, I am

I made the trip to Washington hoping by some coincidence to meet you personally during Very sincerely yours, but soon after arrival I gave up such idea although I was very close to you three different times, no one enjoys your inaugural address more than I did, I was seated near where you entered your car after address.

M. A. LeHand,

PRIVATE SECRETARY
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Ben J. Daniell, Esq.,
Post Office Department,
Little Rock, Ark. received in the spirit in which it is given Little Rock, it will inspire others to the extent that the will recover.

Sincerely Your friend,

Ben J. Daniell
Foreman Mfg. Div.
Little Rock Ark.

PS Will you please advise if this is received unbroken.

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Little Rock Ark.
March 19th. 1934.

Hon. Franklin D Roosevelt,
White House,
Washington D C.

My dear Mr. President:

I am sending you original Picture made for the benefit ball given in Little Rock Ark. January 30 if you will be kind enough to hang this where the Patient's suffering that dread disease infantile Paralysis, I believe it will really be encouraging to them.

I believe if everyone of them could be impressed with the idea of the old Cuoy saying that every day in every way I am growing better and better, I am not strong for such foolishness, but in the case of infantile Paralysis they need confidence of growing better and added to that plenty of patience.

We give Osteopathy and hot bath's credit for our Son's practically complete cure, but it took two years of treatment.

Swiming and Dancing are his greatest sports he will be twentyone years of age Sept. 15th. 1934. is now working for Remington Rand Co.

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Hoping that this will be received in the spirit in which it is given and that it will inspire others to the extent that the ^{it} will reach a complete recovery.

Sincerely Your friend.

Ben J Daniell
Ben J Daniell
Foreman Mlg. Div.
Little Rock Ark.

PS Will you please advise if this is received unbroken.

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Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington D. C.

March 23, 1934.

March 17th 1934
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My dear Mr. Dorman:

Your letter of March seventeenth has been received and noted with interest by the President.

He thanks you for writing and is indeed grateful to you for presenting the fine scrapbook to him.

He is glad to accept it and deeply appreciates this evidence of your interest and good will.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

H. Eugene Dorman, Esq.,
208 Chicago Avenue,
Marion,
Ohio.

Yours Respectfully

H. Eugene Dorman

208 Chicago Ave.

March 17th 1934

Marion Ohio.

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Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt

The White House

Washington D. C.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:—

I am taking the liberty of sending you this scrap book which I made to enter a contest in Cleveland Plain Dealer that closed today. The first best ten were to receive five dollars each, the best one of the ten is to be sent to you. That was my goal to have my scrap book presented to you.

I was minus one paper and did not receive it in time to complete my book and enter the contest. So I am taking it upon myself to be a good judge of originality and therefore I am presenting you this scrap book with my compliments and trust you will enjoy "Looking back thru the years with yourself"

Yours Respectfully

H. Eugene Dorman.

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Abingdon, Virginia
March 24, 1934

March 27, 1934.

My dear Mr. Dallace:

Your letter of March twenty-fourth has been received by the President and he thanks you warmly for writing. He is very glad to accept the fine placque which you were good enough to send him and deeply appreciates your thought of him in this connection.

Assuring you that he is indeed grateful for your expressions of confidence and good will, I am

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

R. Dilliam Dallace, Esq.,
302 Bradley Street,
Abingdon,
Virginia.

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Abingdon, Virginia

March 24, 1934

Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt

The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Dear Sir,

A recent article in the
American Magazine tells of
your collection of ship pictures.

I am sending you one of my
handcarved ship plaques, in
walnut, which I hope you
will deem worthy of being
added to your collection.

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Professor G. C. Dahl,
Harvard River Station,
Cambridge,
Massachusetts.

May I also attempt to express my admiration for your methods of administration and my belief in your ultimate success. As a people we feel that we have found a leader.

So, while I still remain a member of the unemployed, I am not without hope for I am confident that no ship with you at the helm could fail to reach port.

