

PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL FILE

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Sending drawing
of conception of
an aeroplane.

170 Walnut Avenue,
Trenton, New Jersey

January 25, 1938

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My envelope.

Since the aeroplane is attracting considerable attention, I am sending you a drawing of my conception of an aeroplane with the hope that you might be interested. If you would care to show it to some of your friends, and think it is of any use, I would be glad to know it.

Yours respectfully,

Thomas Downs

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170 Walnut Avenue,
Trenton, New Jersey

January 25, 1938

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

My dear Friend:

Since the aeroplane is attracting considerable attention, I am sending you a drawing of my conception of an aeroplane with the hope that you might be interested. If you would care to show it to some of your friends, and think it is of any use, I would be glad to know it.

Yours respectfully,

Thomas Downs

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Buchley

January 24, 1938

My dear Judge Davidson:

The President thanks you ever so much
for your courtesy in sending him the copy of your
booklet. He appreciates your friendly thought
of him and has asked me to convey his best wishes
to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss Lannan

H. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Honorable T. Whitfield Davidson,
United States Judge for the Northern
District of Texas,
Dallas,
Texas.

January 3, 1938

Respectfully referred to the State Department
for such acknowledgment as may be deemed appropriate.

Attention: Mr. Summerlin.

M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mr. Moerhuig, President of the Red Cross, Taza, Morocco.
12/1/37. (Written in French).

Re: On behalf of the Red Cross Committee, asks
President's autograph to be sold at a charity sale.
(Signed by S. Saïdi for the President of the Red
Cross).

Ma. Joana de A. Coutinho, Largo de S. Estevao, E.,
Lisbon, Portugal. 11/1/37. (Written in Portuguese).

Re: Writes in name of authorities of the Escola-
Patronato de Alfama (Alfama School). Would like
to give the children of the school some small
Christmas presents but have no money for the
purpose. Asks donation. Letter also signed by
P. Geada.

Alois Gatniewski, Hallische Strasse 271 III links,
Leipzig N30, Germany. 11/22/37. (Written in German).

Re: Encloses pen drawing by the writer and printed
prayer for the President. Requests autographed
photograph of the President. //

E. Robin, 47 Rue du Marchix, Nantes, France. 11/15/37.
(Written in French).

Re: President of the Societe Avicole de l'Ouest,
which will hold its Twelfth International Exposition
of Barnyard Animals, Cage and Cote Birds, from April
7th to 10th, 1938, as part of the Trade Fair of the
West, at the Champ de Mars at Nantes. Requests the
giving of prizes, as in former years.

Paul Rambourg, Rue Pasteur, Rimogne (Ardennes), France.
12/15/37. (Written in French).

Sends President a few stamps which he has bought as
well as a snapshot of himself and brother and sister.
Asks that the President send him a few American
stamps. His little sister, Renee Rambourg encloses
a friendly letter to the President.

Joseph Kozlowski, Krakow, Pedzichow 24 m.5. Undated.
(Written in French).

Sends President some stamps. Requests President's
autograph.

Alice Stamm, Buchdruckerei, Schleithelm, Switzerland.
12/6/37. (Written in German).

Mrs. Stamm sends President a set of Swiss stamps
"Pro Juventute" (For Youth), which were issued this
year. No enclosure when received in TR but envelope
stamped with 4 of these stamps.

See 1019.

Buchly

January 3, 1938

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My dear Mr. Dalton:

The President thanks you for your card of Christmas greeting and he wants you to know that he appreciates the friendly thought which prompted you to send him those nice gifts.

He has asked me to convey his best wishes to you for the New Year.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Lanahan

M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Tom Dalton, Esq.,
280 West 10th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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Thank for
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handkerchiefs
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11/2/36
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May Christmas
bring you joy
and the New Year
hold much happiness
for you!

Tom Dalton
280 West 10 St
New York City

Lawrence F. Deutzman, Esq.,
Editor, The Messenger,
Smithtown, Long Island,
New York.

27, 1938

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January 27, 1938

My dear Mr. Deutzman:

The President thanks you very much indeed for your courtesy in sending him the copy of your book. He is glad to have the volume and wants you to know that he appreciates your friendly thought of him.

Very sincerely yours,

H. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Lawrence F. Deutzman, Esq.,
Editor, The Messenger,
Smithtown, Long Island,
New York.

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ABRAMS, Miss Martha L.
Brooklin, Mass.,
Jan. 25, 1938.

Writes the President that her contribution to the birthday cause last year when she was eighty one years old was some dolls for the President which she dressed. Hopes next year to make more children at Warm Springs happy.--Miss LeHand, on Jan. 27th, wrote Miss Abrams saying the President appreciated her letter and wishes to extend his congratulation to her on having reached the eighty-second anniversary of her birthday.

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Buckley

January 20, 1938

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My dear Mrs. de Alcaraz:

The beautiful quilt which you were
good enough to send to the President has been
received and He has asked me to thank you most
cordially for your kind thought of him. He
sends you his very best wishes for your welfare
and happiness.

Very sincerely yours,

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M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

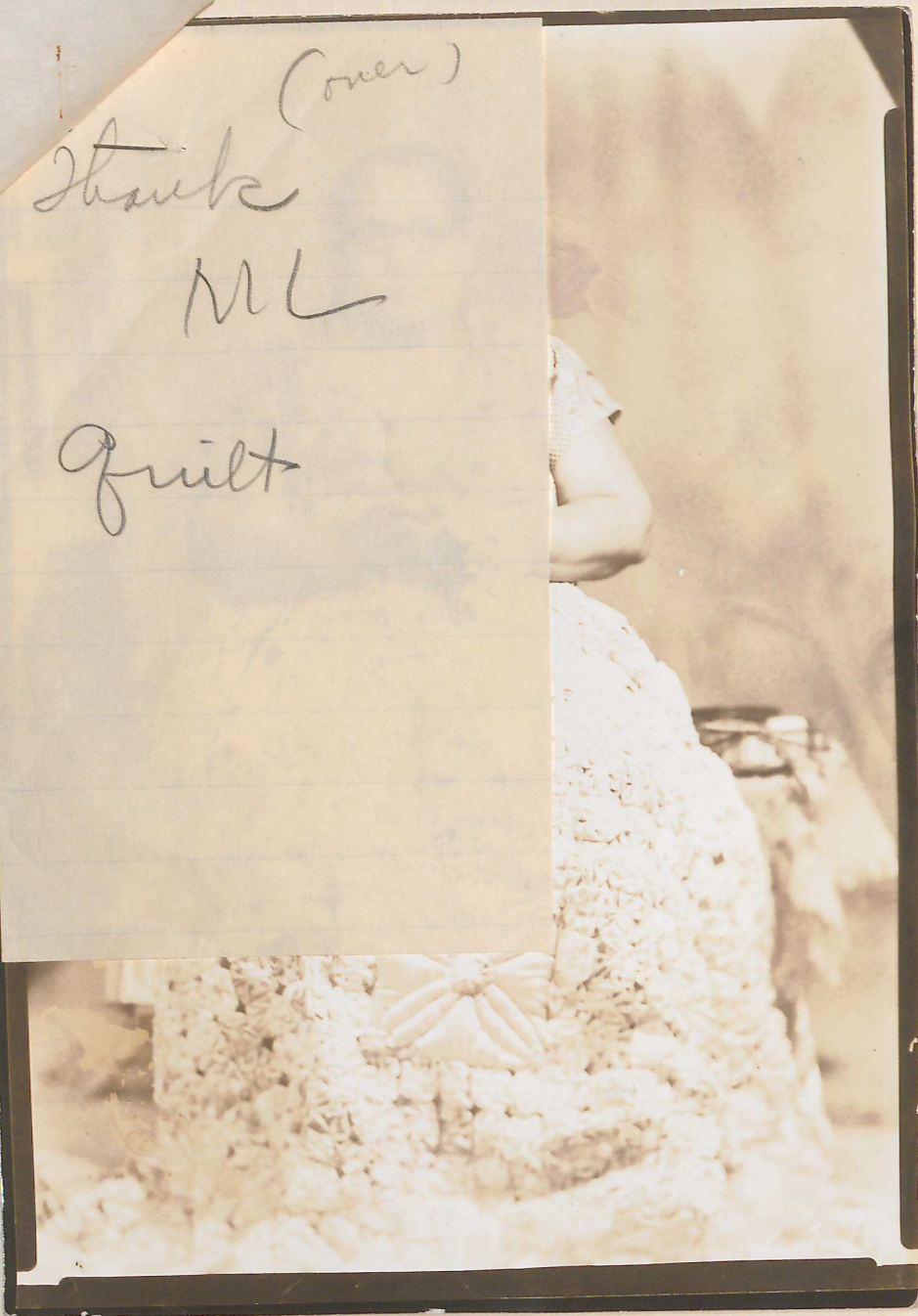
Mrs. Josefa de Alcaraz,
P. O. Box 1501,
Brawley,
California.

