PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL FILE

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Gifts F
Jan.-Feb. 1944

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BRACKMEYER, Bill,
Combes, Texas,
January 1, 1944 - filed.

P.P.F. 9-7

Youngster writes to the President, encl. pictures that he drew; also says in part "later for Christmas I am going to send you some oranges and grape fruit".————Fruit never received.

See P.P.F. 9-B

fmf

the word V for Victory. Please accept this heart from me, a common carpenter.

Yours An American,
Howard Ferguson
164 West Central,
Warren, Arkansas.

PPF 9-B

January 5, 1944

My dear Miss Fischer:

Permit me, in the President's behalf, to thank you for your kindness in sending to him the inscribed copies of THE GREAT CONTROVERSY and STEPS TO CHRIST which were received recently. I can assure you that he is most appreciative of your friendly thought.

× PPF 9-B

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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Miss Emily Fischer,
832 North Herbertar,
Los Angeles 33,
California.

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the word V for Victory. Please accept this heart from me, a common carpenter.

Yours An American,
Howard Ferguson
104 West Central,
Warren, Arkansas.

Inscription (THE GREAT CONTROVERSY)

Dear Mr. President Roosevelt

With the com ing of the New Year 1944 wish to bring to you my sincere wishes for a year which will mark the event bringing about "Peace and Good Will to all Mankind".

Beg millions daily is your name presented before the Throne of Grace in Heaven pleading to our Heavenly Father who directs the affairs of the universe to give to you infinite wisdom. Wisdom and understanding such as cannot be obtained only from on high, in the directing of this wonderful nation at this most crucial moment.

We hope and trust in you and know that you have been placed by God in your strenuous position and we know that God never fails.

Every wish for your good and your loved ones.

Wish you most sincerely

(Miss) Emily Fischer

the word V for Victory. Please accept this heart from me, a common carpenter.

Yours An American,

Howard Ferguson

104 West Central,
Warren, Arkansas.

D D F.

Inscription

Dear Mr. Roosevelt

When tired - relax ocassionally with STEPS TO CHRIST. It gives great refreshment to soul and body.

Very lovingly

Emily Fischer

the word V for Victory. Please accept this heart from me, a common carpenter.

Yours An American,

Howard Ferguson

104 West Central,
Warren, Arkansas.

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P. P. F.
9-F

NASH, Hon. Walter
Minister of New Zealand
January 15, 1944

Letter to Gen. Watson, re gifts by King Koroki and Princess Te Puea Herangi on behalf of the Maoris. These gifts were handed to Commodore Jupp, the Senior U. S. Naval Officer in New Zealand and sent to Mr. Nash for presentation to the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and he is awaiting convenient time for the presentation.---On 6/4/44, Mr. Nash wrote to Gen. Watson again and said the gifts of carved ink-stand for the President and carved fruit bowl for Mrs. Roosevelt have arrived and he would like to present these gifts before he leaves for his country.--Memo of 6/26/44 saying arrangements made for 4:00 O'Clock 6/26 as Mr. & Mrs. Nash are leaving on the 5 o'clock train. Memo dated 6/26 saying the gifts from King Koroki and Princess Te Puea Herangi on behalf of the Tainui Canoe People. The King presents the ink-stand to the President and the Princess presents the fruit bowl to Mrs. Roosevelt. Mr. & Mrs. Nash at the same time brought to the President a personal gift of a cigarette box carved out of the same wood and brought to Mrs. Roosevelt Six napkin rings made of Maori wood.---On 7/10/44, Mrs. Brady sent memo to Mr. Summerlin asking for preparation of reply for the President's signature, which he sent back on 7/12/44. The letter from the President to Hon. Walter Nash signed 7/13/44, expressing his thanks for the gifts from the King and Princess and asks that he convey to King Koroki and Princess Te Puea Herangi his and Mrs. Roosevelt's deep appreciation of this manifestation of friendship of the Maori people and asks that he be good enough to transmit to each of them one of the enclosed photographs taken of the gifts at the White House with Anna.---He encloses three photographs, one of the President autographed "For Walter Nash for his old friend, Franklin D. Roosevelt".----On 7/13/44, Miss Tully sent Mr. Summerlin the letters and photographs for transmittal.---On 7/13/44, Miss Tully sent memo to Miss Thompson advising her that the President sent these photographs and asked that Mrs. Roosevelt sign oneof her for Mrs. Nash.--Gifts sent to Library Series "B"

SER - PPF8308

Sec. Hull, Sept. 27th, sent memo. to the President saying he was transmitting a letter to the President from King Koroki of Ngaruawahia, New Zealand, which has been received from the New Zealand Minister in Washington.---This letter is dated Aug. 10th, 1944, and expressed great pleasure at having received message from the President through Mr. Nash. States this message has given much pleasure to his aunt, Princess Te Puea Herangi and to his people generally. Thanks the President for picture of his daughter, Mrs. Anna Roosevelt Boettiger. This letter contains a poem entitled "My Tribute to The United States of America". Expresses his own best wishes, the best wishes of his aunt and of the chiefs and the people of Waikato for the President to have another successful term of office.

(Added by MS)

In conclusion I would say our hearts in the angle of the word V for Victory. Please accept this heart from me, a common carpenter.

Yours An American,
Howard Ferguson
104 West Central,
Warren, Arkansas.

January 5, 1944

PPF 9-7

+ PPF 79-H

My dear Mr. Ferguson:

Senator Hattie Caraway has forwarded to the President, at your request, your letter of recent date together with the little handmade token. This note conveys to you the President's thanks and appreciation for the friendliness which prompted your thought of him.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Howard Ferguson, Esq.,
104 West Central,
Warren,
Arkansas.

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Yours An American,
Howard Ferguson
104 West Central,
Warren, Arkansas.

Warren, Arkansas,
November 29th, 1943.

Hon. President F. D. Roosevelt,
Washington, D. C.

Dear President:

This morning it is a great pleasure to write you, especially for still having the four freedoms, and to send you the seasons greetings. A civilian's heart for a Christmas present.

Now that you might catch clear on December 7th, 1941. I, with doubtless thousands more, took the home front oath of allegiance, raising our hands, saying with the help of God we will win. So through weather as cold as sleet and snow, we flew, our distance, not so far as yours, with chill, to see a man with even rank, Churchill.

On April 28th, 1943 I received three copyrights, number one was 41793 for some work I had done that I might too help the Army and Navy relief. Then on I went to and from working, and sent the pictures from my hand to America's First Lady of our Land that she could pass them on to man so the Army and Navy relief could say tis grand.

Not that I would forget to pray on this our past Thanksgiving day, the Lords Prayer I repeated and from that prayer did's come a promise, pictures and poems of love for our boys over there.

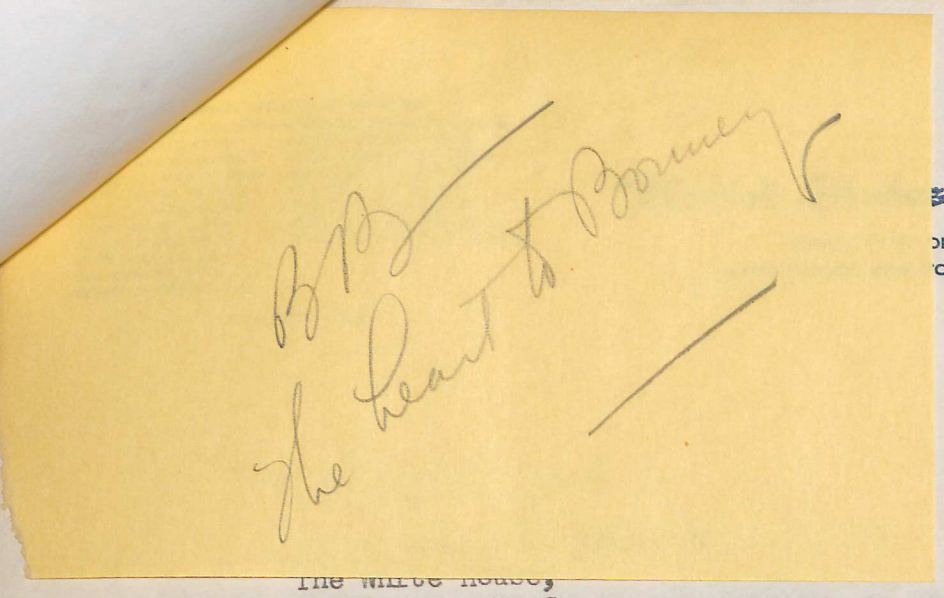
Poem

As God has sent this heart to me,
To make of a tree and send to thee,
As it hangs in that City of Treasures and gold,
Let man say whose insignia it will be.