Sincerely

P. William Wallace

302 Bradley St.
Abingdon, Virginia

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March 28, 1934.

P.P. 7.
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Rec'd from

J. M. Dudley, Esq.,
575 McCarry Street,
Jackson, Tenn.

The President has requested me to thank
you heartily for the handsome cane which you were
good enough to send him recently. He is glad to
accept this fine gift and appreciates your interest
in his welfare.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

J. M. Dudley, Esq.,
575 McCarry Street,
Jackson,
Tennessee.

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Professor G. C. Dahl,
Harvard River Road,
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Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Professor G. C. Dahl,
Charles River Road,
Cambridge,
Massachusetts.

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Dahl, Prof. G. C.
Charles River Road,
Cambridge, Mass.

March 28, 1934.

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My dear Professor Dahl:

The President was much pleased to receive the copy of your book "Elihu Thomson Eightieth Birthday Celebration", which you were good enough to send him recently and has requested me to thank you heartily for your courtesy. He deeply appreciates your thought of him in this connection.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Professor G. C. Dahl,
Charles River Road,
Cambridge,
Massachusetts.

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Dahl, Prof. G. C.
Charles River Road,
Cambridge, Mass.

Book, " Elihu Thomson Eightieth
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Yours truly,
Anastasia Deynozhka

Miss Anastasia Deynozhka,
Rock City Falls,
New York

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March 30, 1934

P.P. 7-9-D

My dear Miss Deynozka:

Your nice letter of March twenty-sixth has been received and I beg to thank you in the President's behalf for your courtesy in sending him the beautifully painted Easter eggs to which you refer. You may be sure he will be glad to accept them and will greatly appreciate the spirit which prompted you to present them to him.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Yours truly

Anastasia Deynozka

Miss Anastasia Deynozka,
Rock City Falls,
New York

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7/29
Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

I wish to express my gratitude for the good which you have done and are doing for us common people. Because of this I am sending you, as an Easter present, six raw painted Easter eggs which I painted entirely by hand.

I acquired this art in Czechoslovakia where I was born. There are several kinds of eggs that I am sending you, two of which are hand scratched; two of a Moravian design. The other two are of the floral type.

Yours truly
Anastazie Deymova

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Handwritten: A Happy Easter to You
I am Ben Dow
and I am 12 years
old I have made this picture
for you and I wish you a
happy Easter.

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April 2, 1934.

My dear Ben:

The fine Easter gift which you were good
enough to send the President has been received, and
I beg to thank you in his behalf for your courtesy.
You may be sure he will be glad to accept the picture,
a product of your own handiwork, and greatly appreciate
your thought of him.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Ben Dow,
2201 Elston Avenue,
Baltimore,
Maryland.

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George A. F. and E. G. Hildebrand,
200 W. Main Highway East,
Detroit,
Michigan.

A Happy Easter to You

I am Ben Dow
of Baltimore and I am 12 years
old. I have made this picture
for you and I wish you a
happy Easter.

From
Ben Dow
2201 Elston Ave
Baltimore, Md.



Rec'd 3/31/34
Picture of the President
burnt on wood.

The beautifully framed picture and hymn
which you were good enough to send the President
have been received in the absence of the President
and I beg to thank you heartily in his behalf for
your courtesy. You may be sure he will be pleased
to accept these gifts and will deeply appreciate
the spirit which prompted you to present them to
him.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Messrs. E. V. and M. G. Diederich,
263 Vernon Highway East,
Detroit,
Michigan.

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April 5, 1934.

My dear Friends:

The beautifully framed picture and hymn which you were good enough to send the President have been received in the absence of the President and I beg to thank you heartily in his behalf for your courtesy. You may be sure he will be pleased to accept these gifts and will deeply appreciate the spirit which prompted you to present them to him.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Messrs. E. V. and M. G. Diederich,
263 Vernon Highway East,
Detroit,
Michigan.

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April 12, 1933.