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Joe De Long.

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Joe De Yong.



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Joe De Yong.

Josefa de Alvarado
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12/20/37

P.O. Box 1501

Ans
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Joe De Yong.

With the Compliments of

January 25, 1938

Burchley

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My dear Friends:

The President thanks you ever so
much for your courtesy in sending the book,
"Delaware". He is glad to have the volume and
appreciates your kind thought of him.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Delaware Tercentenary Commission,
828 Delaware Trust Building,
Wilmington,
Delaware.

es

Joe De Yong.

With the Compliments of
Delaware Tercentenary Commission

25, 1938

P.P. 7
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My dear Mr. De Yong:

I have received your letter and have had pleasure in handing the book to the President. He is glad to have the volume and asks me to thank you ever so much for your friendly thought in sending it to him.

Very sincerely yours,

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M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Noted

Joe De Yong, Esq.,
Box 584,
Santa Barbara,
California.

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Sincerely

Joe De Yong.

Bully

January 25, 1938

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My dear Mr. De Yong:

I have received your letter and have had pleasure in handing the book to the President. He is glad to have the volume and asks me to thank you ever so much for your friendly thought in sending it to him.

Very sincerely yours,

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M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Noted

Joe De Yong, Esq.,
Box 584,
Santa Barbara,
California.

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Sincerely

Joe De Yong.

Miss Marguerite Alice LeHand,
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Book recd
many thanks
M G L

My dear Miss LeHand;

Right after Will Rogers' death
I wrote him a long letter which was privately
printed, and scattered among his friends and
mine. I have always wanted to send a
copy to President Roosevelt, but since the
book is slim and unimposing I was
afraid it might just get side-tracked in
the general shuffle of far more important
mail. But the Dixie Fleeson article in
the S. E. Post this week has not only
rekindled the impulse to send the President
one of these Rogers books, but also
suggested the "how."

Sometime ~ when you are in the
mood ~ will you please place thru this book
, and if you think it will raise a chuckle,
please pass it on to Headquarters. If not ~
just side track it. No answer is necessary.

Sincerely
Joe De Yong.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 9, 1938

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My dear Miss DuPont:

The President has asked me to thank
you ever so much for the drawing which you have
been good enough to send him. He appreciates
your thoughtfulness in the matter.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Miss Estelle DuPont,
17 Leslie Street,
Willimansett,
Massachusetts.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Mr. Buckley;
She sent drawing
of Pres to Mrs. R. Mrs.
Somerville sent to me -
I have torn up -
P.L.

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project of WPA to further

February 9, 1938

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My dear Mr. De Rostro:

Your recent letter to the President
has been received and he asks me to assure you
of his appreciation of your friendly interest in
sending him the enclosed drawing.

The other matter about which you write
is being brought to the attention of the Works
Progress Administration.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Walter H. J. De Rostro, Esq.,
32 Fourth Street,
Newark,
New Jersey.

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WPA: WPA worker anxious to be transferred to art project of WPA to further
his talent.



Buckley

November 10, 1936

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My dear Mr. Dunlop:

The President has received your note and thanks you very much indeed for your kind thought in sending him the old volume "Shipwrecks and Disasters at Sea". He is glad to have the volume and asks me to tell you that he greatly appreciates your friendly good wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand

M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Chester V. Dunlop; Esq.,
68 Maplewood Avenue,
Clifton,
New Jersey.

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February 11, 1938

My dear Mr. Dunlop:

60 Maplewood Ave.
Clifton, N.J.

Nov 9, 1936
Mr. President:

Your deep interest
in ships and the sea, prompts
me to send this book
to you. as you will
see from the inscription
in the front it has been
in the family for some
time. Its condition
betrays much handling
which in truth it has
received. I have reread it
many times since boyhood.
It was a gift to my father
who was also deeply interest-
ed in ships. It gives me
genuine pleasure to

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your birthday
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ours,

A. LeHand
THE SECRETARY

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February 11, 1938

My dear Mr. Dunlop:

The President asks me to acknowledge

pass it on to you.
If you have read
Carl Carner's, *Stars fell*
on Alabama, you will
no doubt remember a
reference to an ancestor
of Count La Prouse
the French explorer.
You will find the
complete narrative
in this book.

Hoping you find
entertainment and relaxation
in these narratives
and sincere wishes
for your continued good
health, I am,
Chester V. Dunlop

first, and to
your birthday
wishes you say.
I am sending the article
and it with in-
structions you make

Yours,

A. LeHand
DATE SECRETARY

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February 11, 1938

My dear Mr. Dunlop:

The President asks me to acknowledge your letter of January thirty-first, and to tell you how much he appreciates your birthday congratulations and the kind things you say. It was nice of you, too, to bring the article to his attention and he has noted it with interest, together with the comments you make concerning it.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

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Chester V. Dunlop, Esq.,
68 Maplewood Avenue,
Clifton,
New Jersey.

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CLIFTON, NEW JERSEY

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Shipwreck

Grosvenor

in 1782

The President of the United States

The White House

Washington

D.C.

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dear Mr. President

I am enclosing a portion
of yesterday's Times book
review. Containing a
review of a book I just
published on the facts sur-
rounding the loss of
Grosvenor Jonathan.

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playing me a trick I

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not long after

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at any future date find
the time to make the sug-
gested comparison of the
two tales, I should deem
it an ~~honor~~ if you could
~~honor~~
communicate with me.

I'm interested to know
whether the new and old
narratives relate to the
same ship.

Congratulations on your
birth day and noble purpose
its celebration is used for
many you and all of
our people be blessed by your
presence among us for
many years to come
Sincerely

Chester V. Dunlop
68 Maplewood Ave Clifton, N.J.

think you will find
the original account in
detail of the loss and
intense suffering of the
survivors among the
narratives in "Shipwrecks and
Disasters at Sea".
I am writing to call
your attention to this
thinking you might
be interested in comparing
the original story contained
in "Shipwrecks and Disasters
at Sea" an old book printed
a hundred years ago. that
I had the pleasure of sending
you.

I know you can't spare
time to indulge your
fancies and hobbies, but

A Dramatic Story of Shipwreck

Jonathan Lee Writes of the Wreck of the Grosvenor, Which
Foundered North of Cape Town in 1782

THE FATE OF THE GROSVENOR. A True Account of the Wreck of the East Indiaman and the Fate of Its Survivors. By Jonathan Lee. Illustrations by John Alan Maxwell. 348 pp. New York: Covici, Friede. \$2.75.

By PERCY HUTCHISON

THE Grosvenor, stanch East Indiaman, a vessel of some 750 tons, flying the flag of the East India Company, London bound, sailed from Trincomalee in June, 1782. She carried a rich cargo under hatches; officers, passengers and crew numbered close to 150 persons all told. The course of the ship would be around the Cape of Good Hope. She foundered several hundred miles north and east of Cape Town, and the tale of fortitude and suffering on the part of the survivors is one probably without a parallel in the annals of the sea. And it is this story of privation, illness and death which Jonathan Lee sets forth in this book. With rather less source material to draw upon than was at the disposal of the authors of the Bounty saga and a consequently greater demand upon the imagination, "The Fate of the Grosvenor" is a more daring piece of work, as it was also more difficult of accomplishment. It should be well liked by all for whom adventure, even adventure as gruesome as it is here, has high appeal.