In this letter there is not much scrip nor wit, but in my heart there is plenty grit that we the home front soldiers won't say quit, until we the Allies win.

In conclusion I would say our hearts in the angle of the word V for Victory. Please accept this heart from me, a common carpenter.

Yours An American,
Howard Ferguson
104 West Central,
Warren, Arkansas.



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THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 27, 1943

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The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing a letter and a pin which Mr. Howard Ferguson, Warren, Arkansas has asked that I transmit to you. I am also enclosing his letter to me which will give you more information relative to the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Hattie W. Caraway

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THEODORE G. BILBO, MISS. GERALD P. NYE, N. DAK.
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C. A. LAWTON, CLERK

United States Senate

COMMITTEE ON
AGRICULTURE AND FORESTRY

THE WHITE HOUSE
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December 27, 1943

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

My dear Mr. President:

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Sincerely yours,

Hattie W. Caraway

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Mrs Eben

January 5, 1944

My dear Senator Caraway:

The President asks me to thank you for your kindness in transmitting to him the pin and letter from Mr. Howard Ferguson. I am returning his note to you and we are sending Mr. Ferguson a word of thanks today.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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Honorable Hattie W. Caraway,
United States Senate,
Washington, D. C.

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Enclosure ---Letter to Senator Caraway from Howard Ferguson dated Nov. 29, 1943 - asking her to transmit to the President the handmade wooden heart.

January 4, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE GEORGE T. SUMMERLIN:

Will you not be good enough to have an appropriate note sent to Honorable Ernesto Fletes, acknowledging the receipt of the three scrapbooks he forwarded to the President.

Please return the scrapbooks to this office when they have filled their purpose.

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

dd

Ernesto Fletes, (Hon.)
232 South Newstead Avenue,
St. Louis 10,
Missouri.

Three scrapbooks of newspaper clippings and pictures re the Cairo, Teheran conference.

SERIES "B"

ERNESTO FLETES × #193

Former Consul of Honduras at Mobile, Ala., Hamburg, Germany, Liverpool, England and St. Louis, Mo.

Dec. 25, 1943.

232 South Newstead Avenue,
St. Louis 10,
Missouri.

BB
Sent the 3
scrap bks
to FDR Library
"B"

Mrs Eben

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

January 7, 1944

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ce with your memorandum of January 4,
ning herewith the three scrap books sent
by Mr. Ernesto Fletes, Saint Louis,

appropriate expression of the President's thanks
has been addressed to Mr. Fletes.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Summerlin
Chief of Protocol

Enclosures:

Three scrap books,
returned.

Miss Grace G. Tully,

The White House.



Pickup
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Mrs Eben

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

In reply refer to
PR

January 7, 1944

My dear Miss Tully:

In compliance with your memorandum of January 4, 1944, I am returning herewith the three scrap books sent to the President by Mr. Ernesto Fletes, Saint Louis, Missouri.

An appropriate expression of the President's thanks has been addressed to Mr. Fletes.

Sincerely yours,

G. S. Messersmith

Chief of Protocol

Enclosures:

Three scrap books,
returned.

Miss Grace G. Tully,

The White House.

FOR VICTORY
BUY
UNITED
STATES
SAVINGS
BONDS
AND
STAMPS

In reply refer to
PR

January 7, 1944

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An appropriate expression of the President's thanks has been addressed to Mr. Fletes.

Sincerely yours,

GEORGE T. SUMMERLIN

Chief of Protocol

Enclosures:

Three scrap books, returned.

Miss Grace G. Tully,

The White House.

January 3, 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE GEORGE T. SUMMERLIN:

Will you not be good enough to have an appropriate note addressed to Mr. Leon Fernandes acknowledging receipt of the Christmas gifts he sent to the President.

Please return the articles to this office when they have served their purpose.

P.P.F. 9-7

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

dd

December 23, 1943.

Leon Fernandes,
1400 Prince Street,
Alexandria,
Virginia.

Says he is a native of India - sends the Pres. as a Christmas gift a cedar chest 16x10x9 in which are two porcelain dogs and a gold Catholic ring. Explains the ring is a victory ring and says the Pres. will win the coming election should he care to run ~~altho~~ he is ~~a~~ prophet. The dogs are to guard the Pres. life and that they are imported from Russia. Encloses snapshot of himself.

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Gifts to be returned to Miss Tully.

+P.P.F. 9-C +P.P.F. 9-L +P.P.F. 9-R +76.16

FOR VICTORY
BUY UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS

COMMUNICATIONS TO

BB - I gave these items to GGT "P" Who will show them to the Pres. She believes the small chest will go to youngest grandchild - Dogs to "P" ring to Charm chest MM —

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ry 10, 1944

Dear

m of January 3, 1944, I am returning herewith the cedar chest containing two porcelain dogs and a gold ring, together with the original transmitting communication, sent to the President by Mr. Leon Fernandes, Alexandria, Virginia.

An appropriate expression of the President's thanks has been addressed to Mr. Fernandes.

Sincerely yours,

R. D. Gunnell Jr.
Chief of Protocol

Enclosures:

Original letter from
Mr. Leon Fernandes,
December 23, 1943, with
enclosures, returned.

Miss Grace G. Tully,

The White House.

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AL COMMUNICATIONS TO
SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

January 10, 1944

In reply refer to
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Sincerely yours,

G. S. Messersmith

Chief of Protocol

Enclosures:

Original letter from
Mr. Leon Fernandes,
December 23, 1943, with
enclosures, returned.

Miss Grace G. Tully,

The White House.

FOR VICTORY
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AND
STAMPS

I400 Prince Street
Alaxandria Virginia
December 23, I943.



The President of the United Stas.
I600-I6th Street N.W.
Washington,D.C.

Dear Mr. President;

I take the liberty of introducing myself to you at
I am Leon Fernandes native of India. I wish to take this opportunity to present to you both as a gift for Christmas and also with regards to coming election, this victory ring.
I truly hope you have a very Merry Christmas, and also that you will win the coming election, that is, of course if you wish to run for the fourth term.
I feel sure that if you do choose to run that you will be unanimously elected, as I am a prognosticator and an unknown prophet. the enclosed dogs are to guard you in life, they are imported from Russia.
I wish nothing but health and happiness for you and your family in coming years.

Your esteemed admirer

Leon Fernandes

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GIFTS RECEIVED:
1 cedar chest with small pad-lock, 16x10x9"
Inside chest: 2 porcelain dogs (imported from Russia)
1 religious ring - gold.

dogs put on mantlepiece
in Presidents study at the
house - ring to be given
away - box to Grandchild
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nuary 10, 1944

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Sincerely yours,

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Chief of Protocol

Enclosures:

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Miss Grace G. Tully,

The White House.

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Sincerely yours,

[redacted]

Chief of Protocol

Enclosures:

Original letter from
Mr. Leon Fernandes,
December 23, 1943, with
enclosures, returned.

Miss Grace G. Tully,

The White House.

SMITH, John O'Hara,
Los Angeles, Calif.
1-5-44 (ack. 1-12-44)

P.P.F. 9-G

Writer observes his birthday same day as President's. Sends President gift of three flys. (Given to Charlie Fredericks for President.)

See P.P.F.9-G

January 19, 1944

My dear Mr. Florence:

Many thanks in the President's behalf for your courtesy in sending him the personal copy of 1943-1944 TEXAS ALMANAC AND STATE INDUSTRIAL GUIDE. He wants you to know that he is most appreciative of your friendly thought in presenting the volume to him.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Fred F. Florence, Esq.,
President, Republic National Bank,
Dallas,
Texas.

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PPF 9-7

FOUSHEE, E.D.,
Greensboro, N.C.
1-14-44 (ack. 1-19-44)

Sends to the President a framed picture of Mrs. Frederic Delano Hitch, thinking that the President would like to have it.

Miss Tully on 1-19-44 wrote to Mr. Foushee, thanking him for the picture, saying the President is delighted to have it for his family collection and asks her to tell Mr. Foushee and she was one of his favorite aunts.

Note attached from Miss Tully to Mrs. Eben, that picture to go to Miss Suckley, Hyde Park Library for Family collection.