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My dear Mr. Dolise:

Your letter of April seventh has been received and read with interest. The President thanks you heartily for the beautiful fan made of palm, a product of your handiwork, which you have been good enough to send to him as an Easter gift. He deeply appreciates your thought of him and is indeed grateful to you for your kindly expressions of confidence and good will.

Sincerely yours,

M. A. Le HAND
Private Secretary.

Mr. Vincenyo Dolise,
393 So. 11th Street,
Newark, New Jersey.

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hands of depressed people, as well as myself, discouraged and unemployed.

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Newark, N. J.
1933



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From beautiful fan made
of palm

that you
accept the enclosed palm, An Easter gift
to you, which I was more than happy
to design and make myself. B

I am father of a large
family, and have been a citizen of the
United States for thirty-two years.
And, never have I remembered any
other National leader of our country
proven so immediately effective in
so short an administration thus far. 1b

And, I hope that God
will continue to strengthen your
views in assisting to overcome such
a crisis which have made thou-
sands of depressed people, as well
as myself, discouraged and un-
employed.

393 So. 11TH St.,
Newark, N. J.
April 1, 1933



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President Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President,

It is my honor that you accept the enclosed palm, An Easter gift to you, which I was more than happy to design and make myself. B

I am father of a large family, and have been a citizen of the United States for thirty-two years. And, never have I remembered any other National leader of our country proven so immediately effective in so short an administration thus far. lb

And, I hope that God will continue to strengthen your views in assisting to overcome such a crisis which have made thousands of depressed people, as well as myself, discouraged and unemployed.

wishing you and Mrs. Roosevelt,
as well as your family and friends,
a most joyous Easter, I am,

Very truly Yours,
Vincenzo Dolise

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To W. C. Bush, College St, Bedford, Va.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

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April 14, 1934.

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Honorable Maurice P. Dunlap, ×
American Consul at Dundee,
Dundee,
Scotland.

Herbert C. Sangster,
Chief, Division of Foreign
Service Administration.

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The Honorable
Louis McHenry Howe,
Secretary to the President,
The White House.

To W. G. Bush, College St, Bedford, Va.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 17, 1934.

April 14, 1934.

My dear Mr. Dunlap:

I am delighted to have the copy of "Viking Knights" which you were so good as to send me. I look forward with a great deal of interest to an early opportunity to read it. Thank you very much indeed for your kind thought. Very sincerely yours,

Since Mr. Dunlap has no "ax to grind" in this presentation, I have told him I would be glad to forward it for him.
Honorable Maurice P. Dunlap, ×
American Consul at Dundee,
Dundee,
Scotland.

Herbert C. Sangster,
Chief, Division of Foreign
Service Administration.

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Enclosure:
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The Honorable
Louis McHenry Howe,
Secretary to the President,
The White House.

To W. C. Bush, College St, Bedford, Va.

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

April 14, 1934.

My dear Colonel Howe:

I am sending you herewith a book which the Author, Mr. Maurice P. Dunlap, American Consul at Dundee, has forwarded to me for presentation to the President "in case there is no impropriety" in such presentation.

Mr. Dunlap has been in the Consular Service about twenty years, during which time he served a number of years in Scandinavian countries and this book is a result of his study of Viking life.

Since Mr. Dunlap has no "ax to grind" in this presentation, I have told him I would be glad to forward it for him.

Very sincerely yours,

Herbert C. Hengstler x20
Herbert C. Hengstler,
Chief, Division of Foreign
Service Administration.

Enclosure:
Book.

The Honorable
Louis McHenry Howe,
Secretary to the President,
The White House.

% W. E. Bush, College St, Bedford, Va.

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Your Excellency, Mr. President:

I have the honor to forward herewith as of possible interest my new book "Viking Knights" which represents a study of many years during my assignments as American Consul to the

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I am very far from being employed in Virginia and up to this time haven't heard about her book.

Very truly,

Oscar Diehl

% W. E. Bush, College St, Bedford, Va.

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I have the honor to
be, Sir

Your obedient servant,
Maurice P. Dunlap

To His Excellency. The
President.

