PRESIDENT'S PERSONAL FILE

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BARNEY GREENGRASS AND SON

"THE STURGEON KING"

A FOOD STORE FOR THOSE WHO DEMAND THE BEST

541 AMSTERDAM AVENUE

BETWEEN 86TH AND 87TH STS. NEW YORK CITY

1944

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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TO:
MORRISON, Honorable Jimmy,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.
Nov. 15, 1944.

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Pres. sent following letter: "You were grand to bring me those delicious geese and we are all enjoying them tremendously. Ever so many thanks for thinking of me."----Attached is Mr. Morrison's calling card on which is written: "Hope you enjoy these. Jimmy."

SEE - PPF-8963

PPF 9.8

Franklin Collection

November 14, 1944

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Gage:

The President has asked me to thank you for your letter of recent date. He appreciates the friendly thought which prompted you to send him the framed picture and I have pleasure in extending to you his very best wishes.

× PPF 9-8
× PPF 7288

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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Mr. and Mrs. DeWitt Gage,
4833 W. 141st Street,
Hawthorne,
California.

~~To~~ THE GREAT ADVUDICATOR

THE RIGHT HONORABLE FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT

PRESIDENT OF THE
UNITED STATES

SIR:

THANKS TO YOUR UNFAILING DEVOTION TO THE CAUSE OF JUSTICE FOR ALL, THE GOOD WIFE AND MYSELF ARE TODAY CELEBRATING OUR 45TH ANNIVERSARY

TO YOUR GOOD SELF, GOOD WIFE & FAMILY, GOD SPEED & SUCCESS IN YOUR GREATER FUTURE ENDEAVORS FOR THE RIGHT

WE SEND "BUT FALA DID MIND IT" HOPING IT MAY SOMETIMES RECALL THE MEMORY OF A WORK WELL DONE "THOU GOOD & FAITHFUL SERVANT"

GOD BE WITH YOU

E. Winifred Gage
Janette Ee Gage

Oct 25 1944

November 17, 1944

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My dear Mr. Grossman:

It was exceedingly kind of you to send the President that box of cranberries. Many thanks in his behalf for your friendly thought as well as for your generous words of congratulation.

x PPF 79-C

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President

Mr. William Grossman,
543 N. 6th Street,
Philadelphia 23,
Pennsylvania.

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.O. Box 7, Whitesbog, N. J.

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N. 6th St.
la. 23, Pa.
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Congratulations on your re-election! We Americans have much to be thankful for.

Under separate cover, we have sent a box of cranberries grown on our plantation with the hope they arrive in good condition for you and your family to enjoy at Thanksgiving.

With compliments of the Beaver Dam Cranberry Co., we remain,

Yours respectfully,

BEAVER DAM CRANBERRY COMPANY

William Grossman, Pres.

William Grossman

WG/J

543 NORTH 6th ST.

11/13/44

Mrs. Eben:

The enclosed label and card are from a wooden box, containing eleven pounds of fresh cranberries that were sent to the Agri. Dep't. for analysis.

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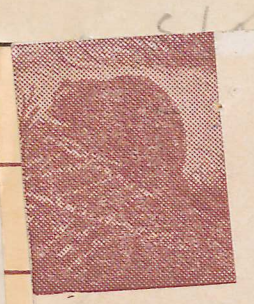

543 NORTH 6th ST.
PHILA. 23, PA.
PHONE: MAR. 4677

BEAVER DAM CRANBERRY CO.

CRANBERRY-BLUEBERRY GROWERS
WHITING, NEW JERSEY

Mailing Address:
P.O. Box 7, Whitesbog, N. J.

WM. GROSSMAN

Scientifically dusted by plane - - -
- - - for your protection

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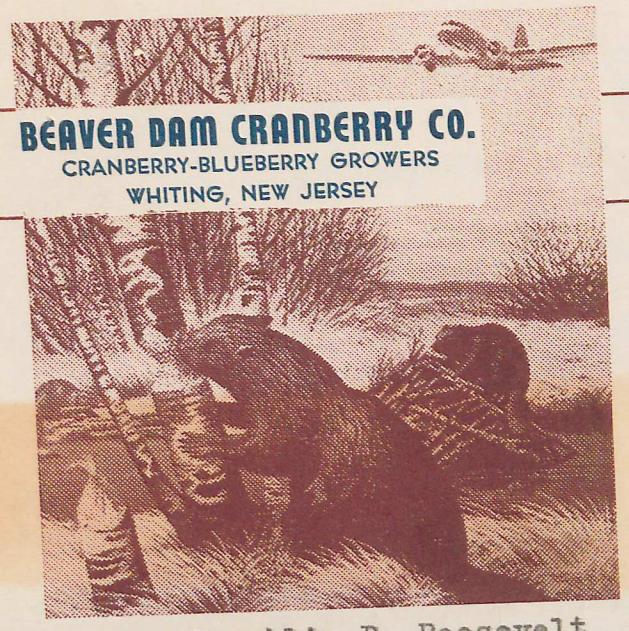

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GEPHAN, Miss Kate
Tacoma 6, Washington
November 9, 1944 - ack. 11/18/44.

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9-E

Letter to President, enclosing a Medal of St. Christopher, asking him to wear it for health and safety.

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See - PPF 9-M

Eben

MR. PADGETT

PLATE - TO LIBRARY "A" vember 20, 1944

E.S. Smith

10/26/44

PPF 9-B

The President wants me to thank you for your letter of November tenth, with the enclosed campaign buttons made by one of your students, Alvin Burgess. Will you please be good enough to express to him the President's sincere appreciation of his friendliness.

× PPF 9-B

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Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM D. HASSETT
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President Franklin D. Roosevelt
Office of the President
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Sir:

I am enclosing some campaign buttons that a student of mine made in my art class. He made them for some of the students in the Miami High School, Miami, Arizona, so they could wear them for a period of about two weeks before election day.

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The student's name is Alvin Burgess and mail will reach him at the Miami High School, Box 1177, Miami, Arizona.

Sincerely yours,

Zella Grove

Zella Grove, Art Teacher
Miami High School

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DARCEY, Mr. P. Clifton
Special Agent-Inspector.

Please check the log through the tracker

MIAMI HIGH SCHOOL

OFFICE OF HIGH SCHOOL PRINCIPAL
MIAMI, ARIZONA

November 10, 19

D. Roosevelt

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PPF

DARCEY, Mr. P. Clifton
Special Agent-Inspector,
The Pullman Company - Union Station.
Washington, D.C.
ack. 11/21/44.