See P.P.F.73

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JOHNSON, Mrs. F.I., Chairman,
The Florida Federation of Women's Club,
St. Cloud, Fla.
1-12-44 (ack. 1-19-44)

P.P.F. 9-7

Sends gift of fruit to the President. (Distributed)

See P.P.F.9-J

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FORRESTAL, Hon. & Mrs. James,
Wash., D.C.
1-19-44

P.P.F. 7
9-7

On above date President wrote to Mr. & Mrs. Forrestal, thanking them for sending him the flowers while he was ill. (Roses put in President's study.)

See P.P.F.6567

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PP. 7
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FORRESTAL, Hon. & Mrs. James,
Wash., D.C.
1-19-44

On above date President wrote to Mr. & Mrs. Forrestal, thanking them for sending him the flowers while he was ill. (Roses put in President's study.)

See P.P.F.6567

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JONES, Hon. Jesse H.,
Houston, Texas,
January 21, 1944 - ack.

O.O.F.
9-7

On above date the President wrote to Hon. Jones, thanking him for the "delicious fruit which you sent was gratefully received and much enjoyed by me and my grandchildren".--------Sent to the House.

See P.P.F. 703

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January 25, 1944

PPF 9-7

My dear Mrs. Freund:

Permit me to thank you, in the President's behalf, for your kindness in sending on those doughnuts to him and to assure you that he is most appreciative of your friendly thought.

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Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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Mrs. R. Freund,
Tipler,
Wisconsin.

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Mr. Wagner said to disregard the dime.

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ughnuts;

10¢

ly framed verse.

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if the head in down or up
for me when opened

1/24/44

Mrs. Eben:

The attached wrapper & letter is for a parcel containing nine doughnuts that were "T. A." by your order.

A dime was baked in one of the doughnuts; it is enclosed herewith.

E. Groshon

P. P. 7.
9-7

ly framed verse.

if the head-la-vison.
for me when opened

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[Mrs Reginald Hamond]

[illegible] Syrup Cream Doughnuts.

10¢ in a round doughnut; cut me open and see how big a space I take for a Wireless too-leg-gra-fee for tell-la-vison, if the head in down or up for me when opened

P.P.7.
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ndsomely framed verse.

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P.P.F. 9-7

WALLERSTEIN, Jacob M.,
Flushing, L.I., N.Y.
12-20-43 (ack. 1-24-44)

Sends to the President a handsomely framed verse.

(Given to Miss Tully).

See P.P.F.9-W

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CARPENTER, Mr. & Mrs. James W.,
Wash., D.C.
no letter (ack. 1-28-44)

P.P.F. 9-C

Sends President gift of flowers and four war bonds for the Infantile Paralysis fund. (Flowers put in President's study) (Bonds sent to I.P.F.)

See P.P.F.9-C

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SENOR DR. DON GUILLERMO SEVILLA SACASA - Ambassador of Nicaragua
Washington, D. C.
Jan. 27, 1944.

PPF
9-F

Presidential thank-you let. to the Ambassador on above date for the flowers which he sent to the Pres. at Christmastime. Put with Pres. Xmas gifts. (Mr. Simmons accepted the flowers and Christmas card on 12/24/43 and placed them in the florist shop.)

SEE: PPF-9-S

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PPF 9-3

January 26, 1944

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My dear Miss Futch:

This note is to thank you on behalf of the President for your friendly thought in sending him that drawing. Your kindly interest is appreciated.

x PPF 9-D

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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Miss Bertha Futch,
P. O. Box 484,
Wildwood,
Florida.

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Bertha Futch
P.O. Box 484
Wildwood, Fla.

P.P.F. 9-7

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if he cares to bring it in.

See P.P.F.9-E

1-21-44
Memo from Mrs. Dennison to Mrs. Eben that Bill Simmons accepted the flag for the President, in the absence of Gen. Watson. Flag was brought in by Mrs. Walter P. Crowley, as a gift from Jacob Lambert.

On 1-26-44 Miss Tully sent a letter to Mr. Crowley, thanking him for embroidered flag. (Series B.)

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CROWLEY, Walter P., Dept. Commander,
United Spanish War Veterans,
Boston, Mass.
1-7-44 (ack. 1-14-44)

P.P.F. 9-7

Writer expects to be in Washington during the week of Jan. 17th, and has been requested to present to the President an embroidery made by Jacob Lambert, an Ex-Apprentice of the United States Navy. Wants to know if it would be possible to present this to President in person. This consists of a flag and President's seal. This is a gift from the Ex-Naval Apprentice Association.

Gen. Watson wired Mr. Crowley that it is impossible to arrange for appointment to present embroidery, but the General will be glad to receive it on behalf of the President if he cares to bring it in.

See P.P.F.9-E

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On 1-26-44 Miss Tully sent a letter to Mr. Crowley, thanking him for embroidered flag. (Series B.)

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January 25, 1944

My dear Mr. Fischer:

The President appreciates your nice letter of December sixteenth and the generous thought which prompted you to send him that lovely belt. His thanks and very best wishes go to you with this little note.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Hans Holst Fischer, Esq.,
307-72nd Street,
Brooklyn 9,
New York.

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Brooklyn Dec. 16th 1934.

Ack. Give to me for Pres.
aski. G.S.T.
1/25/47 pl

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Belt sent to
Kellyman Ford
"I"
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sevelt.
W.S.C.A.
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have done for bettering cond-
erican workingmen and the
personally in 1934, I hope you
ept as a token of thankfulness
filipkina workemanship,
e a merry Christmas

your humble citizen

Hans Holst Fischer.
307-72nd St.
Brooklyn 9
N.Y.

Brooklyn Dec. 16th 1934.

His excelency
F. D. Roosevelt.
President U.S.A.

Ack. Give to me for Pres.
aki. G.S.J.
1/25/47 pl

On appreciation of what you during your terms in office have done for bettering conditions of the american workingmen and the help rendered me personally in 1934, I hope you accept a small gift as a token of thankfulness and a sample of filipkina workemanship.

Wishing you a merry Christmas

your humble citizen

Hans Holst Fischer.
307-72nd St.
Brooklyn 9
N.Y.

PPF 9.7

January 26, 1944

My dear Sergeant Franco:

This little note conveys the President's thanks for your kindness in sending him the pipe. He appreciates your friendly thought and I have pleasure in extending his very best wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

PPF 9-P

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Sergeant S. Franco, 39401619,
Co. G, 2nd Fil. Infantry,
Unit #2, Post Office,
Camp Booke,
California.

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pipe Sirens to
put with
gift & put P gives
gifts away
ME

P.P.7
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thanking him for the
sident's Xmas gifts.)

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P.P.F.
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MARVIN, Lt. Langdon P.,
New York, N.Y.
1-27-44 (ack.)

The President on above date wrote to Mr. Marvin, thanking him for the picture frame he sent to him for Christmas. (Put with President's Xmas gifts.)

See P.P.F.481

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P.P.F. 7
9-7

HUNT, Miss Emma Jane,
Bakerfield, Calif.
no letter (ack. 1-31-44)

Sends gift of violets to the President. (Sent to Mr. Reeves) (flowers)

See P.P.F.9-H

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P.P.F. 9-7

HAHN, Soon Kyo
Oriental Importing Co.,
Chicago, Ill. (now staying at the Willard Hotel)
undated (referred 2-1-44)

Large basket of assorted flowers sent to the President for his birthday and for his continuous political and military victories in 1944.
Referred to State Dept. for appropriate acknowledgment 2-1-44.
(Sent to Mr. Reeves, the florist).

See P.P.F.9-H

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LANGER, Mr. & Mrs. M.S. & Family,
Forestville, Conn.
2-2-44 (ack.)

P.P.F. 9-17

Sends gift of roses to the President. ~~(flowers)~~ (Sent to Mr. Reeves)

See P.P.F.9-L

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JACOBS, Miss Elizabeth,
Winnetka, Ill.
2-8-44 (ack.)

P.P.F. 9-J

Sent gift of flowers to the President. (Given to Mr. Reeves, Florist)

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P.P.F. 9-7

DAVIES, Hon. Joseph E.,
Washington, D. C.
(Undated) - Filed 2/4/44

Card to the President from Mr. Davies indicating that he is sending him, with Christmas Greetings, some gifts for his "Krum Elbow" historical collection.--Attached is a memo to Mr. Simmons, 12/21/43, from Mr. Early's Secretary, to the effect that Miss Turnbloom, Mr. Davies' secretary, advises that office that Mr. McRae, Mr. Davies' caretaker, will bring, on the following morning to the White House, as gifts to the President, a Soviet Tommy Gun, a (light hand) German Machine Gun, and a large flat package containing a photograph. She asks that Mr. Simmons clear Mr. McRae at the gate. --Notation in ink on this memo to the effect that there is a letter in Russian from Molotov, which is framed, in connection with above. (Letter has been translated into English); also ink notation indicating that Mr. Hassett received the above-mentioned gifts on Dec. 22nd, and turned them over to Secret Service, and that they were returned by Secret Service on Dec. 23rd.--On 2/2/44 the President wrote to Mr. Davies stating, in effect, that he was thrilled with that Soviet Tommy Gun and the German Machine Gun, and that they are a real addition to the collection in the Hyde Park Library. The President also stated that he is pleased to have the letters to complete the story which Mr. Davies was good enough to have framed for him.--(Pencil notation: "Guns at the Library".)