The stranding of the Grosvenor appears to have taken place

he would keep inland with Coxon or try the shore route under the mate. The married men, the women and the children, with the exception of the orphan boy, Robert Law, elected to go with the captain's party, not one of whom was ever heard of again.

Many, of course, died from exhaustion and starvation; some, no doubt, were killed by savages, perhaps to be eaten. Some years afterward the discovery of an African tribe with whitened skins and smooth hair was reported, and the British Government sent an expedition to find out if any of the Grosvenor's people were among them. But the "blond" Negroes were proved to be descended from Portuguese sailors wrecked during the previous century. Mr. Lee, who is not engaged in the fabrication of an out-and-out horror tale, does not attempt to reconstruct from whole cloth, the only way he could have done it, the fate of the party that was lost. Wisely, he confines himself to the hardships and heroism of that group to which the handful of survivors belonged, since here he could have something of fact to build on. But those who eventually got through were so shattered that there was little agreement in their befuddled accounts. Mr. Lee has perforce been obliged to reconstruct, as a naturalist reconstructs a mastodon from a few bones. But the result is convincing in its essential truthfulness. An intensely moving, often

of the Dark Continent, as these hardy mariners were speedily to discover, were infinitely greater. The food aboard ship might be moldy, the water slimy, but these drawbacks were preferable to no water and no food. Clear water they often came upon, or none would have lived. But just as often the water holes were far between, and as they had no receptacles for carrying water their thirst was intolerable. Fortunately, the kaffirs whose villages they came upon were generally more stupid than savage, and so long as the ship's people had trinkets to barter the natives would sell them milk and meat, but the supply of trinkets was speedily gone, and then the savages would give nothing. One man had managed to secrete a watch, and with this an entire bullock was purchased. But in another village the one tinderbox they had was stolen by a black, and thereafter it was necessary to carry a burning torch by day in order to have fire at night to keep off the wild beasts. One by one the men began to drop from exhaustion or go insane.

Mr. Lee draws an emotionally effective picture of the steward Lillburn, a giant in size, who undertakes to bring the orphan boy through, giving half of whatever food he may himself have to the lad in addition to the boy's own share, and carrying him in his arms many a foot-sore mile. But the boy dies, and Lillburn also not long afterward. Eventually



From a Drawing by John Alan Maxwell for "The Wreck of the Grosvenor."

What is one's reaction to such which. But the main fact is in a book as "The Fate of the Grosvenor."

about two months after her departure from Trincomalee. That Captain Coxon was most sadly out in his reckoning is apparent, but with the insufficient nautical knowledge of the time and the inadequacy of nautical instruments, the wonder is that any ship should ever have been anywhere near where a captain supposed her to be. Coxon thought that he was about four day's sail from Cape Town. A gale was blowing and sail had been shortened when breakers were sighted close aboard. Captain Coxon attempted to claw off, but the vessel drove stern first on the rocks, breaking up so quickly that the people on the ship were barely able to save themselves and to salvage a small amount of stores. So sanguine was Captain Coxon of his proximity to Cape Town that he insisted a sixteen-day march would bring them there. One hundred and seventeen days later eight men, all who remained alive, reached that haven.

Mr. Lee devotes his first pages to the building up of a picture of the ship's company and of life aboard the Grosvenor as she sailed southward through the Indian Ocean. The crew was the usual mixed lot: English, Irish and Welsh sailors and a few Lascars. Among the passengers two or three of the men had their wives aboard and there were several children. For a time the entire company kept together. More than sixteen days had already passed; they had eaten most of their food, they had lost everything but a general sense of direction and they were confronted by a broad river. Captain Coxon suggested that they divide into two groups, one group to try to reach Cape Town by marching along an inland route, the others to keep nearer to the sea. Each was at liberty to choose whether

hair-raising narrative.

The perils of the sea were numerous enough in the eighteenth century: disease, pirates and uncharted shores. But the perils

the bearded tatterdemalions who were still on their feet came to a Dutch village, whence they were able to make the last stage of their killing trek by ox cart.

Grosvenor" likely to be? It is very hard to say, for the reason that there is, of necessity, such a mingling of fact and imagination one cannot tell which is

actually made by the eight who survived. And that is enough to stir one to the core without too much quibbling over the authenticity of details.

The Decline of Cotton Farming in the Old South

THE WASTED LAND. By Gerald W. Johnson. 110 pp. Chapel Hill: The University of North Carolina Press. \$1.50.

By WILLIAM SHANDS MEACHAM

IN the Eighteen-Eighties Henry W. Grady was eloquently hailing the New South and pointing the index finger of oratory toward the rosy picture of a future in which a multitude of good yeomen on small farms would create a new prosperity on the ruins of the Old South of slavery. But the New South did not arrive punctually at the command of the prophets.

Now the signs of a failing agricultural economy indicate that the South must choose new directions. Gerald W. Johnson has written a synthesis of Howard W. Odum's "Southern Regions of the United States" (reserving the right to draw his own editorial conclusions), in which he shows how tragically true it is that the circle of cotton farming was not endless. It is not only wearing out around the edges (where countless sharecroppers have walked the treadmill of transiency, on their hapless pilgrimages from plantation to plantation), but it is being destroyed at the center. Cotton raised abroad is menacing the Southeastern crop; new cotton fields are blooming in the Southwest; chemistry with its synthetic products is plotting against the fabrics that come from the cotton fields; the mechanical cotton picker that will release field hands by the hundred thousand for other

forms of employment that are now available, is just around the corner. Mr. Johnson sees the wreck of the cotton economy plainly in sight. "It is assuming no great risk of prophesy to say that the end of another ten years will see cotton farming so precarious and unprofitable that only victims of dire necessity will undertake it," he writes.

In the statistical study he made for the Southern Regional Committee Dr. Odum divided all the United States into six natural regions and the South into two distinct regions, the Southeast and the Southwest. The Southeast comprises the States of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louisiana and Arkansas, with a population of over twenty-five millions in 1930. This is really the wasted land, Mr. Johnson tells us, with twenty-two and a half million acres destroyed by wind and water erosion, and by plows wantonly guided by unskilled hands, a system of agriculture that has been recklessly prodigal with the wealth of the soil. As the tide of erosion has risen, the loss of the soil has had a counterpart in the loss of human resources by emigration.

Unless the South can erect barriers against these tides of waste, Mr. Johnson foresees the decline of another noble civilization. But he thinks this can be done. The Southeast is still rich in natural resources and the way

is still open for the development of a flowering economy through the correlation of a wise program of industrialization with diversified agriculture. And there is no doubt that the future of the South is to be predominantly agrarian.

Dr. Odum's regionalism is the new hope of the South, and it receives strong editorial support in "The Wasted Land." The thesis is that by grouping the Southeastern States, as a natural region, with common characteristics and common needs, regardless of State lines, its planners and its people will be moving in both the direction of simplifying their problems and of solving them. If they can erase State lines from their minds (though not from the map), they can better understand how to acquire more skilled technicians, how properly to attract capital and how to develop their institutions.

While Mr. Johnson realizes fully "the terrific psychological hurdles" which the central planning authority he proposes would face, he points out that there are already planning boards in all the States of the Southeast except two. The authority he has in mind would be a vast social agency, mobilizing the existing social forces of the South for the march along progressive roads, and itself creating a new force.