P.P.F. 9-G

Miss Tully on above date wrote Mr. Darcey thanking him for the lovely flowers the President was delighted and asked her to express sincere thanks to you and through you, to Mr. David J. Cahagan, and Mr. Walter A. Brooks.....flowers put on the train.

SEE P.P.F. 9-D

enc

Mrs. Eben

PPF
9-G

November 20, 1944

My dear Mr. Gololeb:

It was indeed kind of you to send that gift to the President. I want to thank you, on his behalf, and to assure you that he appreciates your friendliness.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Mr. Louis Gololeb,
443 Stone Avenue,
Brooklyn,
New York.

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WHITE HOUSE
WASH. D. C.

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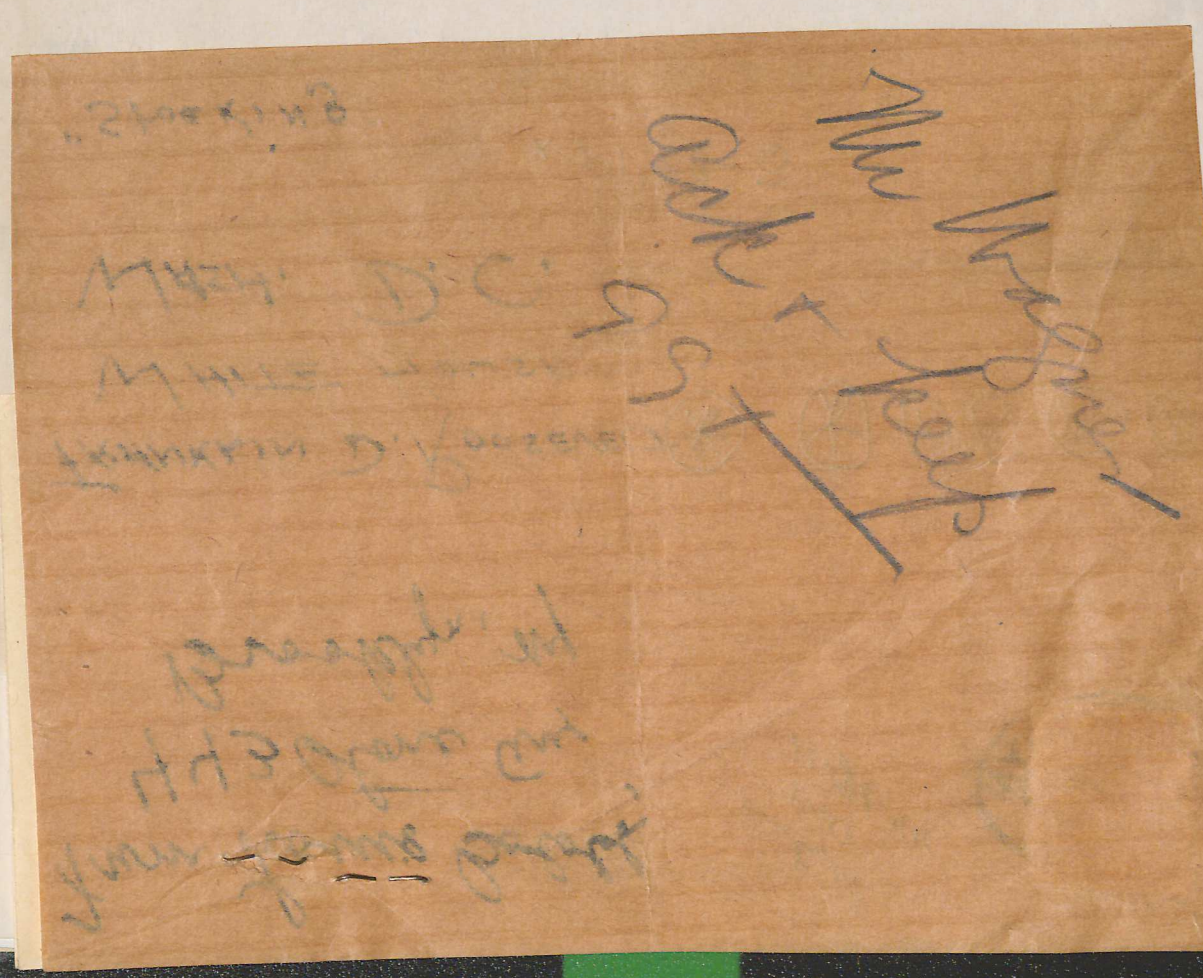

P.P.F. 9-G

BUCK, Miss Pearl I.
Exeter, California
ack. 11/21/44.

Note to Mrs. Eben from Groshon 11/15 advising a 30 lb. box of grapes, addressed to the President, was received from Pearl I. Buck - no correspondence has been received in connection with the grapes. Att. card from "Washington Growers & Distributors" was enclosed - the name Pearl I. Buck was copies from the return address printed on the crate in crayon. Grapes were sent to the Agriculture Dept. to be analyzed - okayed.

Miss Tully on above date wrote Miss Buck thanking her for the grapes sent the President and he wishes her to know how much they were enjoyed.....grapes sent to Mrs. Nesbitt.

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SEE P.P.F. 9-B

November 20, 1944

PPF 9-g

My dear Mr. Gonzales:

The President is most appreciative of your kind letter of November ninth. For the confidence in his leadership which your words imply he is grateful indeed.

The President asks me to tell you how much he enjoyed the seafood you were good enough to send him. *OF 79-8

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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Mr. Nelo J. Gonzales,
President,
Star Fish & Oyster Company, Inc.,
Mobile 1,
Alabama.

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NJG/djg

...oagnes —

Very nice letter of thanks saying the Pres. enjoyed seafood etc — not mentioning about Inauguration offer — GST

FOODS–ICE
T'S FRESH"
STER CO., INC.
SHIPPERS
PERS IN THE SOUTH



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You will recall this is the gentleman who was to send the fish to Hyde Park and the terrible "to do" we had about it. However, if you wish to take another chance on ordering seafood I am sure he would be delighted to send it to you.

Affectionately,

Grace.

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Nelo J.Gonzales, Pres.,
STAR FISH & OYSTER CO., INC.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

November 16, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

MRS. ROOSEVELT: XP.P.F. 2

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...sident
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...ES, Secretary
...ALES, Asst. Treasurer

COLD STORAGE—FROZEN SEAFOODS—ICE

"IF IT'S FROM THE ★ IT'S FRESH"

STAR FISH & OYSTER CO., INC.