The White House,
Washington, D.C.

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Very truly,

Oscar Diehl

% W. E. Bush, College St, Bedford, Va.

April 18, 1934.

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My dear Miss Diehl:

The President is in receipt of the fine
scrap book which you were good enough to send him
recently and requests me to thank you heartily for
your courtesy. He is very pleased to accept this
nice gift and is indeed grateful for this evidence
of your friendly interest and good will.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Miss Betty Ann Diehl,
3636 Ravenswood Avenue,
Cincinnati,
Ohio.

I am Betty's father and up to this time haven't
heard about her book.

Very truly,

Oscar Diehl

% W. E. Bush, College St, Bedford, Va.

From
Betty Ann Diehl
3636 Ravenswood Avenue
Cincinnati, Ohio

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NO. 1248

Bedford, Virginia
April 21, 1934

Rec'd 4/12/34 Scrap Book,

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

Scrap Book

Scrap Book compiled over a period
of several months consisting of all
favorable news items and cartoons
relating to Mr Roosevelt and the New
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Up to this time Betty hasn't
received an acknowledgement and
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as she took much interest and pain
in its compilation. She would be
so grateful for a brief acknowlege-
ment over the President's signature
so she can have a life's keepsake in
a presidential communication for
her Life's Scrap Book.

I am Betty's father employed here
in Virginia and up to this time haven't
heard about her book.

Very truly,

Oscar Diehl

% W. E. Bush, College St, Bedford, Va.

Bedford, Virginia
April 21, 1934

Private Secretary to
President of the United States



Dear Sir:

About 5 or 6 weeks ago my little girl mailed to the President a Scrap Book compiled over a period of several months consisting of all favorable news items and cartoons relating to Mr Roosevelt and the New Deal.

The enclosed newspaper clipping is self-explanatory.

Up to this time Betty hasn't received an acknowledgement and hope book was forwarded to the President as she took much interest and pain in its compilation. She would be so grateful for a brief acknowledgement over the President's signature so she can have a life's keepsake in a presidential communication for her Life's Scrap Book.

I am Betty's father employed here in Virginia and up to this time haven't heard about her book.

Very truly,

Oscar Diehl

% W. E. Bush, College St, Bedford, Va.

BETTY ANN DIEHL AND HER SCRAPBOOK



A collection of Rooseveltian clippings, a large number of which relate to recovery, assembled in a scrapbook by Betty Ann Diehl, 9, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Diehl, 2636 Ravenwood-av., Kennedy Heights, were sent with an explanatory letter and a photo of herself as an Easter gift to President Roosevelt.

Most of the clippings, some of them cartoons, were from The

Post. Betty Ann tinted the cartoons. On the cover of the book was a portrait of the President.

In her letter, Betty Ann said: "I have heard Mother and Daddy speak so much about all the good things you have done and are trying to do for our beloved country and the newspapers print so much I thought it would be interesting for you to know just how people appreciate your deeds."

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Very truly yours,

Paul A. Dodd
Assistant Professor of Economics

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UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
AT LOS ANGELES

April 18, 1934

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My dear Professor Dodd:

I have received your letter of April twelfth and I wish to thank you very much for your thoughtful courtesy. I am writing to ask you to call the attention of the President on the subject of Aviation Finance. The title of the book is "Aviation Finance" by Paul A. Dodd. Since this study is the only research done book to which you refer I shall be very glad to be of some value during the present formulation of policy with glad to hand it to the President.

Very sincerely yours,
Professor William C. Schloffer, late Professor of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, and has met with commendation from authorities in the field both in this country and abroad. Since there are only a limited number of copies available I am writing to ask whether you LOUIS McH. HOWE or his advisers would be the Secretary to the President this study. Copies have been sent to Mr. H. A. Strong, Branch, Department of Commerce and Mr. Zachary Division Professor Paul A. Dodd, of Congress. In recognition University of California, both departments gave me. Los Angeles, of the administrative staff desire California. copy of this research study, I shall be glad to send a copy for their use. It is my feeling that the study may prove highly valuable to them in as much as it develops the financial policies of the industry since the industry's inception about a decade ago.