See P.P.F. 1381

PPF 9-7

February 3, 1944

My dear Lieutenant Fike:

Permit me to thank you for your courtesy in sending the President a copy of your book, NO NATION ALONE. I can assure you that your kind thought is much appreciated.

PPF 9-B

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Lieutenant Linus R. Fike, (jg),
United States Naval Reserve,
N. A. A. S., Whiting Field,
Milton,
Florida.

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Put with Pres. gifts

PPF 9-7

February 5, 1944.

Dear George:

I want to thank you and your Missus very much for that fine bottle of Puerto Rican Rum which you gave to me for my birthday. You were grand to think of me.

+PPF 9-R

With my best to you both,

Always sincerely,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Lieut. Commander George Fox,
2124 I Street, N. W.,
Washington, D. C.

Happy Birthday
to Our President.

George & Leta Fox
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Secretary to the President.

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MAHONEY, James J.
Albany, N.Y.,
Jan. 25, 1944.

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and saying if he gets any more to please send some to
Frank Murray, Washington, D. C. The President comment
Jim" and said he was a fine looking lad. The President
Mr. Mahoney, his wife and children.

SEE P.P.F. 508
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2-3-44

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Mrs. Eben

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greatly appreciates your action in sending him a copy of your book entitled "The World Without Nations".

+ PPF 7.9-B

With respect to your request for comment, may I explain to you that ever since the President has been in his present position, he has adhered strictly to a policy of not commenting in any way on literary works submitted to him. As he has not deviated from this course, I am sure you will appreciate the difficulty of making an exception in this instance.

Very sincerely yours,

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STEPHEN EARLY
Secretary to the President.

Mr. Arthur Freud,
210 Farmington Avenue,
Hartford, Connecticut.

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February 4, 1944.

PPF 9-7

Dear Mr. Freud:

Please accept the President's thanks for your letter of January twenty-fourth. He greatly appreciates your action in sending him a copy of your book entitled "The World Without Nations".

+ PPF 7, 9-B

With respect to your request for comment, may I explain to you that ever since the President has been in his present position, he has adhered strictly to a policy of not commenting in any way on literary works submitted to him. As he has not deviated from this course, I am sure you will appreciate the difficulty of making an exception in this instance.

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ARTHUR FREUD

210 FARMINGTON AVE.
HARTFORD, CONN.

January 24th, 1944.

asked 2-4-44

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

Sir,

My book 'The World Without Nations' which came out recently has been favorably reviewed and is considered as a practical interpretation of The Atlantic Charter.

In taking the liberty yo send you a copy by same mail,I wish it were possible for you to find the time to read it or have the contents reported you you by one of your secretaries.

I should be extremely obliged to hear from you as to your reaction.

I am,Sir,
Yours very respectfully,

Arthur Freud.

MAHONEY, James J.
Albany, N.Y.,
Jan. 25, 1944.

Writes to Miss Tully saying he is going to send the President some icefish.---The President, Jan. 31st, wrote to Mr. Mahoney thanking him for the delicious icefish and saying if he gets any more to please send some to the President, addressed to Frank Murray, Washington, D. C. The President commented upon a picture of "young Jim" and said he was a fine looking lad. The President sent personal greetings to Mr. Mahoney, his wife and children.

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TO:
FAIRCHILD, Miss Elizabeth N.
Rhinebeck, N. Y.
Feb. 10, 1944.

The President wrote stating that Miss Suckley gave him the delightful sketch of Fala, which Miss Fairchild had drawn, for his birthday. States that he thinks it is an excellent portrait and that he is very glad to have it. - - Miss Tully received a letter from Miss Suckley undated, enclosing the sketch of Fala for Miss Fairchild. - - -It is presumed that the President sent a reply

See - PPF 8664

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February 3, 1944

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February 14, 1944

My dear Miss Foos:

Your recent letters have been received and I want to thank you very much, in the President's behalf, for your courtesy in giving him an opportunity to see the crocheted piece to which you refer. In compliance with your request, it is being returned to you under separate cover. × PPF 9-C

Please accept the President's best wishes for your welfare.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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Miss Mary V. Foos,
3721 Oakmont Avenue,
Baltimore 15,
Maryland.

(Crocheted piece returned under separate cover.)

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Shipped for mailing
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Read subsequently
Acknowledged
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President Roosevelt:-

Your Honor:-

About 3 or 4 wks ago mailed a pkg to you, would you kindly mail pkg back to me.

Hoping you had a Well birthday, Hoping you got many dimes for infantile paralysis you see your Honor I had a Ceberal Hemorrhage followed by a stroke on my right, paralyzed all on right side Have the use of my right hand yes I was blind & crazy God gave my sight back and my mind The Lord has been merciful The Heavenly Father is merciful and He will take hand me these awful times Send me the pkg back Thanks to you.

Miss Mary V Foos
3721 Oakmont Ave
Baltimore-15
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January 27, 1944

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January 27, 1944.

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Washington D.C.

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Sending you this crochet back for your office chair The White House your fine home. God Bless America crochet underneath. This Piece was crochet withone hand. Now I know you will not wear same. Yes I had a ceberal Hemorrhage followed by a stroke. Was blind and crazy. But God gave me my sight and mind back. Happy with the Lord. Dr. said I am living on Faith, yes I have a bad heart. But I am rich with the Lord, but very poor in the heart of the people.

Yes Gen. MacArthur to me was a prophet. He can get in the Smallest places. He don't say how you this Women wore this, but they have to have a Gen. they come out without a scratch. Yes the Heavenly Father is with them

Well please don't mail this back as I was told it come back they mailed a pkg to your wife and She mailed it back with a letter.

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Well I said President Roosevelt will not mail it back. He will keep it, and if they did not want it, they will pass it on. Hope you will be selected and you will get stronger and the next 4 yrs. will be a happy one.

Very truly yours.
Miss Mary Virginia Foos.
3721 Oakmont Ave
City 15.

BATIMORE, MD.

PPF 9-Z

February 3, 1944

My dear Mr. Fife:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of January twenty-seventh, which came to the President through the courtesy of Secretary Early. The balsam-fir pillow which you were good enough to send the President for a birthday remembrance has also been received and he asks that you accept his hearty thanks for your kind thought of him.

PPF 9-P

This note takes to you the President's best wishes for continued improvement in your health.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Shannon Fife, Esq.,
P. O. Box # 181,
Warrensburg,
New York.

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Shannon Fife

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And may I add, in passing, that during the long, long siege flat on my back, the knowledge of your own superhuman fight for health against almost insurmountable odds was a preponderant factor--if not the actual deciding factor--in restoring me to my present state of perfect health...

My regards to Mrs. Roosevelt, may this find your sons safe, and all of you in splendid health.

Sincerely,

Shannon Fife

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My regards to Mrs. Roosevelt, may this find your sons safe , and all of you in splendid health.

Sincerely,

Ramon Fife

Mrs. Eleanor

Dear Mr. President:-

Under separate cover
Mr Early, I am today
modest Birthday gift,
balsam-fir tips, pic
of the Adirondack

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New York.....January 31st

Shannon Fife
PO Box # 181
Warrensburg,
New York.....January 27,1944....

Dear Mr. President:-

Under separate cover,special delivery, in care of Mr Early, I am today forwarding to you, as very modest Birthday gift, a pillow made from 5000 balsam-fir tips, picked yesterday on the slopes of the Adirondack foothills....

May it replace, in slight degree, the balsam scents on your own christmas-tree tract in Hyde Park...and may the scents of it speed your convalesence .....

I am playwright--a man of 55--residing in these Adirondacks, recovering my health,while resuming my former career of playwright,with plays under way now for Edward Everett Horton Roland Young and Margaret Sullavan....

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Sincerely,

Shannon Fife

To President Franklin D. Roosevelt:

Balsam-tips from the Adirondacks
....gathered on January 25th.,and
sent with my best wishes for a
very happy birthday....