WHOLESALE DEALERS AND SHIPPERS

THE LARGEST PRODUCERS AND SHIPPERS IN THE SOUTH



OUR SPECIALTIES

ALL VARIETIES OF FISH
FRESH CHILLED
FROZEN
SALT STEAKS FILLETS
SHRIMP AND CRAB MEAT
OYSTERS CLAMS LOBSTERS
FROG LEGS FISH ROE



SHIPPING DEPARTMENT
INDUSTRIAL CANAL, STATE DOCKS

MOBILE 1, ALA.

(11)

November 9th
1944

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

Good Morning:

I wish to convey to you in this message, the thoughts of our entire organization and of each and every fisherman who sails the high seas.

We need your guidance and we feel that during the next four years there is no man in this country who could steer us through the storm ahead like you.

I know that for the next three or four months you will have to attend and give lots of dinners and we want you to feel that any time you would like to serve Seafood Delicacies from Dixie on your table, you can just have one of your secretaries call me or wire us and we assure you it will be a pleasure. The fact of the matter is, nothing would give us more pleasure than to supply you with the seafood course at your Inaugural Dinner.

Your friend,

Nelo J.Gonzales, Pres.,
STAR FISH & OYSTER CO., INC.

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Gave matches
to G.G.T.

P.P.F.
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November 21, 1944

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Mr. Antoine Gazda,
1712 Industrial Trust Building,
Providence,
Rhode Island.

asr.

Mrs. Eben

November 27, 1944

P.P.F. 9-G

My dear Mr. Green:

Your letter of November eighth to the President, with the enclosed pictures, has been received. He wants you to know that he is most appreciative of your expression of confidence in his leadership.

I am truly sorry that we cannot meet your wishes for the President's signature and photograph. I feel sure that you will understand, however, when I explain that the pressure of his urgent war duties makes it impossible to comply with the great number of requests of this nature which are being received.

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Mr. Maurice S. Green,
160 South Maryland Avenue,
Atlantic City,
New Jersey.

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[illegible] as a remembrance from election day. Thanking you in advance

Sincerely yours

32078750. Soldier Maurice S. Green.

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PPF 9-G

November 21, 1944

My dear Mr. Cazda:

In acknowledging your letter of November sixteenth I wish to thank you for your kindness in sending me a box of book-matches. In accordance with your wishes, I have had pleasure in placing before the President the other box and he wants you to know that he appreciates your friendly thought of him.

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Ack & return to me please

Ack 11/21/44 ans.

GAZDA ENGINEERING - 1712 INDUSTRIAL TRUST BUILDING - PROVIDENCE - R-I-

November 16, 1944

Miss Grace G. Tully,
Private Secretary to The President,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.

My dear Miss Tully,

Under separate cover I am sending you two boxes of book-matches, which you may find useful, especially in these days of shortage. The design shows some of the contribution of Rhode Island to the war effort.

I should appreciate it very much if you would give the President one box of these book-matches, which he may find handy.

Very sincerely yours,

Antoine Gazda

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My dear Mr. Green:

Your letter of Nov. 8th to the P., with the enclosed pictures, has been red. He wants you to know that he is most appreciative of your expression of confidence in his leadership.

(Same as top letter.)

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Auto Photo

acpd 11/27/44

Home address
160 So. Maryland Ave.
Atlantic City.
New Jersey.

DETACHMENT MEDICAL DEPARTMENT
STATION HOSPITAL
CAMP KILMER, N. J.

Nov. 8-1944.

His excellency the President
of the United States, Mr Franklin D. Roosevelt
Mr President;

As a honorable discharged soldier of this war I am taking the liberty to tell you it gives me great pleasure to express my feelings, That There Was No Time For a Change. And you are with us again for the next four years to come, as our commander and Chief. Sorry I am not in a position to come in person to congratulate, so I am enclosing my picture with your insigna "We Want F.D.R. to finish the Job."
Mr President all I can say May GOD grant you good health, success in bringing Victory and Peace all over the World, May God bless you and Mrs Roosevelt.
Mr President, in return I'd like to receive yours and Mrs Roosevelts pictures with your personal autographs to keep on my table as a remembrance from election day. Thanking you in advance

Sincerely yours
X. soldier Maurice S. Green.

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November 25, 1944

Hyde Park
Campaign Material

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P.P.F.
9-G

My dear Miss Guguilo:

Please accept the President's thanks for your kindness in sending him that souvenir. Your congratulations pleased him very much and he asks me to express his appreciation of your loyal interest and your support.

Very sincerely yours,

x PPF 9-8

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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Miss Susie Guguilo,
330 Broadway,
Staten Island,
New York.

(No letter. A campaign oil-cloth cover worn by a dog bearing the words: "VOTE FOR ROOSEVELT - MY NAME IS 'FANNIE'")

Susie Sugamo
330 Broadway
Staten Island,
New York.

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Via Air Mail



Via Air Mail

10¢ Via Air Mail

Mr. President F. D. Roosevelt
White House
Washington, D. C.

Via Air Mail

Via Air Mail

Accepted By
MARINE HOSPITAL STA
STATEN ISLAND, N. Y.

Ack. Campaign material Hyde Park G.S.T.

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P.P. 7.9-44

STANDIDGE, Mr. Harry W.
Chicago 2, Illinois
Nov. 11, 1944 - ack. 11/27/44.

Let. to the President congratulating him on his re-election and sending him a VICTORY Game.....Game given to GGT to give away.

SEE P.P.F. 9-S

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November 15, 1944

P.P.F. 9-G

Dear Mr. Gamboli:

Please accept the President's thanks for your thoughtfulness in sending him that personally inscribed copy of your book LOVE ON THE RAMPAGE AND OTHER STORIES. He deeply appreciates your courtesy.

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With respect to the question of suspension of parole, I regret to advise you that the President cannot take the initiative in intervening. I would suggest that you make your appeal direct through the appropriate authorities.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President

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Mr. Fred Gamboli,
P. O. Box 852,
Syracuse 1, New York.

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Mr Hassett

FRED M. GAMBOLI

AUTHOR - PLAYWRIGHT - COLLABORATER

MEMBER: *American Legion, Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars*

PO Box 852, Syracuse 1, New York

Nov. 11, 1944

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mr. President:

Today we celebrated Armistice Day. I marched with the living, disabled veterans and comrades of 1918 and today, who have fought so gallantly for the cause of democracy and freedom, and to preserve our form and system of a great, democratic institution.

As I marched with them, Mr. President, I thought of our other comrades, who will never march with us, and whose only thanksgiving is a white cross to mark their place of rest. They are not so fortunate as we are. They march -- yes, beyond the blue horizan. Two by two, they file by with the rest of the soldiers of other wars, from 1776 to the present, forever keeping their eyes upon us. They paid a heavy price for the freedom and liberty we enjoy today -- those boys did, as they are still doing today.