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Very truly yours,

Paul A. Dodd
Assistant Professor of Economics

ROBERT G. SPROUL
PRESIDENT OF THE UNIVERSITY

UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA
AT LOS ANGELES

ERNEST C. MOORE
VICE-PRESIDENT AND PROVOST

April 12, 1934

Executive Secretary to the President
Washington, D. C.

My dear Sir:

I am writing to ask you to call the attention of the President to a recent publication on the subject of Aviation Finance. The title of the book is FINANCIAL POLICIES IN THE AVIATION INDUSTRY, by Paul A. Dodd. Since this study is the only research done in the field of Aviation Finance it may be of some value during the present formulation of policy with regard to that industry.

This study was made under the direction of Professor William C. Schluter, late Professor of Finance at the University of Pennsylvania, and has met with commendation from authorities in the field both in this country and abroad. Since there are only a limited number of copies available I am writing to ask whether you feel that the President or his advisers would be interested in seeing a copy of this study. Copies have been sent to Mr. E. R. Strong, Aeronautics Branch, Department of Commerce and Dr. Zahn, Division of Aeronautics, Library of Congress, in recognition of the splendid cooperation both departments gave me. If the President or his administrative staff desire to have a copy of this research study, I shall be glad to send a copy for their use. It is my feeling that the study may prove highly valuable to them in as much as it develops the financial policies of the industry since the industry's inception about a decade ago.

May I add a word of commendation on behalf of a strong majority of my colleagues here in the University with respect to the way in which the President has been initiating policies that show a definite trend toward a protection and development of the social well-being of our nation.

Very truly yours,

Paul A. Dodd
Assistant Professor of Economics

PAD/RJ

April 30, 1934.

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My dear Mrs. Dollard:

Your friendly letter of April twenty-fourth has been received and the President thanks you for writing. He is delighted to accept the beautiful pillow, made by your own hands, which you were good enough to present to him, and deeply appreciates this evidence of your good will.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mrs. J. A. Dollard,
80 Jackson Avenue,
Jersey City,
New Jersey.

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My love and hope my prayers
will be answered.
I am mailing another letter to you

JEC
Franklin D. Roosevelt,

Dear President,

April 24, 1934
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I am mailing to you with this letter a gift for you which was made by me all by hand and I hope you will like it

It is called a Biscuit Pillow and can be made in different colors so I made it in the National colors Red-White and blue.

You were so good to me the past winter in giving Mrs. Holland employment I had to send you something to show my appreciation

You certainly kept me from starving and freezing to death the past winter and I am forever grateful to you and may the Lord spare you for a long time and hope my prayers will be answered.

I am mailing another letter to you

concerning the C. W. A. Program.

Thanking you again for the
employment you gave Mr. Holland
Remain

Sincerely yours.

Mrs. J. A. Holland,
80 Jackson Ave.,
Jersey City,
N. J.

DEWITT'S FLOWER STORE
FLORISTS

April 30, 1934.

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My dear Mr. DeWitt:

Your note of April twenty-sixth has been received by the President. He was delighted to receive the "New Deal" snappedragons which you were good enough to send him and requests me to convey to you his cordial appreciation of this evidence of your loyalty and support. He sends you his very best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

F. H. DeWitt, Esq.,
Wooster,
Ohio.

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No Order too Small
or too Large for Us
to Take Care of

Wooster, Ohio

April 26/34

President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

Washington D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

I am sending you these blooms
of my New Snapdragon "New Deal".
I trust they reach you in good
condition.

I hope the "New Deal" Snapdragon
becomes as well known as your
"New Deal" after which it is named.
As the name "New Deal" has become
the most familiar name before
the American public

Sincerely yours
F. H. DeWitt

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May 3, 1934

My dear Mr. Dewart:

The President has received the copy of the 1934 edition of "Valuable Data on the World's Greatest Market" and I want to thank you, in his behalf, for your kindness in sending it to him.