Here we come to the crux of the case of regionalism. If it cannot both mobilize its social forces and implement them in the

sphere of political action, this new movement will remain as academic and as impotent as were the New Southists of the Eighteen-Eighties. For the wasteland, also, is the result of a political design that was deep laid. The encouraging sign is that in some States of the Southeast where the principle of planning is being established there is an accompanying interest in broadening the base of the franchise and bringing about a better balance of powers in the electorate. Regionalism cannot plan for that portion of either a white or a Negro South that is disfranchised, and a central problem would seem to be speeding and invigorating interracial cooperation. Both Odum and Johnson proceed on the assumption that the Negro is "an integral, normal and continuing factor in the culture of the Southeast." And the point is to get the whole South to take this view, admitting all the implications it has for progress—or the reverse.

It is possible that regionalism can gain tremendously influential support from the growing movement of Southern liberalism, which has been expressing itself in a literary movement for which sociology, in the broad sense, has been furnishing the plot. This sociologico-literary renaissance has been going on apace for the past decade, and Mr. Johnson has contributed an interesting and well-written volume that deserves an important place on its shelf.

The New York Times

Book Review

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JANUARY 30

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A FINE NOVEL OF CHILDHOOD

"Ships in the Sky" Is an Autobiographical Story of Iceland

SHIPS IN THE SKY. By Gunnar Gunnarsson. 387 pp. New York: The Bobbs-Merrill Company. \$2.50.

By STANLEY YOUNG

NOW that Auden and MacNeice have given us a literary joy-ride and merry-go-round gallop through Iceland, it is likely that the camera and notebook of the tourist will head for higher latitudes this season. If there are some travelers not quite persuaded, an evening with "Ships in the Sky" will do one of two things: make it unnecessary for them to go or else send them headlong to book passage to this dark and heady land of poets, farmers and fishermen.

Gunnar Gunnarsson, an Icelandic who writes in Danish, has a large public in Scandinavia and in Germany. And with this introduction to America, he is certain of an appreciative audience here. His island country, as he presents it, comes to us as one of the most livable and romantic spots on the globe and so tenderly does he write of the breathless, expectant experience of childhood that we turn to examine our own memories and to relive them again.

The novel is autobiographical as written from the notes of one Uggi Greipsson, up to the eighth year of his life. In first person singular, the author identifies himself with Uggi and tells the story through his eyes. But at the opening, from the vantage point of middle age, he says:

Gone are the years when I was young and still innocent except for original sin * * * the years when adventures brought me experience without bitterness * * * the years when my sympathy with all things living was uncritical and intense * * * when God seemed to me a generous, friendly grandfather, the Devil a rather dangerous and moody but, on the whole, essentially stupid and harmless godfather * * * these indeed are the years that will never return.

But as vividly as a picture book they do return when Gunnarsson writes of them: the stern but lovable father who ran the farm with a sure hand and

after six months of plaiting was the following: "Satan-in-Hell's-sulphur-stinking-pools-lowest-pit's-cursed-depths" — which may be pretty terrifying in Icelandic!

Then there was Bjarni Smith, the blacksmith, cheerfully garrulous and critical of an eternal order not intelligent enough to

ing in this book is a poetic and imaginative feeling brought out through the speech of a people rich in traditions and superstitions, and close to the sun and the earth and water of a hard-bitten land.

It is Uggi's Grandpa-from-Knör who, after some sixty years of toil on this land,

And after all of that, if you can, rise at 4 in Summer and 6 in Winter, and be brisk in your dealings. Such is Old Papa's catechism for life in Iceland—secrets that he let fall to Uggi as he drowsed by the fireside, cheered up only occasionally by a pinch of snuff.

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A FINE NOVEL OF CHILDHOOD

"Ships in the Sky" Is an Autobiographical Story of Iceland

SHIPS IN THE SKY. By Gunnar Gunnarsson. 387 pp. New York: The Bobbs-Merrill Company. \$2.50.

By STANLEY YOUNG

NOW that Auden and MacNeice have given us a literary joy-ride and merry-go-round gallop through Iceland, it is likely that the camera and notebook of the tourist will head for higher latitudes this season. If there are some travelers not quite persuaded, an evening with "Ships in the Sky" will do one of two things: make it unnecessary for them to go or else send them headlong to book passage to this dark and heady land of poets, farmers and fishermen.

Gunnar Gunnarsson, an Icelander who writes in Danish, has a large public in Scandinavia and in Germany. And with this introduction to America, he is certain of an appreciative audience here. His island country, as he presents it, comes to us as one of the most livable and romantic spots on the globe and so tenderly does he write of the breathless, expectant experience of childhood that we turn to examine our own memories and to relive them again.

The novel is autobiographical as written from the notes of one Uggi Greipsson, up to the eighth year of his life. In first person singular, the author identifies himself with Uggi and tells the story through his eyes. But at the opening, from the vantage point of middle age, he says:

Gone are the years when I was young and still innocent except for original sin * * * the years when adventures brought me experience without bitterness * * * the years when my sympathy with all things living was uncritical and intense * * * when God seemed to me a generous, friendly grandfather, the Devil a rather dangerous and moody but, on the whole, essentially stupid and harmless godfather * * * these indeed are the years that will never return.

But as vividly as a picture book they do return when Gunnarsson writes of them: the stern but lovable father who ran the farm with a sure hand and who impulsively shot Skjoni, the horse, after he had kicked Uggi; the mother with the warm and misty eyes and the gentle mouth, calling the children "her little flock"; Old Begga in the kitchen with her fabulous stories and her dripping nose and her unpredictable temper; Bjöss, the shepherd boy who taught little Uggi how to swear simple oaths, twined oaths and plaited oaths in Icelandic until both their faces were swollen from exhaustion. (A plaited oath consists in words and ideas in composition which must never be broken by anything unimportant or by breathing or by repeating the same word or by stopping to think. Little Uggi's best oath

after six months of plaiting was the following: "Satan-in-Hell's-sulphur-stinking-pools-lowest-pit's-cursed-depths" — which may be pretty terrifying in Icelandic!) Then there was Bjarni Smith, the blacksmith, cheerfully garrulous and critical of an eternal order not intelligent enough to

ing in this book is a poetic and imaginative feeling brought out through the speech of a people rich in traditions and superstitions, and close to the sun and the earth and water of a hard-bitten land.

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The national temperament which produced the eddas, the sagas and a twelfth-century literature of genuine stature must

be at work again when such books as Gudmundsson's "Morning of Life" and Gunnarsson's "Ships in the Sky" are being written. The imaginative stamp of this people, as this author reveals it, is closely akin to the poetic spirit behind the Irish renaissance. Gunnarsson has written a beautiful book, and in it one chapter about the death of the boy's mother that is unsurpassed in such world literature as is known to me.



Gunnar Gunnarsson.

have perceived that horses would need shoes, that Icelanders would need tobacco for their pipes without having to go South and import it, that against the cold and sleet they would need spirits and rich brandies in their mountain streams instead of ice water. Old Begga's imagination was equally rich and she terrified young Uggi with stories of Gryla, the troll-wife, who went around stuffing naughty children into her sack. In fact all of the rich feel-

concludes that there are three things by which a man can live: the riches of the sea, the produce of the earth and the stupidity of his neighbor.

And if you don't believe it, says he, come to Knör, children. Drink codliver oil raw, in the old way. A drink excellent in porridge, sweet in soup and like the "kiss of a lover" when the stomach is empty. Suck barley-sugar. Eat the delicate herring, the food of Paradise.

Buckley

February 9, 1938

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My dear Mrs. Dyess:

Your card to the President has been received and he asks me to express his thanks to you and the members of the Primary Department of the First Baptist Sunday School for your nice thought in sending him the Bible for his birthday. Your kindness is deeply appreciated by him.

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Very sincerely yours,

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M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mrs. I. Dyess, ^x
Navasota,
Texas.

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Presented to

Mr. F. D. Russell
By Primary Department
of First Baptist Sunday School
Navasota, Texas.
January 1928.

May the charm of this day
Remain in your heart,
And its happiness
to your life impart
A wealth of things
to give you pleasure
And lasting joy
in abundant measure.