Did I say "the freedom and liberty we enjoy today," Mr. President? I wonder if I can consider myself a free man? May I tell you the reason why?

In June, 1941, at the age of sixteen, I was convicted (by a plea of guilty) of robbery, first degree, armed, and sentenced to Auburn State Prison, Auburn, N.Y., for a term of from twenty to forty years.

I was released after serving ten long, bitter years and placed on parole for thirty years. A year later, I volunteered to be drafted into the Armed Forces for immediate active duty -- since I could not enlist, because of my status as an ex-convict and draft classification of 4-F.

Recently, I was honorably discharged from Rhoads General Hospital, Utica, N.Y., after being wounded and severely shell-shocked in the invasion of the Green Islands, approximately one hundred miles from the then Japanese strong-hold of the Pacific, Rabaul, when two bombs landed about forty feet from my machine-gun post during a night raid by the Japs. I also saw service in New Caledonia, New Hebrides, Guadalcanal, Tulgia, Russell Island, Vella Lavella, Treasury Island, and Bouganville. (See attached clipping. Please return same.)

Mr. President,I enlisted in the army primarily for one purpose -- and that is, I believed (and still do) in the decency of democracy, freedom, liberty, justice, and the rights of the people to live as a free people. I shall always fight for that right.

Consequently, in all sincerity, am I not now entitled to enjoy those rights for which I fought upon the fields of battles -- to live as a free man without the shackles of parole -- without living in haunting fear of parole? If I have no right whatever to enjoy those same rights and privileges, as a free man and citizen, what then?

Mr. President, is THIS the America for which I fought without fear or regard for personal safety? Is THIS the America -- the land of opportunity and equal rights for all -- for which I bled? If not, should I continue to live in a hated, haunting fear of parole -- or as an honorable, trustworthy, loyal, law-abiding, grateful citizen-veteran, seeking continually for self-betterment, as well as to better the country and community in which he lives?

I leave the case in your hands. I appeal directly to you, as my commander-in-chief, in the name of decency and democracy of a great people, whose unquestionable confidence you already have, for a human chance to live freely and honorably. I appeal largely to you, for you represent the voice of the people of these United States, for which I fought, for suspension of parole through executive clemency or pardon, or through congressional or senatorial legislation. (The Honorable Joe Starnes, M.C., Honorable John Lesinski, Honorable John E. Rakin, Chairman of the Committee on World War Veterans'Legislation, Mr. Millard W. Rice, and others, favor clemency or pardon of all federal convicts and parollees who have had active honorable service in the Armed Forces during the period of WW II.)

Yours for continued health and success,

Respectfully,

Fred M. Gamboli

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Incidentally, Mr. President, I sincerely trust you enjoy reading the little book I have sent to you. If you do, may I impose upon you for a comment in a seperate letter? Any favorable comment you might make, with your permission to quote you, would certainly give me a big start in life and, frankly, considerably boost the sales of my book and possibly those that I might write and be fortunate enough to have published in the future. Thank you very much.

December 2, 1944

Dear Mr. Gamboli:

In accordance with your request, the clippings which were enclosed with your letter of November eleventh to the President are returned to you herewith.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President

Mr. Fred M. Gamboli,
P. O. Box 852,
Syracuse,
New York.

Enclosure

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(Returning 2 clippings concerning writer's service in present World War, enclosed in imitation leather case.)

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PO Box 852
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November 30, 1944

Hon. William D. Hassett
Secretary to the President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear sir:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 15, 1944, and I appreciate the courtesy extended. It is deeply regretted the President can not undertake the initiative in intervening for the suspension of parole for parolees who have served their country faithfully in the hour of need.

However, may I impose upon you to return the clippings enclosed in a case and submitted with my letter to the President? I would appreciate it sincerely if you should mail them to me, reversing all postage charges.

I treasure the clippings highly, as a symbol of true American principles for which we are fighting and dying upon the fields of battles thruout Europe and in the Pacific.

In conclusion, may I extend my sincerest appreciation, and felicitations to the President for continued health and success?

Respectfully yours,

Fred M. Gamboli
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November 28, 1944

My dear Mr. Graves:

Your letter of recent date has been received and I want to thank you in the President's behalf for your courtesy in sending him the copies of SCIENCE AND HEALTH and the CHRISTIAN SCIENCE SENTINEL. He is deeply appreciative of your friendly thought.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Mr. R. Graves,
114 Slocum Avenue,
Syracuse,
New York.

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From Mr R H. Graves
114. Slocum. Ave
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December 1, 1944

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My dear Mr. Gerat:

Permit me to acknowledge the receipt of the book which you sent to the President. I want to assure you that your courtesy is appreciated.

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Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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Mr. Goldo Gerat,
Box 74,
Dwight,
Illinois.

BOOK: THE AMAZING STORY OF REPEAL: An Expose' of the Power of Propaganda.

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Dear President Roosevelt:
Your Chicago speech encouraged me to write.
You disagreed with the Chicago Tribune.
This relative of Abraham Lincoln & Patrick Henry, whom you quote, - would be pleased (as would many of the narcotic victims) if you would use your high office to eliminate its big income from the narcotic beverage alcohol (which includes beer) and tobacco advertisements.
Canada has no narcotic adv.
Lincoln was beloved because he freed a race.
You can free a nation by curbing the Copeland-Culler & Culler Bills & give us war time freedom from the "Brewer's Gestapo".
I am sending you "The Amazing Story of Repeal" Please read before you answer this letter. Sincerely Golda Gerat

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December 5, 1944

My dear Mr. Gonzalez:

Thank you in the President's behalf for your kindness in sending him the framed picture received recently. I want to assure you that this evidence of your loyal interest and confidence in his leadership means a great deal to him.