From Shannon Fife.

Warrensburg New York
Jan. 29, 1944..

Shannon Fife,
PO Box # 181
Warrensburg
New York.....Jan 27 1944

Dear Mr Early:-

Via special delivery,under separate cover,I have forwarded today a small box containing a fresh-made balsam-tip pillow, made from balsam-fir tips picked only yesterday....for the President. Inasmuch as such a gift is perishable through dehydration, I would appreciate it if you,or one of your assistants could see that the pillow is delivered to The President on or before his birthday....

The package was addressed to you,personally, care your office.

My two brothers, Locksley and Folsom Fife, Dallas,Texas..have always appreciated so much your courtesy and promptitude in answering the many communications sent there in the interests of the President.....and,in advance, I thank you you for your co-operation in assisting in the delivery of the pillow.

With best wishes to you,

Sincerely,

Shannon Fife

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February 12, 1944

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My dear Mr. Florman:

The President has asked me to thank you for your kindness in sending him that souvenir flashlight and to tell you how deeply he appreciates your friendly birthday greetings.

Your contribution to the Infantile Paralysis Fund is most gratifying to the President. Your check is being sent on to the appropriate officials of the Fund.

× PPF 310 - Contributions 2

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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Irving Florman, Esq.,
2 West 46th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

small flashlight with Navy emblem

No disposition indicated

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Happy Birthday
MR. PRESIDENT
IRVING FLORMAN 2 WEST 46TH ST. NEW YORK, N.Y.

See check sent 3.P.F.

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FARRAR & RINEHART, INC.
PUBLISHERS
232 MADISON AVENUE
CABLE ADDRESS: FARINE, NEW YORK

PPF 9-a

February 17, 1944

My dear Friends:

The President was especially pleased to receive that pictorial album which you were good enough to send him. He has noted with a great deal of interest the recorded history of the 442nd Combat Team to date, and he understands the pride all of you must have in your accomplishments.

This note conveys the President's thanks and very best wishes to you.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

442nd Combat Team,
Camp Shelby,
Mississippi.

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FARRAR & RINEHART
INCORPORATED
PUBLISHERS
232 MADISON AVENUE
CABLES · FARRINE · NEW YORK

10th February 1944

Dear Mr. President:

We are sending you, with our compliments, a copy of Lieutenant Commander Griffith Baily Coale's new book, VICTORY AT MIDWAY, which we are publishing on February 17th. Commander Coale has done a beautiful piece of work and I am sure you will enjoy having his book.

Sincerely yours,

Helen A. Murphy

Helen A. Murphy
Publicity Director

HAM:cd

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

SHERSON, Sam O.,
Los Angeles, California,
January 10, 1944 -- (ack. 2/12/44).

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Let. to the President, attaching crocheted Flag made by the

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TO:
FIELD, Miss Virginia
New York, N. Y.
Feb. 16, 1944.

The President wrote a personal line thanking Miss Field for the cute Fala which she gave him on his birthday. Says it is an unusual one and looks very much like Fala. Also says that it was nice to have her here for his birthday luncheon. - - -Attached - Miss Field's birthday card to the President. - - -Penciled notation - President kept the gift.

See - PPF 8678

SHERSON, Sem O.,
Los Angeles, California,
January 10, 1944 -- (ack. 2/12/44).

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Let. to the President, attaching crocheted Flag made by Mrs. Sherson; extends birthday greetings.————Flag sent to Hyde Park Library, Series "g".

See P.P.F. 9-8

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BUY UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS

DE MATTO, Mrs. A., (Mrs.Rose DeMatto),
New Haven,Connecticut,
February 12, 1944 - ack.

P.P.F. 9-7

Also celebrates her birthday on Jan. 30th.
Card of birthday greetings together with a crocheted flag, a product of her own handiwork, to the President, as a birthday remembrance.————Given Away.

See P.P.F. 9-D

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OGDEN, Mrs. J. C.,
Victor, New York,
February 11, 1944 - ack.

P.P.F.
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Card of birthday greetings together with her handmade flag.--------Sent to Telephone Room.

See P.P.F. 9-O

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January 26, 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR
HONORABLE GEORGE T. SUMMERLIN:

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Will you not be good enough to have an appropriate note sent to Mr. and Mrs. Friedmann acknowledging the receipt of the gift sent to the President.

Please return the emblem to this office when it has served its purpose.

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Letter to the President, Jan. 9, 1944, from

Friedmanns

Siegfried and Erna Friedmann,
4707 Newberry Terrace,
St. Louis 13, Mo.

Sends the P. a gift of artificial flowers formed into a "V". Expresses good wishes to the P. for his birthday; in two years they will receive their citizenship papers.

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BUY UNITED STATES SAVINGS BONDS AND STAMPS

1512 — This V shape
model was given to FDR
as a Valentine Gift from her
staff - later I saw it sitting on
P desk - from there - I don't know
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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

February 8, 1944

My dear Miss Tully:

In compliance with your memorandum of January 26, 1944, I am returning herewith the victory emblem, together with the original transmitting communication, sent to the President by Mr. and Mrs. Siegfried Friedmann, of Saint Louis, Missouri.

An appropriate expression of thanks has been addressed to Mr. and Mrs. Friedmann.

Sincerely yours,

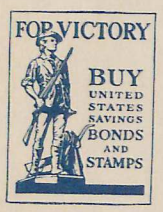
G. A. Summerlin
Chief of Protocol

Enclosures:

Original letter from
Mr. and Mrs. Friedmann,
January 9, 1944, with
accompaniment, returned.

Miss Grace G. Tully,

The White House.



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...SECRETARY OF STATE
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Our present is following under separate cover - registered.

Mr. President
Franklin D. Roosevelt
White House

My dear Mr. President:

How happy we are, to show again our love to you. Thank God, we are here over 3 years now, and we love America with all our heart. So, we also must show our love & our thanks. We in the homeland have to help in the homefront for our boys in the fighting front.

Both of us - my husband & I - are very proud, to wear the Red Cross Service Pin. Also we give our blood - this our personal contribution, to the men who are fighting & dying for us.

With greatest interest we read Mrs. Roosevelt's article „My day" every day, in our St. Louis newspaper „Post-Dispatch", and we love it, to hear about everything in the White House.

In one of this article we could read, that

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Mrs. Roosevelt shall welcome the day, when the White House can be opened again to all citizens of the United States who come to see their Capital city.

In two years we will hope to be citizens too. Good & thankful American citizens.

And so we will pray & hope, that 1944 will be a year of victory for the United Nations! So we all can see our White House again.

Please, Mr. President, enjoy our handmade present. Each blossom of this „Sign of Victory" with you, the Golden Star in the world, contains the best of good wishes to you, Mr. President, Mrs. Roosevelt and your family. And a happy & healthy birthday.

With all our love

Sincerely yours

Siegfried and Erna Friedmann.

CROWDER, Mr. & Mrs. J. R. S.
Chicago, Illinois
February 14, 1944 - Ackd.

PPF 9-Z

Sent the President a flag set. Ackd. 2/14/44 - Flag set to Garage Mail Room.

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SEE - PPF - 9 - C

February 14, 1944

My dear Mr. Fanning:

This will acknowledge the receipt of your communications of February seventh with enclosures. Permit me in the President's behalf to thank you for your kindness in sending him those framed plaques. I can assure you that he deeply appreciates your friendly thought of him.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Reverend Charles H. Fanning,
World Theopneusty, Inc.,
424 South Broadway, Room 705,
Los Angeles 13,
California.

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S. I. FANNING, Sec.

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World Theopneusty, Inc.
(A NON-PROFIT CORP.)
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LOS ANGELES 13

2-7-44

The President
The White House
Washington D. C.

My dear Mr. President:

Believing that you may be interested I am sending you this personal gift. Dr. Nathaniel A. Davis of this city is the author of the poem. x x616-D

I have just produced this article and hope to place it out to as many of our armed forces and their families as possible.

Respectfully,

Rev. Charles H. Fanning

P. S.

Am sending this at the suggestion of Dr. Davis

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Dr Smith:
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My dear Mr. President:

Believing that you may be interested, I am sending you this personal gift. Dr. Nathaniel A. Davis of this city is the author of the poem.

I have just produced this article and hope to place it out to as many of our armed forces and their families as possible.