Thank
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he appreciates your contribution to the Infantile
Paralysis Fund.

Very sincerely yours,

Gone Away

H. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Violet Daniels,
169 Shuttle Meadow Avenue,
New Britain,
Connecticut.

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February 10, 1938

My dear Violet:

Your nice note has been received by the President. He thanks you very much indeed for your friendly thought in sending him that beautiful tie and has asked me to convey his best wishes to you.

The President wants you to know that he appreciates your contribution to the Infantile Paralysis Fund.

Very sincerely yours,

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M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Violet Daniels,
169 Shuttle Meadow Avenue,
New Britain,
Connecticut.

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Hon. Pres. Roosevelt,
I am a girl
who is ten years
old. My name is
Violet Daniels.
I'm sending you
a necktie, please
tie it on you, you
will be doing
me a great favor.
and I am sending
you some money.

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at which was shown in the
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for the cripple children,
I hope god will
always be with you.

Sincerely yours,
Violet Daniels

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HATON, Allen
Rural Arts Exhibition
Dept. of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.
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On behalf of Mrs. George Dahl of Lignite, North Dakota, Mr. Eaton sent the President a small hand carved boat which was shown in the Rural Arts Exhibition. This boat is like those used on the rivers and lakes in Sweden thirty-five years ago.

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February 11, 1938

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My dear Mr. Stirling:

The President has received your note of January thirtieth. He more than appreciates the birthday greetings of the Davie Sunday School and asks if you will not convey to them his cordial thanks for those beautiful roses.

The President sends his very best wishes to every one concerned.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Stirling

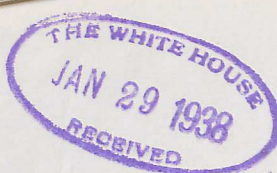
M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Frank Stirling, Esq.,
Superintendent, Davie Sunday School,
Route 1,
Fort Lauderdale,
Florida.

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Davie, Route 1,
Fort Lauderdale, Florida
January 30, 1938

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

Dear Mr. President:

Davie Sunday School has the custom of celebrating
birthdays by singing "Happy Birthday to you", and giving
to each a bouquet of red roses.

This morning, since it was the first Sunday after
your birthday, we sang to you, and arranged to have the
bouquet of red roses sent to you, with our best wishes
for a very happy year.

Very sincerely yours,

Frank Stirling
(Frank Stirling)
Superintendent,
Davie Sunday School

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February 11, 1938

My dear Mr. Dameron:

The President thanks you very much
for your courtesy in sending him that fine
cane. He is glad to have it and wants you to
know that he deeply appreciates your friendly
thoughtfulness.

Very sincerely yours,

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M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

W. K. Dameron, Esq.,
Galax,
Virginia.

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Thomas Downs, Esq.,
170 Walnut Avenue,
Trenton,
New Jersey.

February 10, 1938

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Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

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My dear Mr. Downs:

The President has received the drawing which you were kind enough to send him, and he asks me to assure you of his deepest appreciation of your friendly thought of him.

Very sincerely yours,

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M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Thomas Downs, Esq.,
170 Walnut Avenue,
Trenton,
New Jersey.

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February 14, 1938

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My dear Mr. Depp:

Thank you very much for the handsome gavel
presented to me through the courtesy of Senator Alben
Barkley.

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I am very glad to have it for my collection.

Very sincerely yours,

Miss LeVend

P. W. Depp, Esq.,
Glasgow,
Kentucky.

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February 18, 1938

My dear Mrs. Danzell:

Will you please let me make this belated acknowledgment of your letter and that fine cake which you sent to the President for his birthday. I regret to say that the matter was evidently overlooked in the mass of mail received in this office and just came to light today. I am indeed sorry.

The President thanks you ever so much for your friendly thought of him and wants you to know that he is deeply grateful for your word of commendation.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mrs. Agnes Danzell,
303 Devine Road,
San Antonio,
Texas.

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February 21, 1938

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303 Devine Road
San Antonio, Texas
January 24, 1938

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Honorable President:

It is indeed a great pleasure
and honor for me to you wishing
you a Very happy Birthday and
many, many more to come.

I am sending to you a Birthday
cake which make the fourth (4th) one
I have sent to you on your Birthdays
but last year I did not owing to the
fact I was very ill in bed.

I am the lady that lived on
590 Second, St. Butler, Pa. that
work for Mr. W. H. Phillips, but we
are in San Antonio, Texas for a winter
resort.

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HOTEL VAN CLEVE

February 21, 1938

Now I trust that it will
be accepted as it is given with
harmless thoughts, but just as a
little token of a appreciation for
what you have done for the
Nation at large.

Signed,

Mrs. Agnes Danyell.

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HOTEL VAN CLEVE

February 21, 1938

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My dear Mr. Daschner:

The President has asked me to acknowledge your letter of February twentieth on behalf of the Dayton Committee of the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, and to thank you very much indeed for the ice cream. He more than appreciates the friendly good wishes extended to him by your Committee.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

W. G. m

Rudolph Daschner, Esq.,
Hotel Van Cleve,
Dayton,
Ohio.

Sincerely,

Rudolph E. Daschner
Manager Hotel Van Cleve

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White House*

HOTEL VAN CLEVE

DAYTON, OHIO

OFFICE OF RUDOLPH M. DASCHNER, MANAGER

*Thank
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January 29, 1938.



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CHICAGO

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

Dear Mr. President:

With the best wishes for a happy
birthday from the Dayton Committee
of the National Foundation for In-
fantile Paralysis, as one of its
members, I extend these greetings
in this unique and different manner.
Hoping you will enjoy it with the
same pleasure it gives the sender.

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Sincerely,

R.M. Daschner

Rudolph M. Daschner
Manager Hotel Van Cleve

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February 26, 1938

My dear Mr. Dressler:

Thank you ever so much for your very
kind letter of February tenth and for your
nice thought in sending me those publications.
I am more than pleased to have them and I
want you to know, too, how grateful I am for
your cordial good wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

Alm. Garabner

Albert Dressler, Esq.,
2263 Geary Street,
San Francisco,
California.

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one of the books -
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February 25, 1938

. Duskin:

The President has asked me to thank
for friendly greetings and to tell you
than appreciates your kind thought
that nice gift. He wants you to
know that he is grateful for your prayers.

Frame Picture Very sincerely yours,

Engine Room

M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Louis Duskin, Esq.,
91 Franklin Street,
Providence,
Rhode Island.

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Albert Einstein, 1905
The Annals of Physics
Vol. 17, No. 2
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February 25, 1938

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you for your friendly greetings and to tell you
that he more than appreciates your kind thought
in sending him that nice gift. He wants you to
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To the President of the United States

Dear Sir,

I am taking

the liberty to offer my
congratulations on your
56 birthdays.

I am sending you a
birthday picture, in it are
pictures of you from one
year old to the present
day.

In the heart are pictures

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of your Mother, surrounded by
the prayers of King David for
you and the government
in the smallest Hebrew
writing, In the Star is
My country his of Thee -
also Harkkook - and many
more prayers and psalms -
all done in pen and
ink,

Hoping that all the
prayers will be answered.

Yours Truly -
Louis Duskin -

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March 2, 1938

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Respectfully referred to the
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M. H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

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DRYER, C De Villers, The Wembley, Yurong St., Sydney, N.S.W., Australia,
2/1/38 sends Pres. a copy of his book "The Bible of Nature" and feels
that the American people are ready for this constructive truth and
that the President could be its leader which would insure happiness
and cooperation, etc. among the nations of the World

Book attached

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March 3, 1938

My dear Mr. d'Emery:

It was nice of you to send those
photographs to the President. He has asked me
to thank you for your courtesy and to express
his appreciation of your kind thoughtfulness.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Zanabec

M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Charles d'Emery, Esq.,
Manugian Studios,
South Norwalk,
Connecticut.