x PPF 9-P

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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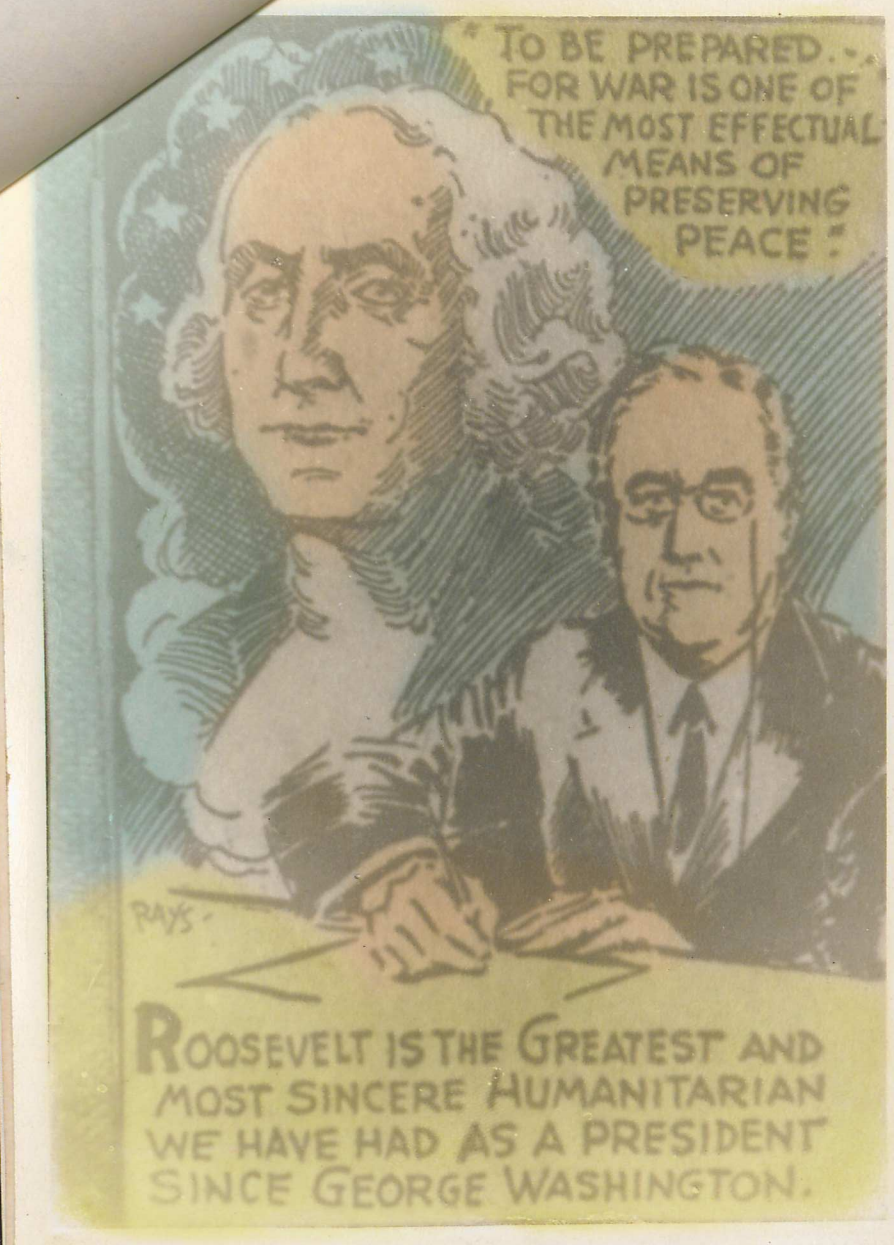
Mr. G. M. Gonzalez,
610 W. Martin Street,
San Antonio,
Texas.

Miss Henrietta Gilchrist



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Miss Henrietta Gilchrist,
1248 East 79th Street,
Chicago, 19,
Illinois.

Miss Henrietta Gilchrist

Mrs. Eben

December 7, 1944

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My dear Miss Gilchrist:

I have for acknowledgment your letter of November thirteenth and want to thank you, in the President's behalf, for your friendly interest in calling attention to the book which you enclosed.

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Permit me to explain, however, that while the President is always glad to see the many musical and literary compositions which are received daily, he cannot, under a rule of long standing, express any opinion as to the merits of such compositions. I am sure that you will understand the necessity for this policy.

Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President

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1248 East 79th Street,
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1248 E. 79th St
Chicago, 19, Ill
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I am writing you in regard to my book, "THE UNIVERSAL COIN" as people have urged me to send it to you hoping that you will call the people of the world's attention to it. I am enclosing a copy of it with this letter.

A graduate of West Point, a man who knew Eisenhower, Pattan, and MacArthur while there, said, after reading this book, "If only one hundredth part of 1% of the people would read this book, there would never be another war," and, "This should be taught in every grade of every school."

The Oxford University Press of New York, after reading this book, wrote me, "Its message is certainly one which the world should heed today, and I hope that it will have as wide a distribution as possible. Trade Editor, H.T.Hatcher."

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Miss Henrietta Gilchrist

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FINE ARTS
EDWARD GANS

December 9, 1944

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Dear Mr. Gans:

The President has asked me to acknowledge your letter of November twentieth and to thank you for the generous impulse which prompts your desire to present him with a piece of ancient jewelry.

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The President deeply appreciates your willingness to allow him to pass upon the selection to be made.

Since the final repository of this gift would naturally be the Library at Hyde Park, New York, I would suggest that you communicate with the Director of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library in that community. I am sure that the Director would cooperate fully with you to the end that a suitable selection can be made for the presentation to the President.

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Very sincerely yours,

WILLIAM D. HASSETT
Secretary to the President

Edward Gans, Esq.,
101 West 55th Street,
New York 19, New York.

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November 20th 1944

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To the

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

My dear Mr. President:-

Today I became a citizen of the United States and I think no other day is more appropriate to express my profound gratitude for opening the gates to this blessed country - to me and hundredthousands of other refugees.

It is my earnest desire to express my thankfulness not only in words but by a deed. From the debacle I salvaged a part of my collection of ancient Greek and Roman jewelry, a number of pieces of which are outstanding in beauty and rarity and would be welcomed by any museum.

I should like to offer you the finest as a gift of a new citizen.

With such objects of art it is a personal question which one would be the most cherished one; it depends entirely upon the taste of the director of the Institute which I ask you to designate. To me it would be the happiest thought, if you, Mr. President, could find occasionally a few moment's time to make the choice yourself.

Respectfully yours,

Edward Gans.

101 WEST 55th STREET, Corner 6th Ave. • NEW YORK 19, N.Y. • TEL. Circle 7-5160

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 7, 1944

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My dear Dr. Glueck:

Permit me to thank you in the President's behalf for your courtesy in sending him a copy of your book WAR CRIMINALS, THEIR PROSECUTION AND PUNISHMENT. I shall be glad to lay it before him and can assure you that he will appreciate the warm words of the inscription.

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Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Dr. Sheldon Glueck,
Professor of Criminal Law
and Criminology,
Harvard University,
Cambridge,
Massachusetts.

INSCRIPTION IN BOOK: "To President Franklin D. Roosevelt, a superb Chieftain in peace and war."