Submitting also excerpts from my new book, not yet published-Freedom in Religion'

Respectfully,

Rev. Charles H. Fanning

Charles H. Fanning

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P. S. Am sending this plaque upon the suggestion of Dr. Nathaniel A. Davis

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ONE! of The FOUR FREEDOMS

BY REV. C. H. FANNING

Church spires in America and temples of worship throughout the world give insipration to millions whose lives have been conditioned by a rich cultural training. The economic well being of the masses is the primary concern of all great religious leaders and our diplomats are rightly occupied with trade agreements and/or cartels and upon the skill and intelligence used in initiating new trade pacts depends much of the future happiness of man.

A priority, however, must be granted to those Commanders in Chiefs of our religious forces on all world fronts who have the power to integrate the teachings of the eight living religions of the world. These religions in past centuries have been misinterpreted by theologians sadly "off the beam'. The resultant prejudices and master race obsessions are in the main responsible for the economic pressures which result in global warfare. . . . .

A 'One World' religion and a panoramic global view, unobscured by the ashes of dead theological thought patterns must first be clearly blueprinted by trained religious leaders. It is not enough to blast from the intellectual atmosphere the prejudices resulting from denominationalism. After this softening up process is completed there must be a 'second front' of united religions and 'lend lease' and USE of vital teachings preserved for all races can and must destroy intolerance and devastating war.

The Delphian oracles are no longer approached by an enlightened citizenry. The religious pilgrimage to our churches is undertaken because of a belief that the directives issued by a trained leadership can result in the elimination of hatred and the normal living together in this world of all groups, races and nations.

Freedom **OF** worship in America is in no immediate danger from decrees issued by civil governing bodies BUT Freedom **IN** worship is quite another matter. The fact of God is more important than whether we designate Jesus of Nazareth our Christ or hail Krishna or Buddha. Direct inspiration from the Infinite did not begin with Krishna nor end with Jesus. In no century has there been placed a period on inspiration. Men of today are no less inspired than the prophets of old . . . .

If the ONE FREEDOM we need most is lost—FREEDOM IN WORSHIP no other Freedom can long exist. No race or person can rightly claim all of God's revelations and RATION them out to other peoples or Nations. No sacred writings can be ignored by our leaders of religious thought and practice, nor can any ritualistic practice be instituted that will cut through prejudice like an undivided resurrection from the grave of ignorance.

When Freedom **IN** worship is an accomplished fact racial frictions and group mal-adjustments will cease and the ONE FREEDOM basic to all FREEDOM will be established and its Magna Charta will be World Theopneusty.

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VAN NESS, R. E.
Hernando, Fla.
Feb. 9, 1944. Ackd. 2/22/44

Let. to the President stating that he is sending 3 crates of citrus fruit (oranges) to the Pres. in care of writer's nephew, L. C. Chappell, who operates fruit and vegetable market at 21st & K., N.W. Asks that President send someone to pick of crates. Urges Pres. to accept 4th term. Two crates of fruit sent to House.

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WOODLAND, Mr. & Mrs. J. E.
Fellsmere, Fla.
Dec. 29, 1943. Ackd. 1/5/44

Let. to the President and sent box of fruit. Distributed. Offers to send some Temple oranges when they are ripe. In ack. Miss Tully states that the President would enjoy the oranges very much. Suggests that they send them to Mr. Frank Murray, 1834 L. Street, N.W., Washington, D. C.

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On 3-1-44, Mr. Woodland wrote to Miss Tully, asking if the box of Temple oranges was received and in good condition.

Miss Tully on 3-8-44 wrote to Mr. Woodland saying the oranges were received in excellent condition and greatly enjoyed. Expresses President's thanks for the gift.

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SMALL, Mrs. L. H.
Nashville, Tenn.
Ackd. Feb. 21, 1944.

On 2/17/44 Congressman J Percy Priest brought in a handmade service flag made by Mrs. Small and presented it to Gen. Watson for the President. On 2/21/44 Miss Tully sent thank-you let. to Mrs. Small in behalf of the President and also wrote to Cong. Priest enclosing copy of her letter to Mrs. Small.

Sent to Franklin D. Roosevelt Library, Series B, Hyde Park, N.Y.

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MAHONEY, James J. - Sec'y, Conservation Dept.
Albany, N.Y.
Feb. 18, 1944. Ackd. 2/21/44.

Let. to Miss Tully asking if the President would like some icefish. In ack. Miss Tully asks him to send about 10 lbs. to Hyde Park. Penciled note: Recd.

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YOUNG, R. Lee
San Francisco, Calif.
Ackd. March 1, 1944.

Sent flowers to the President and Mrs. Roosevelt and Miss LeHand. President and Mrs. Roosevelt's flowers sent to Mr. Reeves - florist. Miss LeHand's flowers sent to Miss Tully.

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March 4, 1944

My dear Mr. Fischer:

In acknowledging the receipt of the copy of your booklet, I want to thank you for your courtesy in sending it on to the President.

Very sincerely yours,

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Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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Mathias J. Fischer, Esq.,
481 Springdale Avenue,
East Orange,
New Jersey.

BOOKLET: TO A LIVING "UNKNOWN SOLDIER"?

To a
Living "Unknown Soldier"

by

MATHIAS J. FISCHER

To a
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Dedicated
with Humility and Gratitude
to the memory of those who died
so that we might strive to create
a Better World

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FOREWORD

Conditions confronting human society are the mirrored results of man's thoughts and actions. They are therefore man-made. This is particularly true here in our country where the people are the final authority. Since we made our present society, we can make a different one—more responsive to the needs and rights of *all* of our people.

This essay is one of the author's contributions to the effort to create better conditions. It is presented as an *invitation* and a *friendly challenge* to YOU to bring forth a better plan for the good of mankind.

MATHIAS J. FISCHER
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TO A LIVING "UNKNOWN SOLDIER":

What Kind of a Country Can You and I
Help to Build When the War is Over?

I think of you as a representative of all Americans who in all branches of the armed services have defended our country during this war. Millions of you, each in his own allotted way and place gave to us at home and to the world at large indisputable proof that in the hour of danger you were not wanting in the physical and spiritual stamina necessary to preserve for America the opportunity to work out its destiny.

To me the grandeur of America is in that word "Opportunity". The achievements of the past and the status of the present relating to our land are not nearly as significant or as impressive as the opportunities of the future. In our comparatively short history, a record has been written that has earned the admiration of the world. Proud as we can be of that record, we do not see it in its true light, if we fail to understand that there is yet much to be done before our glorious destiny is reached.

Peace, Justice, Truth and the Brotherhood of Man are ideals that have an irresistible hold on our hearts and imagination, but they are still far out of our reach. The real glory attached to our land is that our ancestors have created here conditions under which the opportunity is given to strive for those attributes. That unquenchable and unconquerable demand for freedom in all phases of life which is a part of the very nature of Americans, is a guarantee that no foe, at home or abroad, will be allowed to take it from us. To insure that for the living and the unborn, you and your buddies braved the sufferings and the dangers of this war. But that sense of freedom and its application to *all* Americans needs to be jealously guarded and expanded in our Press, Radio, Religion, Business and Politics.

So while we are equipped with the tools that could enable us to fulfill America's destiny, we have not used them with the proper sense of devotion to that purpose. The ideals refuse to die in us, but the attainment of them still eludes us. Why? — a small word, but a question of incalculable importance!

My own conviction is that there is a very simple, though deep-seated cause for this. *It is that human behavior has not been good enough to produce the right results.* In that simple fact lies

the entire explanation of all that is objectionable in human society — everywhere. Our country is indescribably rich in natural resources, the American brain and brawn is unlimited in its capacity to expand the usefulness of this vast treasure, the need of our people — all of them — is so great that no one can see the end, and nature gives no sign of calling a halt to its productive powers — in short, the materials, capacity and needs are all here in abundance with which to provide for *all* the people, so that every individual, *assuming that a truly democratic justice prevailed,* might make an honorable, cooperative contribution to an ever-expanding abundance of happiness! But the missing link is plain, simple, righteous behavior of man.

Here at home we have the utmost freedom to create conditions that will make for everyone's happiness. If we do not have them, it is our own fault, for the people are the final authority. If we know what we want and if what we want is right, we can have what is right and all that follows from it. *The key that will unlock this tremendously precious treasure is proper human behavior!* How to find this key seems very complicated and even impossible at times. But this is only so because we ourselves add the complicating or impossible elements in our attitude of selfishness in many forms. Selfish individuals hope to increase their effectiveness by forming groups — pressure groups we call them in the political field. Then one group contends with others, seeking to gain its ends by putting other individuals and other groups at a disadvantage. Thus strife originates, developes and becomes identified with our lives. This has been the record throughout the ages and always will be *as long as we put our reliance in selfishness.* Here is the basic explanation and cause of Strife, Poverty, Discontent, Injustice, Preference and Privilege.