Very sincerely yours,

Book

LOUIS McH. HOWE
Secretary to the President

William T. Dewart, Esq.,
The New York Sun,
New York, N. Y.

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DOOLEY, Mrs. W. W. (Eliza B. K.)
Commissioner of Immigration, Puerto Rico,
5-4-34, carded.

Sends drawing of the evolution of Transportation by Land and Water
in Puerto Rico.

SENT TO ATTIC, 5-4-34.

Very sincerely yours,

E. A. Ireland,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Enclosed is the
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Ireland,
California.

May 7, 1934.

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My dear Nicholas:

Your letter of April twenty-fifth has been received and the President has requested me to thank you ever so much for writing, and for your courtesy in sending him the drawing to which you refer. He greatly appreciates the spirit which prompted you to present it to him.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Leland,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Nicholas Dito,
1023-5th Street,
Oakland,
California.

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1023-5th Street
Oakland, California
April 25, 1934.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt.
The White House Washington D.C.

Dear President:

I am 13 years old and I made
a free hand drawing of you. It was
hung up in my class room for 1
week so I thought that I would send
it to you. If you like it very much
you can keep it in your ^{room} and hang it
up. Hoping to hear from you soon.

Very Truly Yours
Nicholas J. St.
1023-5th Street
Oakland, California

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May 12, 1934.

My dear Mr. Dowell:

Through the courtesy of Mr. Joseph F. Ryan, the President is in receipt of the handsome cane which you were good enough to present to him. He is very glad to accept this fine souvenir of your native State, and requests me to thank you heartily for this evidence of your interest in his well being.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Maurice H. Dowell, Esq.,
Luling,
Texas.

Joseph F. Ryan

May 12, 1934.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Ryan:

The President is in receipt of your letter of May fifth and has read it with a great deal of interest. He asks me to thank you warmly for writing and to tell you how much he appreciates your courtesy in sending him the cane which Mr. Maurice H. Dowell is presenting to him. You may be sure he is deeply appreciative of your generous expressions of confidence and good will.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Joseph F. Ryan, Esq.,
Elgin,
Illinois.

When you accept this present which comes given by a Texan and presented by an Irish Republican, and something real good should come from its relations. And that the Irish end of the transaction will say a prayer for spiritual and physical support for many years to come.

As the cane was made in Jack Garner's district, where the writer lived many years, I leave the job to him to tell you what the artist had in mind. He is familiar with local legends.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph F. Ryan

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JOSEPH F. RYAN
ELGIN, ILL.

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May 5th '34.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Washington, D. C.

My Dear President;

The task that I am called upon to perform is rather out of the ordinary for an Irish Republican, but the real consolation is that I did vote for one F.D.R. and his Pal Jack Garner and have yet to regret it, and know that you are going to win out, and all I can say is God Bless you, and I am at your service to command.

A delegation of Texans recently visited you, and one Maurice H. Dowell, Luling, Texas, was one of the members of the party. Enroute they stopped off at Chicago, and being an Ex-Texan by adoption, and Proud of it, I was one of the Committee of Texas, Inc. to help entertain them while in Chicago.

When the train was ready to leave, poor Dowell was fit to be tied, he had lost the present he had so carefully guarded and which he intended for you. He was certain that some of the Hoodlums in Chicago had stole the stick, and in order that I may defend the name of our dear Chicago, I took the job of finding said present. The hotel found it hanging over the chair in the dining room, (Texas is Prohibition) and I wrote to Dowell, with the reply that he wished me to see that the stick finished its trip.

Monday morning I will see that the present is on its way to you. Of course the proper move would have been for me to delegate Jack Garner as a Com of One to present this stick, but I just must admit that I could not resist this opportunity of direct contact with the greatest and best beloved President we have ever had.