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Mrs. Eben

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Mr. Rodway Graves,
114 Slocum Avenue,
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Mr. Eben

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December 9, 1944

My dear Mr. Gibson:

Your letter of November third to the President has been received and he asks me to thank you for your kind thought in sending him your picture. I can assure you, too, that he appreciates your expression of confidence in his leadership.

I am truly sorry that we cannot meet your wishes for the President's photograph and signature as we must conserve his time for the urgent official duties demanding his attention these busy days. Therefore, we have found it necessary to ask that he be excused from complying with requests of this nature. I know that you will understand.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Mr. Clifford Monroe Gibson,
Hotel Embassy, Room 711,
Grand Avenue at Ninth Street,
Los Angeles,
California.

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THREE HUNDRED FIFTY ROOMS

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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Nov 3rd HH

Hon Franklin Delano. Roosevelt

Dear Mr President

I will drop you a few lines to let you know how us good honest Working Republicans and Ex Service men feel toward you. the greatest leader the U.S.A. has ever had in all of its history.

I have voted for you three times as Mr Hoover made a Human being out of me.

I will get cheated out of my Vote in the State of California this election as I have only lived here for ten months I lived in Oregon for fourteen years and was at Bonniville Dam the day you spoke there. I also seen Grand Coolie Dam in all stages and know What you have done for the people of the North West, also Alaska, as I was in Dutch harbor on the Naval Contract there in 1941 and early 1942

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I was also in Cordova and Ketchikan before I came back and went in the Army aug 17th 1942.
There are lots of people sit in the same spot all of their lives and dont know what is going on.
I have seen and heard so much rotten Politics from the Deweys and Dullers and their gang.
I just had to write and tell you that everyone isnt swallowing what they have to say.
I have Coverted at least twenty hard shell Republicans over to Humanity side. the last one was a tough nut 73 yrs old and plenty of Do Ray me.
I told him dad you havent got too long at the longest. and said you dont want to see Women and little children suffer all over the word do you. and he said I sure dont then I had him then I began to tell him what you had done for humanity when we was on the Verge of a Revolution.

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and what you had accomplished with the CCC alone. and the good soldiers and men you had made out of the boys that had to be thieves to earn a dime.
I know if it hadn't been for your foresight on that one thing.
We couldn't have ever built up our army one tenth as fast.
For I know that two thirds of all our equipment in the aviation engineers was CCC Matera trucks Catipilar Bulldozers Grading machines, even sheets Blankets stoves Cooking utinsils were all marked CCC. our Co. even moved an old Camp from Close to Ft Geoge Wright over to our new camp at Geiger Field Washington So a lot of people know how you had to out Manouver the Isolationist to get what we did have.
and now they try to accuse you of not Prepairing for the war

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and I know you have four sons in there battling some where that hasnt shirked out bit. and the most of us are proud of you and your wife and sons as real americans.
I guess you will think I am nuts
But they got my Irish and Cherokee up till I had to blow off steam.
I was raised in Oklahoma my mother is all Irish My Farther is Irish scotch Irish and Cherokee. I am the same breed as my old friend Will Rogers one of the finest men I ever knew. I was sure glad when his son had the wire sent to you

Hotel Embassy
(FORMERLY HOTEL TRINITY)

GRAND AVENUE AT NINTH STREET

THREE HUNDRED FIFTY ROOMS

LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA

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For I knew he Couldnt turn traitor to his Country an Farther.

Oh yes I heard a real good one for the books Just a few minutes before you spoke in Chicago. There was a big Republican at the Head of Dist 15. and an Insurance man in the Barber shop where I work on Western ave. that gave all the costomers the low down on your health, they had the Inside dope that you had had a severe stroke and that you Couldnt think or half talk any more and if they wanted that Crook Truman for Presidetn Just Elect Roosvet. that you would quit as soon as you were Inaugurated again. I tried to get them to wait and hear your speech but they Couldnt take it. I offered to bet them a you could out think or out talk any of their bunch Including all the news reporters.

If you ever need a good undercover agent Just put me to Barbering in the locality where you want the dope I have had 25 yrs experince meeting the public in all walks of life.

I am inclosing one of my army pictures as it is the only one I have and I wouldnt have the nerve to ask you for one of yours unless I sent you one of mine. I know you are a very busy man. but if it isnt Impossible have one made with Talla and be sure to light your cigarette and autograph it for me I will keep it till my dying days. God Bless you and yours and I know Our Great Country will be blessed

Clifford Monroe Gibson

December 20, 1944

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My dear Mr. Gardner:

The President has received the pecans which you so thoughtfully sent him and is especially appreciative of this kind remembrance.

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The President asks me to send to you his every good wish for the Christmas Season.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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Mr. Joe Gardner,
Route 4,
Lott,
Texas.

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Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Mr. E. E. Griffeth,
12021 Ventura Place,
North Hollywood,
California.

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My dear Mr. Griffeth:

Permit me to thank you for your kind thought in sending the President the medicine received recently. I can assure you that your solicitous interest is appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Mr. E. E. Griffeth,
12021 Ventura Place,
North Hollywood,
California.

x PP.7.9-M

MC MANUS, Thomas W.
Washington, D.C.
December 29, 1944 - acknowledged.

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9-G

No covering letter - Miss Tully sent note of thanks to Mr. McManus, for sending the President a box of grapes; attached is Christmas card. --- Box of grapes distributed.

See - PPF 9-M

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December 30, 1944

PPF 9-P

My dear Jill:

The President received your friendly letter of recent date and asks me to thank you for your kindness in sending him that pin. He appreciates your thought of him.

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I regret that we cannot meet your wishes for the President's signature but we receive so many requests of this kind that it is simply impossible for him to comply with them. I feel sure that you will understand.

The President is glad to know that you and your sister are being so helpful in the war program and he sends his very best wishes to both of you.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Jill Gindoff,
300 Central Park West,
New York, N. Y.

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12/29/44
SW

Dear President

I hope This isn't to much of a bother but I really would like your Autograph, I am only ten years old I couldn't vote But I was with you all The time, during The Sixth war loan so far I sold about 16 Bonds and I collect paper & Tin Cans with my School mates so That we can live in peace once more

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Mr. William A. Gunter,
7 Washington Street,
Cumberland,
Maryland.