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March 9, 1938

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Dear Ryan:

Thank you very much for that package of
delicious "prize" cheese.

I am delighted to have this sample of a
grand Wisconsin product.

Will you convey my appreciation to Mr.
George L. Mooney, Secretary of the National Cheese
Institute.

Very sincerely,

Honorable F. Ryan Duffy,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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Address letter to Sen.
Duffy - thanking both
he & George L. Mooney, Sec,
National Cheese Institute
for cheese

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courtesy in sending him a copy of your booklet.
He appreciates your kind thoughtfulness and has
asked me to convey his good wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Ann Chen

M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mrs. I. L. Daniels,
Route 3, Strawberry Hill,
Alexandria,
Virginia.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

*Senator Duffy's
Prize Cheese*

March 16, 1938

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courtesy in sending him a copy of your booklet.
He appreciates your kind thoughtfulness and has
asked me to convey his good wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Ann Chen

Mrs. I. L. Daniels,
Route 3, Strawberry Hill,
Alexandria,
Virginia.

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March 16, 1938

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My dear Mrs. Daniels:

Your letter of March second has been received and the President thanks you for your courtesy in sending him a copy of your booklet. He appreciates your kind thoughtfulness and has asked me to convey his good wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Ann Chen

Mrs. I. L. Daniels,
Route 3, Strawberry Hill,
Alexandria,
Virginia.

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Strawberry Hill,
Alexandria, Va., P.D.,
March 2, 1938.



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Dear Mr. President,

Appreciating your hobby, boats,
I am presuming to give you a copy of the
booklet which I wrote for the National Save Old
Ironides Committee, in the hope that it may
find a place in your private library.

Respectfully,

Lilla Wood Daniels
(Mrs. L. L.)

given to Mrs. Egan
for Pres.
P.D.

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March 17, 1938

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My dear Mrs. Davis:

The President has received your letter of February twenty-ninth, with the enclosed card of greeting. He thanks you ever so much for that beautiful bed spread and has asked me to express his appreciation of your friendly thought of him.

Very sincerely yours,

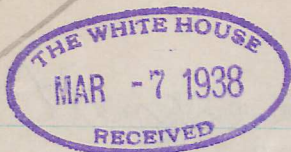
M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mrs. E. L. Davis,
88 Stuyvesant Avenue,
Merrick, Long Island,
New York.

wish I could at had the honor of shaking hands with you and Mrs Roosevelt

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Merrick L. L.

Feb 29, 1938

Dear President Roosevelt

I am sending a bun bed spread, which I tried to have it finished, for your Birthday, but I could not get it done, but it is better late than never and I do hope that you will like it, and also Mrs Roosevelt as it is all hand made.

President Roosevelt my husband and I were to Washington I think it was about the 13 of Feb and we stood on the corner across from your back gate and saw you and Mrs Roosevelt going to church, and I wish I could of had the honor of shaking hands with you and Mrs Roosevelt

President Roosevelt I do hope
you get this bed spread
safely, and I wish you will
drop me a line to let me
know, if you receive it all
wright my address is

Mrs E. J. Davis
88 Stuyvesant ave
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Birthday Remembrance

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Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Lolland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mrs. Doris Derner,
3524 West Garrison Avenue,
Baltimore,
Maryland.

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Wishing you everything
that will fill this
Birthday and all the
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sunshine
and happiness!

Mrs E. L. Davis

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Very sincerely yours,

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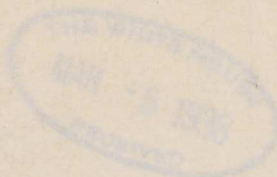
Mrs. Doris Demmer,
3524 West Garrison Avenue,
Baltimore,
Maryland.

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March 18, 1938



My dear Mrs. Demers:

Your letter of March first has been received and I want to thank you in the President's behalf for your courtesy in sending him the gift to which you refer. I know that he will appreciate your friendly thoughtfulness.

I am indeed sorry, but because of the extreme pressure of his official duties and the many requests for his signature that are constantly being received, it simply is impossible for the President to comply with them. I am sure you will understand.

Very sincerely yours,

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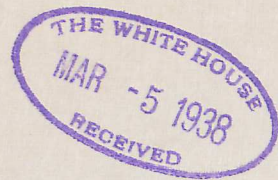
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H. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Mrs. Doris Demer,
3524 West Garrison Avenue,
Baltimore,
Maryland.

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for 1st
March 1, 1938.
His Excellency The President
of the United States;
Dear Mr. President;



Hoping you will enjoy
looking at this gift which I made you
for your 3rd term and sincerely hope
you will run again. We are all
with you and are true Citizens of the
United States. I have received many
letters from your secretary with his signature
on them. This time I hope that I
will receive your signature which I
greatly desire. Otherwise I will think
that you have not received my gift
to you.

I am
Sincerely yours,
Mrs L. Diermer.

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March 19, 1938

Gentlemen:

Thank you ever so much in the President's behalf for your courtesy in sending him one of your recent publications. You may be sure your kind thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

H. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Dodge Publishing Company,
116 East 16th Street,
New York, N.Y.

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Overlooking Beautiful Carmel Bay ~ On the Mission Trail

With the Compliments of

Dodge Publishing Company
and the authors

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Thank for book
"My Meddle in the Orient"

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ciate this evidence of your good will.

Very sincerely yours,

Glass dish

Walden

M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

J. de Cordova, Esq.,
Lincoln,
Massachusetts.

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March 30, 1938

My dear Mr. de Cordova:

This will acknowledge receipt of your nice gift which has been received in the absence of the President. Please let me thank you ever so much in his behalf for your courtesy in sending it to him. I can assure you that he will appreciate this evidence of your good will.

Very sincerely yours,

Glasscock

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H. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

J. de Cordova, Esq.,
Lincoln,
Massachusetts.

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Overlooking Beautiful Carmel Bay ~ On the Mission Trail



Overlooking Beautiful Carmel Bay ~ On the Mission Trail



Held for
glass
M. Hill

15 Feb 38

My dear Miss LeHand -

Will you mind
the trouble of saying to Dr. Roemer
that I have already by letter ack-
nowledged receipt of his donation
to the Lincoln Museum, and
now I shall send him a
piece of glass designed &
made by me in my glass
factory - I do not suppose he
is aware that the writer made
the finest glass ever made in
the U.S., probably he is also
not aware that de Cordova discovered
America & not Columbus, or that
de Cordova founded the first
mission in Calif. or that de Cordova
brought Texas into the Union.
Yehall this is so, nor did

he knew that de Cordova's portrait
hangs in every I.O.O.F. Lodge in
Texas. Nor does he know that
the original idea I now send him
came from the writer & he may
enjoy it with me it really is so
good; And when my small but
beautiful token of my appreciation
of his gift to my museum does
come, do you look at it &
get him to give me his personal
opinion. I enclose view of one
of the Galleries in Lincoln ask
him during his vacation to make
over & lunch with.

Julian de Cordova
Lincoln Mass

Q. What are the differences between
the Mored & the American Nation

Ans. The Mored revolves on its Axis.
The Am Nation on its Taxes
& the Am Govt on its Taxes.

Ask Mr. P. & notice the number of accidents

Warm Springs, Georgia
March 29, 1938

pp. 7.
9-P

My dear Mr. Daniels:

The book which you were good enough to
send to the President has been received and he
wants you to know that he is most appreciative
of your friendly thought of him. He asks me to
convey his best wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Rec'd at W.S.

M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

John Daniels, Esq.,
208 East 16th Street,
New York, N.Y.

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John Davids
208 E. 16th St
New York, N.Y.

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HON. FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES
WARM SPRINGS, GEORGIA

the book - March 24th - I also addressed a letter to him at Warm Springs, in which I took the liberty as a Harvard classmate of congratulating him upon his Gainesville address and the first installment of his Story of the New Deal, and went on to mention certain things which have made me a deeply convinced supporter of the New Deal and the President's policies and achievements.