When you accept this present which comes from Mexico; given by a Texan and presentd by an Irish Republican, God knows something real good should come from its relations. Rest assured that the Irish end of the transaction will say a prayer for your Spiritual and Physical support for many years to come.

As the Cane was made in Jack Garner's district, where the writer lived for many years, I leave the job to him to tell you what the artist had in mind. He is familiar with Mexican legends.

Sincerely yours,

Joseph F. Ryan

May 17, 1934

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My dear Mr. Dulles:

The President has received your letter of May fifteenth and has asked me to thank you for your thoughtful courtesy in sending him a copy of your book "Lowered Boats".

Very sincerely yours,

A. Burns, recently told me that you had expressed an interest in my book "Lowered Boats".

M. A. LeHAND
Private Secretary

copy of it to you under separate cover.

Foster Rhea Dulles, Esq.,
15 Broad Street,
New York, N. Y.

Respectfully yours,

Foster Rhea Dulles mgs

The Honorable
Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

NEW YORK

acted 5/17 mss

May 15, 1934.

Dear Mr. President:

My brother-in-law, James
R. Bourne, recently told me that you had ex-
pressed an interest in my book "Lowered Boats",
a history of American whaling. At his sugges-
tion I am taking the liberty of forwarding a
copy of it to you under separate cover.

Respectfully yours,

Foster Shee Dulles

The Honorable
Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States,
Washington, D.C.

MISSY: _____

You, Mac, and Steve are appointed
a committee to make a decision on this.

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ELK RIVER, IDAHO

Honorable President
Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House

May 22, 1934.

My dear Mr. Diamantis:

The President is in receipt of the beautifully framed picture which you were good enough to send him recently, and requests me to thank you heartily in his behalf for your courtesy. He is very glad to accept this gift, a product of your own handiwork, and is indeed grateful for the spirit which prompted your act.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand,
PRIVATE SECRETARY

John Diamantis, Esq.,
Elk River,
Idaho.

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ELK RIVER / DAHO May 12¹/₃₄

To Honorable President.
Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington D. C.

From
John Diamantis
Occupation
Lambon -

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Dr. AVINOFF of the Carnegie Museum could not believe
that the portrait was executed in wood; whereupon I had Mr. Wallagora
spend a week, producing a half inch square, done in the same manner,

MISSY: _____

You, Mac, and Steve are appointed
a committee to make a decision on this.

F.D.R.

May 30, 1934

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PP-7-2 Mrs. Roosevelt has referred to me your
very interesting letter of May twenty-first.

Since the beginning of the Administra-
tion I have been acting on the President's behalf
in receiving all gifts. During all of this period
we have made no exceptions to this policy, and it
has served the purpose of conserving the Presi-
dent's time and energy for the many important
duties requiring his personal attention.

If it is agreeable to you, I will be
very glad to suit your convenience as to the time
of presentation through me, and will be happy dur-
ing the first lull to convey it to the President
with an appropriate word of explanation.

Sincerely yours,

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M. H. McINTYRE
Assistant Secretary
to the President

J. S. Duss, Esq.,
Great House Museum,
Ambridge,
Pennsylvania.

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Dr. Avinoff of the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburg, could not believe
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May 30, 1934

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If it is agreeable to you, I will be very glad to suit your convenience as to the time of presentation through me, and will be happy during the first lull to convey it to the President with an appropriate word of explanation.

Sincerely yours,

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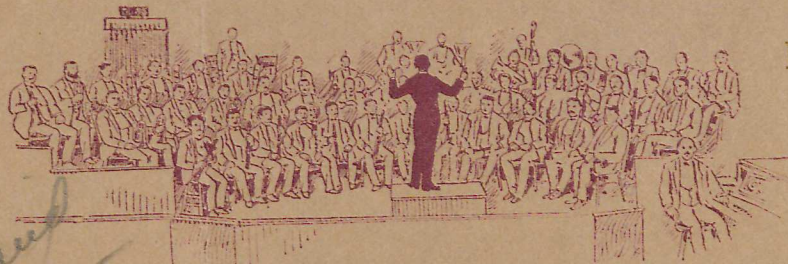
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Duss and his Band



LESTER STUDIOS
MADISON AVE. and 56TH STREET
New York City.