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III

Is Horseback riding and Collecting Stamps. I am looking Forward in meeting you in person Someday. as Soon as I get a hold of a good snap Shot of me I will Send you it.

here is a little pin of remberinc with I got at the rodeo.

yours Truly

Jill Gindoff
300 CPW. NYC NY

II

I know you are doing a Great part in This war and with Such a wonderful president we will have peace very soon. I have two Sisters one is 4½ and one is 8½ The baby wants to sell bond but she is a little bit to young my other Sister sell bonds collect tin Cans and paper like I do I am in The fifth grade now. and we are learning many new things. my Huby

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Mr. William A. Gunter,
7 Washington Street,
Cumberland,
Maryland.

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Thos. Elson
Stucky

December 30, 1944

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My dear Mr. Gunter:

Thank you in the President's behalf for your courtesy in sending him the inscribed copy of your almanac. You may be assured that your friendly thought is appreciated.

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Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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Mr. William A. Gunter,
7 Washington Street,
Cumberland,
Maryland.

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December 22, 1944

My dear Mr. and Mrs. Gerber:

Your generous words of congratulation pleased the President very much. He asks me to express his appreciative thanks for your loyal interest as well as for your spiritual remembrance of him.

× PP 7200 Election Congrats, G

It was indeed kind of you to send the President those candles and he wants you to know that he is grateful for your thoughtfulness. Please accept his best wishes for the Holiday Season.

× PP 7 9-C

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Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Mr. and Mrs. Jacob M. Gerber,
3207 West Montgomery Avenue,
Philadelphia,
Pennsylvania.

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Mr. & Mrs. J. M. Gerber
3207 West Montgomery Ave.
Philadelphia, Pa.

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

My Dear President:

I may be a little late, but it is my heartfelt desire to extend my blessings to you on the huge success of your re-election for a fourth term as our beloved President of these United States.

Since our holy holiday "Chanukah", which is a symbol of our Temple in King Solomon's time, is approaching on Sunday, December 10, I am sending you under separate cover, a "Menorah and Chanukah Candles". May these holy candles burn and reflect their blessings upon you and may God keep you well in this most crucial moment in the history of our country, when all nations look toward you for guidance and a lasting peace.

Again, please accept these wishes to you and all your dear ones, and may we together celebrate peace on earth and the safe return of our boys.

Thanking you for the courtesy of accepting our blessings, we remain

Sincerely yours,

Mr. & Mrs. Jacob M. Gerber

KUPISZEWSKI, Antony
Auburn, New York
December 22, 1944 - acknowledged.

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On above date, Miss Tully wrote to Mr. Kupiszewski, thanking him for the large goose he sent to the President. - Attached to file is note from Mr. Groshon to Mrs. Eben, dated 12/21/44 re goose. - No covering letter from Antony. --- Goose dressed and sent to House.

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See PPF 9-K

December 30, 1944

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My dear Mr. Goins:

The friendly thought which prompted you to send the President those shelled walnuts is indeed appreciated. I want to thank you and to extend his every good wish for the coming year.

× PPF 9-28

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Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Mr. Alvin Goins,
Box 127,
Graysville,
Tennessee.

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Agricultural and War Production Areas

December 16, 1944

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My dear Mr. and Mrs. Greene:

Please accept the President's thanks for your kind thought in sending him the historical drawing which accompanied your letter of December twelfth. He appreciates your friendly good wishes and heartily reciprocates your Christmas greetings.

x PPF
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Very sincerely yours,

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Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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Mr. and Mrs. Nelson Greene,
Mohawk Valley Towns Association, Inc.,
Fort Plain,
New York.

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NELSON GREENE, Publicity Secretary
Fort Plain, N. Y.

December 12/944

Dear Mr. President:—

In addition to the enclosed—the eighth in my series of Mohawk Valley historical drawings,—Mrs. Greene and the writer—two New Deal Roosevelt Up-State Democrats—desire to express our hope for your continued good health, happiness and success.

We wish you a very Merry Christmas

Very truly yours
Lillian and Nelson Greene

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MOHAWK VALLEY TOWNS ASSOCIATION, Inc. — Promotional Program for 1944

The primary object of the Towns Association is to stimulate the cultural and economic interests of the Mohawk Valley and to induce tourists to make mutually beneficial visits to this region. During this year, especial efforts will be directed to wartime unity and preparation for peacetime progress to follow.

Widespread publicity, through news releases and other effective means is a fixed policy of the Association. Folders and booklets are distributed to tens of thousands of receptive readers with gratifying results

The general M.V.T.A. program for 1944 includes the following projects and activities:

1.—The promotion of the welding together of the towns and people of the Mohawk Valley in bonds of common interest—"one for all and all for one."

2.—Aid in State and National Defense with its Defense Committee.

3.—Promotion of aviation and airports throughout the Mohawk Valley, a transcontinental land and water route and potential sector of the Around-the-World Airway.

4.—Promotion of land, water and air transportation through the valley.

5.—Promotion of the interests of the Mohawk river section of the New York State Barge canal.

6.—Promotion of railroad interests and cooperation.

7.—Promotion of the construction of a complete Mohawk Valley highway system.

8.—Highway lighting with State aid.

9.—Passage of legislation giving the State power to purchase all lands for State highways—The Mohawk Valley is suffering greatly because of the exorbitant demands of property owners, along the State roads of the valley, when widening or repaving is attempted.

10.—Construction throughout of the Mohawk Turnpike, Schenectady to Rome, and the South Shore road, Schenectady to Rome to Oneida, as twin roads of broad concrete and their eventual parking, forestation and beautification.

11.—Promotion of the across-State Super Highway — Albany to Buffalo, through the Mohawk Valley.

12.—New York to Buffalo parkway and promotion of Route 5 interests.

13—Beautifying of Routes 5 and 5S and of the Mohawk Valley Highways through the Scenic Improvement Committee.

14.—Promotion of the completion of a system of rural—farms-to-markets—State highways.

15.—Promoting and fostering of industry in the Mohawk Valley by means of an industrial committee.

16.—Cooperation with Mohawk Valley agriculturalists and promotion of a Mohawk Valley Regional Fair at Fonda.

17.—Cooperation in conservation, including reforestation.

18.—Promotion of the creation of a Mohawk Valley State Park Commission.

19.—Promotion of the creation of State parks in the Mohawk Valley and the parking and public use of Mohawk river shore lands and their development as recreational, bathing boating, camping and regatta areas.

20.—Promotion of public parks and parking places at scenic sites.

21.—Removing of eyesores and obstructions to views and scenic beauty.

22.—Promotion of creation of State park at Oriskany battlefield

23.—Observance of August 6, each year, as "Oriskany Day," anniversary of the battle of Oriskany, and the flying of flags in the valley from Schenectady to Rome on that day and the holding of appropriate exercises.