I trust this letter was likewise, received, because it expressed what is in my heart as well as my head. And if possibly the President and Mrs. Roosevelt should find time to look at the book, I think they will find it in harmony with New Deal objectives. Perhaps you can seize a moment sometime to peep into it yourself.

Miss M.A. LeHand
Private Secretary
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Sincerely yours,

John Davids

Delaware Tercentenary Commission,
509 Delaware Trust Building,
Wilmington,
Delaware.

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April 12, 1938

JOHN DANIELS
208 EAST 16TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

My dear Miss LeHand:

Thank you for your letter of March 29th from Warm Springs, written in behalf of the President and kindly letting me know that the copy of my book "Cooperation: An American Way," which I sent him there, was duly received. I appreciate his best wishes which you conveyed to me.

On the same date that I mailed the book - March 24th - I also addressed a letter to him at Warm Springs, in which I took the liberty as a Harvard classmate of congratulating him upon his Gainesville address and the first installment of his Story of the New Deal, and went on to mention certain things which have made me a deeply convinced supporter of the New Deal and the President's policies and achievements.

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Washington, D.C.

Sincerely yours,

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March 24, 1938

JOHN DANIELS
208 EAST 16TH STREET
NEW YORK, N. Y.

My dear Franklin:

Will you honor me by accepting an advance copy of my book "Cooperation: An American Way," which will be published by Covici-Friede of New York on April 5th. This means that it will not be on sale in the bookstores (\$3) until that date, and that reviews will not appear till about that time. I am sending you a copy by parcel post today, and am taking the liberty of addressing this to you at Warm Springs on the chance that possibly you may have a little time down there to look it over. Its spirit and substance are in accord with the New Deal, which I hope it may help a little to further in the direction of better opportunity for consumers, ur-

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ban as well as rural. Knowing that Mrs. Roosevelt also is interested in cooperation, I will appreciate your kindness in showing the book to her.

I read with great interest in last night's papers your address at Gainesville and the first installment of your Story of the New Deal, and want to say Amen to both. This initial installment is very timely in view of current outgivings at Albany, and your address depicts tellingly the plight of the Under Dog in the South. What first made me a convinced supporter of the New Deal was your book "Looking Forward," which showed that during the period of your Governorship you were thinking through the whole range of governmental problems and charting the field for future action on a national scale. Having read that book, I have been able to see how and where your policies and your achievements as President

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fit into a logical and generally consistent whole. The bitter opposition to your program springs, I feel, not from reasoned objection to specific acts or proposals, but from a deep-seated and partly unconscious sense that what you stand for and are bringing to pass, works to undermine and abolish the entrenched privileges which human nature - almost universally - dearly loves and will surrender only under compulsion or the most skilful persuasion. But when the smoke of battle has cleared away, I have no doubt that even many of the people who are now bitterest will see and acknowledge that you have led America into a renaissance which will mark a new era of its history.

With hearty best wishes,

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
President of the United States
Warm Springs, Georgia

Sincerely yours,

Wm. Danforth

PRIVATE SECRETARY

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509 Delaware Trust Building,
Wilmington,
Delaware.

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April 6, 1938

April 7, 1938

My dear Friends:

The President thanks you very much indeed for the copy of "New Sweden on the Delaware". He is glad to have the volume and has asked me to express his appreciation of your friendly thought in sending it to him.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Chas

M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Delaware Tercentenary Commission,
509 Delaware Trust Building,
Wilmington,
Delaware.

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Buchley

April 6, 1938

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My dear Mr. De Jekelfalussy:

I have your note of March thirty-first
and thank you ever so much for the ash trays which
you so kindly sent for the President and me. It
was most thoughtful of you and may I assure you
that we are glad to have them.

With the best of good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Roosevelt

JAMES ROOSEVELT
Secretary to the President

Mr. Johnson De Jekelfalussy,
Ekstrand Mfg. Company, Inc.,
30 Irving Place,
New York, N. Y.

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Johnson de Jekelfalussy

Long Island, N. Y.

NUF·A·RETTE

THE ONLY OUTSTANDING IMPROVEMENT IN ASH TRAYS IN YEARS

EKSTRAND MANUFACTURING CO., Inc.

Makers of

High Grade Specialties and Novelties

30 IRVING PLACE

NEW YORK, N. Y.

March 31, 1938.

Personal

Lt.-Colonel James Roosevelt,

The White House.

Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. James:

Being connected at the present time with the Ekstrand Mfg. Co., makers of the new U. S. patented Snuf-A-Rette ash tray, it is with the greatest pleasure that I am forwarding you a few choice pieces made expressly for the President and you.

I hope the many improved features of the first really clean ash tray will contribute to the smoking pleasure of our President.

With very kindest regards to Mrs. Roosevelt and to your little girls, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

Johnson de Jerefalussy

37-43 Eighty eighth Street

Jackson Heights

Long Island, N. Y.

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THE ONLY OUTSTANDING IMPROVEMENT IN ASH TRAYS IN YEARS

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April 19, 1938

My dear Mrs. Connfelt:

Thank you for your letter of Easter Sunday.

I regret very much that it is not possible to comply with your request for an appointment for Mr. Dixon. As you can readily appreciate, the President has been extremely busy and because of the accumulation of matters awaiting his attention, I have found it necessary to restrict his engagements to those of a pressing official nature.

May I offer this suggestion? Since the beginning of the Administration I have been receiving gifts, etc., on behalf of the President and, if agreeable to Mr. Dixon, I will be very glad to receive the ducks, either personally or through the mails, and convey them to the President, with an appropriate word of explanation.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

M. H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

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Mrs. Una S. Connfelt,
c/o Dr. William J. Schieffelin,
Hampton Institute,
Hampton,
Virginia.

K/mdp

Buckley

Charles Dixon is a great
hunter & outdoors man
& I think the President
would enjoy a moment
with him - & I know he'd
like a pair of the Dux!
I am going to Hampton Va.
on April 20 - & my ad-
dress there will be -

Care Dr. Wm J. Schieffelin
Hampton Institute
Hampton

I understand that Mrs
Roosevelt is to speak at
the ceremonies we are
attending there - so I am
looking forward to seeing
her & hearing her there.

Buckley

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Carrying Allected
various kinds of
bire of course. It is
Admissions & present
a pair to the
President - how
is he possible for
me to bring him
in for five minutes
one of these days?

Earlier Sunday
Dear Mr Macchitry
I am expecting to
be in Washington
on April 25th & 26th
at the Shoreham
My friend Mr
Charles F. B. Dixon,
of Philadelphia,
who is an adviser
of the President

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I know that you will understand that I don't want to be importunate, & if you say No. I will just write to Phila. & say it can't be done - So don't think twice about it if it's impossible - I hope to

22, 1938

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ours,

A. LeHand
TE SECRETARY

J. Damilscwitz, Esq.,
109 North Seventh Street,
Connellsville,
Pennsylvania.

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See you in Washin,
As hell as nice
Other friends!

Believe me,
Always sincerely,
Una S. Connelley

here at present in
N.Y. at 1001 Park
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22, 1938

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A. LeHand
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Connellsville,
Pennsylvania.

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April 22, 1938

My dear Mr. Damilscwitz:

The President has asked me to thank
you for the gift which you were good enough to
send him and to express his cordial apprecia-
tion of your friendly thoughtfulness.

Very sincerely yours,

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M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

J. Damilscwitz, Esq.,
109 North Seventh Street,
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DANIELS, Jonathan
Editor, The News and Observer,
Raleigh, N. C.
4-13-38

Wrote to Mr. McIntyre re possibility of securing an autographed photograph of the President for 11-year old Billy Walker of Roanoke Island, N. C. Said he (Daniels) wants to send the President a copy of his book, A Southerner Discovers the South.

SEE WALKER

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Dear Mr. Daniels:

The President thanks you very much
for the just nice gift which you were good
enough to send him. He deeply appreciates
the friendly spirit which prompted your act and
has asked me to convey his best wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

W. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Fred H. Daniels, Esq.
21 Belmont Street,
Waltham,
Massachusetts.