Did you ever consider how un-American these imposters are? In a land created on the very principle of over-throwing the dominance of some over the rights of others, we have permitted millions of our fellow Americans to be enslaved by the chains of Poverty and created Preference and Privilege on a vast scale.

The cardinal need for achieving any improvement is clear thinking. No goal can ever be reached unless it is first aimed at. That is what we mean by having a purpose. What is, or what ought to be our purpose? Many words and phrases can describe it. I think of it as *contentment.* How to achieve it for all of our people is our problem, after we have set it as our goal. When a plan or a system has been tried for many years that continually leaves millions of our people in a deplorable and degrading state of poverty while a

few are surrounded by affluence and great riches, that system must be classified as *inadequate for the achievement of contentment.* No one has any inherent right or privilege to live in greater comfort than his fellowman. To grant this privilege and attempt to justify it on any basis puts a strain upon Truth and Justice, thus damaging or destroying the law of morality, the only reliable foundation for a just and orderly society. The disregard of these fundamental ethical principles must inevitably produce selfishness, strife and discontent. Our reliance upon these iniquitous forces reproduces them in others, resulting in unending and increasing clashes between the various selfish groups. Thus we bring about friction between capital and labor, between the white and the negro races, between Christians and Jews, between industry and agriculture and the political parties that represent them in our legislatures, and finally between nations when their predominant economic interests seek to erase a disadvantage or protect an advantage, by resort to wars.

The enormous technical progress that has been achieved under the prevailing economic system is usually cited as proof of satisfactory results. This is pertinent, good evidence; but not the whole evidence. Have the masses been happy and contented while this record has been accruing? Has justice prevailed during the period of this accomplishment? Has not poverty and growing unemployment on a vast scale existed thereunder? Has it not been necessary to rely upon offensive, degrading charity to provide for the most elementary needs of vast numbers of human beings? Have not a countless number of infants grown to be adults without proper nourishment and medical care, thus being compelled to go through life with inferior physical bodies with all the limitations to themselves, their families and society that this implies? Have not millions of human lives ended during this period of so-called success without knowing the beauty and solace of nature, music and the arts, the joy of living and the opportunity of serving their fellowman — simply because the tasks of producing that so-called success have denied them such opportunities? Are there not now at this very moment uncountable millions of human beings throughout the world suffering from want, pain and sickness because they have not the economic means to provide for their needs? And is it not true that these enormous limitations have prevented and are preventing vast numbers of people from developing their latent talents which would enable them to make their lives count for the utmost in the service of mankind? Can these wrongs and iniquities be cured and eliminated by the selfish motive underlying our present economic system?

The question echoes its answer in its own record. It is for such reasons that a better method must be sought.

Must we rely upon Selfishness to produce superior results? The historic answer is "Yes". This decision seems to be supported by the thoughts, expressions and behavior of the bulk of the people. If the answer is to be "No", then it follows that the attitude of our people must change.

One of the most common and trite expressions of our day is: "You cannot change human nature", by which is meant that selfishness is an inborn and permanent part of the human character — a part of our very nature — which we must carry with us as long as we live, as inseparably or as unchangeably as the color of our eyes or the existence of our sex. When this view is pressed for examination, it is on evidence freely admitted that there *are* some individuals whose actions are largely unselfish — people who are more concerned with benefiting mankind than with any selfish reward they might obtain for themselves. But in spite of this demonstrated fact that *selfishness is not an essential part of human nature,* the view prevails — and is supported by experience — that the majority of human beings are predominantly selfish.

Selfishness is a condition that has resulted from past and present influences and attitudes. Therefore, in order to enable us to answer our subject question intelligently, we will need to examine the cause of selfishness.

It is a well-known and well-demonstrated fact that practice when habitually repeated produces a result originally aimed at. Thus the musical artist is largely the result of years of painstaking practice. The same is true of the sculptor, the painter, the writer, the actor, the speaker, etc. What we see in the performance is largely the result of constant practices that have preceded the result. There are quite evidently degrees of accomplishment to be noted in the result we see or hear. But he or she became the artist because adequate preparations were made in advance by repeated efforts.

These same forces and causes can be applied to the field of human behavior and with like results. What the human race has been doing for centuries in the economic field is to indulge in practices that inevitably produced selfishness. It can be said with accuracy that we have *educated* ourselves to be selfish. *This Culture of Selfishness* has been carried over into every field of human endeavor, including that of the religious aim and expression of the people. It has compelled the Churches to dilute the intrinsic worth of their program and brought them into disrepute.

By the emphasis upon the selfish principle underlying business, we have educated men to react largely by *stimulating* their selfishness. Thus an evil human trait has been created and nourished that has enslaved us as the predominant influence in our life.

I think it is a fair and warranted assumption that a reliance upon an unselfish attitude over the course of the centuries would have been at least equally effective in producing an unselfish trait in us. I have faith in that assumption and since experience has shown the inadequate results of the use of selfishness, our reliance must be placed on other principles.

Before the establishment of the Federal Reserve System in this country, each individual bank had to guard its own ability to repay deposits by hoarding its own cash in times of financial stress. Each bank strengthened itself by accumulating its reserves in its own vaults. It had to do so for there was no other adequate help to be found elsewhere. The Federal Reserve System was created to pool these reserves into a reservoir from which aid could be given to any section of the country where it was needed. The result was that the entire banking structure was strengthened.

The same strengthening force through unity is applicable to the whole sphere of human life. In the use of selfishness we divide and dissipate our capacities, as well as degrade our characters. In the use of unselfish co-operation, we unite and increase those capacities and ennoble our characters.

As a simple illustration, think of a group of say ten people seated around a table entrusted with the solution of the problem of meeting their total needs. There are two ways of attempting to meet those needs. The first is the conventional method of each for himself — the selfish way. The second is the method of combining their abilities and resources upon the needs of the group — the unselfish way. Under both methods these needs will be met, but we know by the experience of the ages that under the method based upon selfishness, the by-products have always been strife, discontent, poverty, injustice and even wars. It is reasonable to assume that by discarding selfishness and substituting unselfish co-operation these lamentable by-products will disappear. Under the first method the predominant rivalry is *against* the interests of each other individual; under the second method there is only rivalry *for* each other one in the group. We have reasonable grounds, therefore, to expect that by co-operative methods the achievements for the individual and for the group will rank at least as high as under the method activated by selfishness. This is knowledge gained by

experience, for whenever we are confronted by a common danger, we combine our efforts and resources for greater effectiveness.

Aside from the greater material benefits, there is the resulting by-product of the unselfish, co-operative method that it stimulates the growth and development of our characters and thus helps *to create a purifying force of human nature*. The moral standard, so vital to proper human relations, is thereby lifted to an ever higher plane. In other words, degrading tendencies induced by selfishness are halted and reversed to lead us in the direction of contentment, justice and service to others. This is the road over which we must travel if we are ever to reach the Brotherhood of Man.

Our returning men and women of the armed forces ought to be clear in their conviction that *wars are not necessary*. They have human causes that can and must be eliminated.

Here is a sphere in the life of the world in which our country has an unenviable record, for when the first World War was ended we had an opportunity to follow the glorious leadership of Woodrow Wilson and we chose instead to support the leadership offered in the interests of selfishness, economic and political. It would be good for the American soul if in a spirit of humility we would acknowledge that colossal mistake. It would help us to give effective expression to our growing determination to do what we can *now* to rectify that error.

Our country is too powerful and too important a unit in the world to remain outside of any effective organization for the maintenance of world peace. We must and we ought to be in that effort if it is to have any chance to succeed.

Frankly, I am ashamed of our country's refusal to support the League of Nations and the World Court — ashamed both on the score of intelligence and morality. At a time when the rest of the world was ready and willing, we declined to help. But you and I and all the rest of our Fellow-Americans will once again be presented with an opportunity to decide where to put our influence in this important matter. We have it in our power to help in the prevention of another ghastly war, in much the same way as we deal with internal peace through our system of courts and the police power within our own borders. The leadership for that vital contribution is ready, for a minority has been earnestly struggling for a quarter of a century to awaken the conscience of America to assume its share of this responsibility.

It is your task and mine to say in no uncertain words to the opposition: "We followed your advice once with the result that

the crimes of the international bandits found the world unprepared and see what happened! *It shall not happen again!*"

The proper vision and the proper means for achieving that vision are expressed in the following poem:

1914 AND AFTER
by
JAMES OPPENHEIM

Would you end war?
Create great Peace.