Great House Museum,
Ambridge, Pa., May 21st, 1934.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:-

A matter has arisen in regard to which, the genus male hereabouts seems to be lacking in appreciation of the art and sentiment involved.

Knowing that you are richly endowed to view the subject at issue, from both the above angles,-that is, art and sentiment; I take the liberty to submit it to your consideration.

What I am bringing to your attention is nothing less than an eighth wonder of the world; namely, a portrait of your illustrious husband, now the beloved President of the United States.

Said portrait is a most remarkable example of marquetry or mosaic woodwork. As a work of art, I have no hesitancy in saying that it stands alone. In size the portrait-a bust-is about 16 by 24 inches; the face about three quarters life size. It is built up of countless thousands of pieces of wood, many of them as small as a fine hair. It took Mr. Wallagora, one of the unemployed, with the aid of an assistant (who split the wood), seven months working from breakfast until late in the night, to produce this wonder work.

Mr. Joseph Guffey of Pittsburg and others who know the President personally, have pronounced it a most excellent likeness and as you can readily understand, the mosaic insets make it a stronger picture than the photograph from which it was copied. Judges of art like Dr. Avinoff of the Carnegie Institute of Pittsburg, could not believe that the portrait was executed in wood; whereupon I had Mr. Wallagora spend a week, producing a half inch square, done in the same manner,

which can be cut and scraped; thus proving to the satisfaction of any one, that the shades consist absolutely of insets of small pieces of wood.

The above at best, will give you but a faint idea of the portrait. In order to appreciate the same, it must be seen.

Although busier than any man should be, I am willing to take the time to bring the portrait and the artist who executed it, to Washington, at whatever time it will suit your convenience, providing it be in the near future; for the purpose of an ultimate presentation to the President.

Hoping that this matter may sufficiently interest you to make the requested appointment -
I am respectfully and trustfully yours,
J. S. Duse.

I was President 1890 - 1903 of the erstwhile
Harmony (Christian - Communistic) Society -
at 200 Montgomery - now the 4th Ward of Cambridge
and conductor of the New York Metropolitan
Symphony Orchestra as well as of the band
that bore my name. J. S. D.

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My dear Mr. McIntyre:--

Your good letter of the 30th ult. is at hand.

I confess that at the time I wrote to Mrs. Roosevelt, regarding the wonderful wood mosaic portrait of her husband, the President, I had in mind another object besides its presentation; viz.:--Having noticed in the newspapers some allusion to Mrs. Roosevelt's interest in a furniture factory, it occurred to me that perhaps her woman's heart might be moved towards securing such occupation for the poor artist, as would enable him to earn his daily sustenance,--a thing that he has been unable to accomplish during the years of depression. However, we have here only one more illustration of the truth of Robert Burns' lines:--"Best laid schemes of mice and men aft gang agley", and for me, very appropriately, his following lines:--"And leave us naught but grief and pain for promised joy."

There remains for me, therefor, but one thing, namely,--to submit to an alwise Providence,--although not over gracefully; because I know that if we were under a Republican administration, we could have sold the portrait in question, long ago and at a worthwhile figure to prominent Republicans; who would thereupon have presented the portrait to their Chief.

I am grievously disappointed at the lack of interest on the part of prominent Democrats, toward what appears to me as an extraordinary and precious opportunity.

Your personal courtesy and goodwill are appreciated; but the production of a work of art that stands alone and in the nerve racking execution of which, the author worked himself to a frazzle; calls for more than the conveyance to the President "during the first lull with a proper word of explanation."

It would, of course, be delightful to make your acquaintance and to show the portrait to you, but paucity of time and money forbids my indulgence in such a pleasantry.

Very Sincerely Yours
~~Yours truly,~~

J. S. Duss.

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