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April 22, 1938

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April 22, 1938

My dear Mr. Dourette:

The President thanks you very much indeed for that nice gift which you were good enough to send him. He deeply appreciates the friendly spirit which prompted your act and has asked me to convey his best wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Enclay picture
J. L. Harding

M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Fred R. Dourette, Esq.,
41 Walnut Street,
Waltham,
Massachusetts.

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April 22, 1938

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to have it and appre-
ought in sending it to

Sincerely yours,

H. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Los Angeles,
California.

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The one you mentioned you were in

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April 22, 1938

My dear Dr. Dorsey:

The President has received your letter and thanks you very much indeed for the "De-Hooker". He is glad to have it and appreciates your friendly thought in sending it to him.

Very sincerely yours,

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H. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Dr. B. L. Dorsey,
1735 West 6th Street,
Los Angeles,
California.

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The letter was received by the President

Send letter and gadget to Dr. McIntyre

DORSEY, M.D.
West 6th St
HIRE BOULEVARD
LES, CALIFORN

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Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President.,-

part of fishing was the removal of t
in the mouth of the fish.

With my improved " De-Hooker " which
separate cover. You will enjoy mat
the motions of the floundering fish

Let me hope this little gadget may add to your fishing pleasures.

Such is the wish of.

Sincerely yours.

B.L. Dorsey
B.L. Dorsey.

B.L.D/M.B.

Thank for M.L
sig Ed send
letters with
hook to Dr.
McIntyre
P.L.

TELEPHONE MICHIGAN 2

B. L. DORSEY, M.D.
1735 West 6th St.
1546 WILSHIRE BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

Franklin. D. Roosevelt.
President of the United States.
Washington. D.C.

Dear Mr. President.,- Hereto-fore the unpleasant
part of fishing was the removal of the hook, especially when deep
in the mouth of the fish.

With my improved " De-Hooker " which you will receive under
separate cover. You will enjoy matching your dexterity with
the motions of the floundering fish.

Let me hope this little gadget may add to your fishing pleasures.

Such is the wish of.

Sincerely yours.

B. L. Dorsey.

B.L.D/M.B.

envelope attached goes with the picture

Buchler

April 22, 1938

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My dear Miss Drab:

The President is very glad indeed to have the picture which you were good enough to present to him. He wants you to know that he is deeply grateful for your friendly thought, and asks me to convey his best wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Miss Rose M. Drab,
Antigo,
Wisconsin.

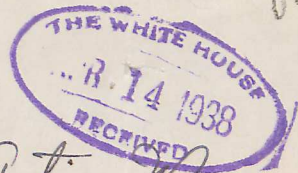
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Rose M Drab.

P.S. - The envelope attached goes with the picture

Thank
me

Museum
at W. H. I.



Antigo Wis.,
March 15, 1938

Dear Company Commander.

With only a copy of the Happy Days to guide me, and hopes for the best, I am sending you this picture of a hand drawn and hand embroidered eagle, which I would like to have one of the enrollees of your company (in behalf of all the C.C.C. boys of America) present to the father of the C.C.C. Pres. Franklin D. Roosevelt on or after March 31th. in honor of the fifth Anniversary.

My interest and faith is in youth and it is to the C.C.C. boys of America that I donate my work. Hoping for your most kind cooperation and asking your forgiveness for dropping from nowhere so suddenly, I will be anxiously awaiting your reply

Frame
Picture.

Very Sincerely, your
Only a C.C.C. boys sister.

Rose M Drab.

P.S. - The envelope attached goes with the picture

Antig's Wrs. DP #1

May 3, 1938

Dear Mr. Leland

And regards to your
letter of April 22 and you state the
President is very glad indeed to have the
picture which you were good enough
to present to him.

I drew and embroidered the eagle and donated
it to the CCC camp in Richmond Va. that
on the fifth anniversary of the CCC one
of the boys present it to the President
in behalf of all the CCC boys of America
All I ask is that credit be given where
credit is due I did not present it to the
President

very sincerely yours,

Rose M. Drab

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(given to Pres)

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April 21, 1938

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Gentlemen:

The President has asked me to thank
you for your courtesy in sending him a copy of
your book "United States Government Securities".
He is glad to have the volume.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Lolland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

+ C. J. Devine & Co., Inc.,
48 Wall Street,
New York, N.Y.

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(given to Pres)

6. H. GRIMM COMPANY

April 29, 1938

MAPLE SUGAR MAKERS' UTENSILS

RUTLAND, VERMONT

April 29, 1938

My dear Mr. Duffy:

The President was delighted to receive that fine Vermont maple sugar. He wants you to know that he much appreciates your friendly thoughtfulness in sending it to him and asks me to convey his very best wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

M. A. Leland
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Honorable Frank H. Duffy,
Democratic National Committeeman,
Rutland,
Vermont.

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To Mrs. Leland

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL COMMUNICATIONS TO THE COMPANY

G. H. GRIMM COMPANY

MANUFACTURER OF MODERN

MAPLE SUGAR MAKERS' UTENSILS

RUTLAND, VT.

April 25, 1938

Miss M. A. LeHand
Private Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss LeHand:

We have your letter thanking us for the carton of maple sugar sent to the president. This sugar was sent by Mr. Frank H. Duffy, Democratic National Committeeman from Vermont. His card was enclosed and must have been overlooked by whoever opened the package. Please acknowledge same to Mr. Duffy.

Very truly yours,

G. H. Grimm

GCC:SLW

*Mr. Duffy
MAH*

*Archd
4-29-38*

Bureau

P.P.T.
9-10

April 21, 1938

FROM: G. H. Grimm
Rutland, Vt.

REMARKS: carton of maple sugar.

My dear Mr. Grimm:

to Mrs. It was nice to you to send that carton
of maple sugar to the President. He is glad to
have it and has asked me to thank you ever so
much for your friendly thought of him.

Very sincerely yours,

Mr. Zanata

M. A. LeHand
PRIVATE SECRETARY

G. H. Grimm, Esq.,
Rutland,
Vermont.

...the maple sugar is a beautiful
...it is made from a certain plant and found
...of the year. The entire product of
...and there are two in three weeks to, ia
...that you will enjoy this simple
...it to you. I hope the sugar
...will be enjoyed.

MRS LARRABEE
FOR THE PRESIDENT

April 7 1938

FROM G. H. Grimm
Rutland, Vt.

REMARKS cartoon of maple sugar.
to Mrs. Larrabee

le Pennsylvania
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enclosing for
and esteem.
the Holy Ghost
, and I am

most interesting.
rich the yolk
dried, various
this is then

colored silk are placed
placed the lacy net-work which gives the egg such a beautiful
appearance. The net is made from a certain plant and found
only at a certain season of the year. The entire process of
making is done by hand and takes from two to three weeks for
completion.

I do hope sincerely that you will enjoy this simple
gift as much as I have in sending it to you. I have the honor
to remain most sincerely yours,

Josephine Damascowitz

109 N. Seventh Street

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Connellsville Pennsylvania
April 12, 1938
87/26/38

President Franklin Roosevelt
Washington D.C.

My dear Mr. President,

Under separate cover I am enclosing for you an Easter novelty as a token of good-will and esteem. I have procured this novelty from a nun of the Holy Ghost order, whose hobby it is to create the unusual, and I am sure you will find it just that.

The process in making these eggs is most interesting. The foundation is that of an egg shell from which the yolk has been expelled. After the shell has been dried, various colored silks are placed over the top. Over this is then placed the lacy net-work which gives the egg such a beautiful appearance. The net is made from a certain plant and found only at a certain season of the year. The entire process of making is done by hand and takes from two to three weeks for completion.

I do hope sincerely that you will enjoy this simple gift as much as I have in sending it to you. I have the honor to remain most sincerely yours,

Josephine Damasevitz
109 N. Seventh Street