The Peace that demands all of a man,
His love, his life, his veriest self;
Plunge him into the smelting fires of a work that becomes his child.

Give him a hard Peace; a Peace of discipline and justice. . . .
Kindle him with vision, invite him to joy and adventure;

Set him to work, not to create things
But to create man;
Yea, himself.

Go search your heart, America. . . .
Turn from the machine to man,
Build, while there is yet time, a creative Peace. . . .

While there is yet time!
For if you reject great Peace,
As surely as vile living brings disease,
So surely will your selfishness bring war.

Selfishness is the wrong motive power on which to rely for the machine of society to produce human happiness. It is as certain to create friction, as improper lubrication does even in the best designed engine. Every element that produces strife and discontent is an enemy of human happiness. Selfishness is the outstanding irritant in human society. It creates and sustains class distinctions. It makes haughty and arrogant individuals among the privileged class. It offends and depresses the under-privileged. It has sought to justify itself by proclaiming the need to reward ability with material wealth. *The only justifiable reward inherent or acquired ability may rightly take to itself is the one of putting that superior*

ability to work to serve the less able — an inward satisfaction that is never bestowed by any outside power!

So the remedy for the ailment of selfishness is idealism, which is only another name for the Love and Practice of the Right. This is not the inert thing that some people are wont to sneer at. It is in fact the *only practical attitude* for human relations. All the great religions have been striving for this for centuries. I have tried to understand the basic reasons for their failure in this respect. There are undoubtedly many contributory explanations, but the outstanding ones are — 1. Lack of unity among the religious organizations, 2. the acquiescence by them in institutions that run contrary to fundamental religious principles, such as selfish Business, selfish Nationalism, etc. 3. the inadequacy of their program, and 4. a greater concern in our religious institutions for possible experiences after death, than for the proper attitudes toward other human beings during our life here on earth. So it is in the human record of all ages that human relations have been marked by discordance, friction, animosity and hatred. Here in America — as in few other countries — we *can* lay the foundations for a human society that will serve the happiness and the rights of *all* of our people. It is within our power as sovereign beings to say that we will brook no interference for such a lofty aim from any quarters.

You and I both know that selfishness is the product of human actions and attitudes that have been at work for long periods in human history. It cannot be uprooted instantaneously. Neither can a different and a better society be created immediately. But we can in the light of the gross iniquities and injustices that have existed throughout the centuries and that are still with us, pronounce our judgment that the results of these attitudes are inadequate when measured against the plain rights of all the people. Our intelligence tells us that we should strive for more equitable results for the bulk of our people; that new and better ways must be found, so that real, vibrant Democracy may emerge here in America!

Are we interested in *perpetuating* a human society in which the few have much and the many have little? Should we not make our plans so that in due time a society of human beings will emerge in which none are preferred? Where rights and needs will be the deciding factor, not profits and preferences! Only then will we stop generating selfishness, discontent and hatred, to be replaced by a human understanding on an ever-expanding scale. Then each of us will have a full opportunity to develop our particular inherent abilities for the good of all, free from strife and want.

Since no compulsion, other than that of our own free conscience, can ever hope to achieve such an equitable society, it follows that a very much superior ethical standard must be developed by our people. That is why I stressed the need of proper human behavior as the cure of all that is evil here and elsewhere. *There is no other way.* Ethical ideals must be the predominant aim and effort of all our thinking and doing. We can do it when we once see the transcending need for it. But nothing — *Nothing* — must be permitted to stand in its way, neither Profits nor Privileges, Churches nor Creeds, Preferences nor Pretenses. *Human Rights are supreme!*

Rights are but the product of responsibilities. Since we are interested in getting the right product, we must contribute the right materials. Think of it as a machine — the *Machine of Human Contentment* — in operation. The materials are our Responsibilities; the finished products are Human Rights.

It may seem upon first, but inadequate consideration, that the majority of our people are unprepared and unwilling to adopt the proper sense of responsibility for this effort. My faith in the inherent goodness and capacity of my fellowman has given me the deep-seated conviction that he will respond properly when *our goal and our purpose is what he considers noble enough.* It is one thing to urge him to make his best effort when his experience shows him that the cream of his efforts and those of his co-workers is usurped by the privileged few and quite another thing when he knows that the aim is to serve his needs in the same degree as those of all other people within his nation. In other words, give him a clear, adequate and worth-while purpose and his sense of responsibility will conform, after he has been convinced of the sincerity of our purpose.

Though free from creeds, dogmas, involved theologies and decrepit teachings that often insult the intelligence of man, the simple doctrine of *Rights through Ethics,* is the most religious program that has ever been evolved. It concerns itself with proper human behavior. Is that not the very essence of true religion? For *Religion is the Science of Proper Human Relations.*

There is no need to list the precise steps by which such an aim can be attained. It is a process, a movement dominated and illuminated by a glorious ideal. You can trust the potential capacity of the combined brain power of men and women to evolve the process by which to stride with confidence toward the goal of Justice. The power of Righteousness is all that we need!

Do not despair because the age-old efforts of organized and orthodox religion have failed to reach the proper aim in this respect. Those groups have shown that they are devoid of sufficient vitalizing power to inspire human beings to noble living. They are and have been for many years not much more than ceremonial institutions — somewhat similar to a glorified Odd Fellows Lodge. True Religion — the science of proper human behavior — does not depend upon the churches, synagogues, etc. True Religion is a deep longing of the human heart. It will never die as long as human beings walk upon this earth.

The policy of keeping the State and the Church separate is sound for the reason that the freedom to worship — or not to worship — would otherwise be meaningless. But this does not mean that Religion should be excluded from the sphere of government. On the contrary, it is vitally necessary that the influence of true Religion should be predominantly present in our public affairs, if we are to achieve an orderly and a just society. Real and genuine Democracy is a religious aspiration, an attempt to put Religion into practice. Religion gives us the ideal which we seek to make the foundation for Democracy. We are far from obtaining that aim. This is primarily due to the failure of the Church to define true Religion properly for its adherents and to inspire them to proper conduct by means of an adequate program. Lacking the understanding of the vital nature of this religious ideal, it is not surprising that its influence is not reflected in what we call Democracy. For what is commonly referred to as Democracy is frequently just a catch word and only a semblance of the genuine article. Thus Preference and Privilege have no place in Democracy, nor in true Religion. Neither have race discrimination, nor isolation, nor selfishness in any form. Insofar as Democracy has failed, it signifies the failure of the Churches to inculcate the essential ideal of true Religion.

Since these orthodox organizations have failed to achieve this vital purpose, a new approach must be tried. It is of a prophetic indication that here in America the beginning has been made in the Ethical Culture Movement. The Society for Ethical Culture has done excellent pioneer work in searching for the principles of proper human behavior. The Society, though young in years, is well established here and in Great Britain. It is dedicated to the "ever increasing Love, Knowledge and Practice of the Right". Like a patient scientist working in his laboratory, it seeks the truth in human experience and accepts light from all available sources. It

is free from any creeds or dogmas and places its faith in the inherent capacity of human beings to acquire righteousness.

What is needed is the *Will* to achieve.

That marvelous capacity of the human brain that has enabled us to span the world in an instant with our voice, to lift a hundred tons of dead weight and set it down at some precise distant point, to fashion the crude materials of the earth into the most delicate fabrics, to calculate with precision the movements of our globe and other celestial bodies; that same human brain will be no less able to deal with the principles of proper human behavior when it has asserted its will to do so.

General Sir Archibald Wavell once said:

> "Have you ever thought what a world we could make if we put into peace endeavors the same energy, the same self-sacrifice and co-operation we use in the wastefulness of war?"

This is no easy task, but it is a glorious one. It makes its appeal to the best in us. It helps us to develop our own characters and thus better enables us to influence character growth in others. It represents a program and an effort that seeks to make effective the promises for a better and more equitable world for which you in the armed forces faced the dangers of this war. It looks toward the day when America will have fulfilled its mission to light the path for the rest of the world to follow. There is a great need to establish on earth a society under which wars, poverty, preference and injustice will eventually melt away. The dawn of such an achievement can be hastened because you and I and all forward-looking men and women had faith in our country and the courage to make the effort. In that spirit let us summon the marvelous, enormous mental and moral capacity of all men and women which exists, though it is now dormant, to our side in this great and glorious battle for true service to all of our people.

Sincerely yours, for our country's glory,

MATHIAS J. FISCHER

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