24.—Cooperation with the Division of State Planning in the development and conservation of water resources, flood control and other public projects through the MVTA Public Works Committee, with general Mohawk Valley planning.

25.—Promotion of historical interests of the valley by a Historical committee.

26.—By resolution the MVTA stands for the intensive teaching of American History, the American Constitution and American ideals in the schools of the Mohawk Valley. The MVTA has long stood for the preparation of a school history of the Mohawk Valley and its teaching in Mohawk Valley schools.

27.—Promotion of the creation of regional historical state museums in the Mohawk Valley

28.—A Council Committee to consider such Indian affairs as may be brought before the MVTA.

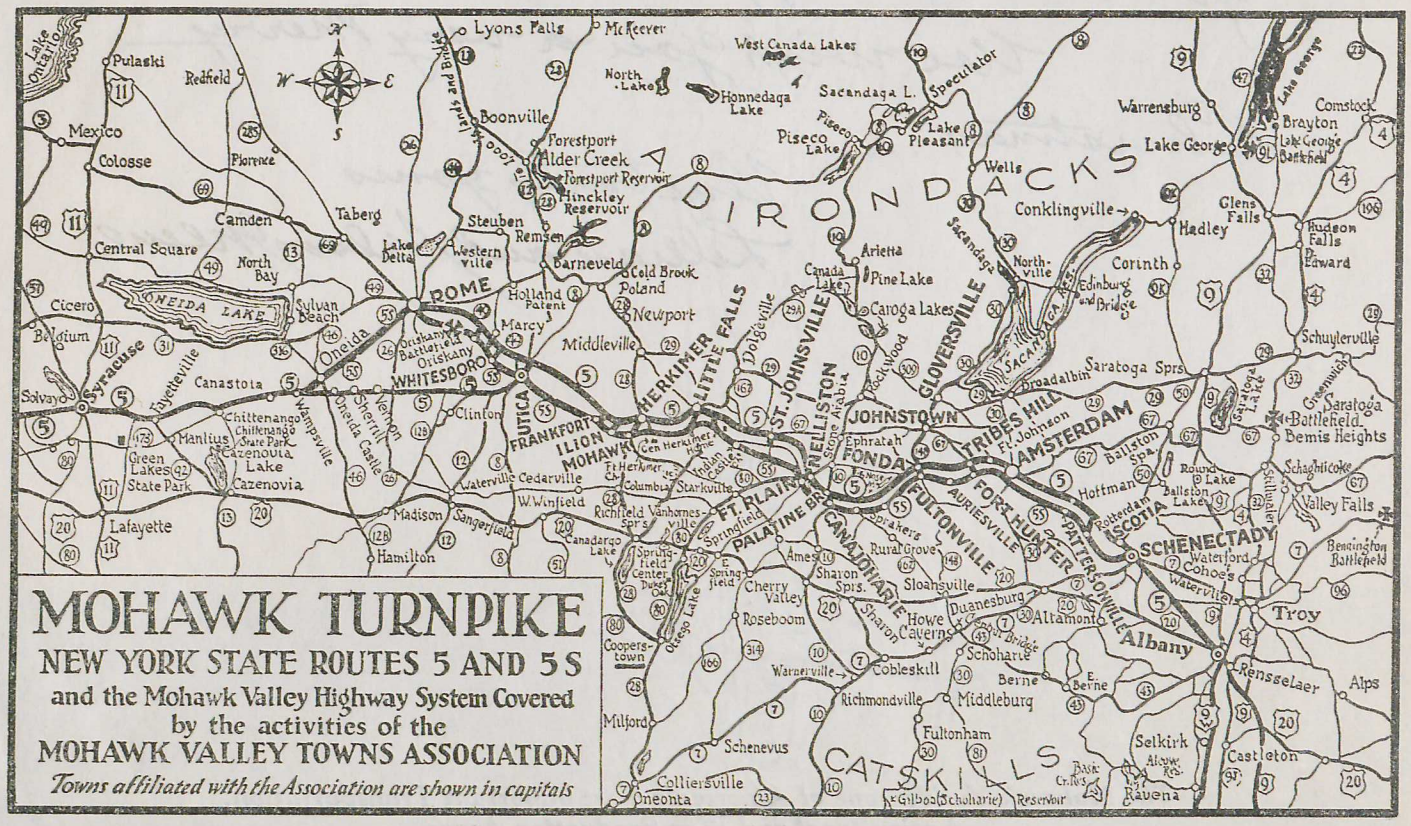
29.—Marking and preservation of historic sites and buildings in the valley.

30.—Formation of chapters or units of the MVTA in all affiliated towns

31.—Increased cooperation with all local civic organizations and with governmental units.

32.—Promotion of worthy post-war public projects and post-war reorganization and development in the Mohawk valley by a post-war activitiies committee.

33.—The Council of Directors comprises business and professional men of the valley. These men are thoroughly representative of the 500,000 people who live in the five Mohawk Valley counties of Oneida, Herkimer, Montgomery, Fulton and Schenectady—491,830, census of 1940.



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Feb. 21st, 1945.

AIR MAIL.

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Mr. Steve Early,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Early:

Some weeks ago the Ed. Gibbs' Newsletter ran an open letter to the President regarding the importance of Cuba in the circle of Good Neighbors.

Now in Cuba, I ran across a Cuban schoolboy who is an exceptionally fine artist. He showed me sketches of President and Mrs. Roosevelt which he is sending on to the White House with his compliments.

May I be so presumptious as to ask you, a busy man, to personally acknowledge them if you think they are good. Please believe me, I have no particular interest in the matter except to help the morale of a talented kid. Certainly, it will not hurt the Good Neighbor policy any.

His name is Jose Manuel Sanchez.

Kindest personal regards,

Ed. Gibbs

Ed Gibbs.

Ed. Gibbs,
507 Fifth Avenue,
New York City.

MRS. EBEN

Mary:

Did these sketches ever arrive?

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MARY EBEN

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GENERAL WASHINGTON AT FORT PLAIN, JULY 31st, 1783

GENERAL GEORGE WASHINGTON, Commander-in-Chief of the Armies of the United States, visited the Revolutionary headquarters post of Fort Plain on July 31st, 1783, during his tour of the Mohawk Valley. He was accompanied by Governor George Clinton, General Hand and officers of his staff, totaling about 40 horsemen.

The drawing, on the face of this card, shows General Washington and Governor Clinton just after they had entered the gate of the stockade of the fort and as Washington is receiving and returning the salute of Colonel Samuel Clyde and of the garrison. A cannon, in the large central blockhouse has just sounded its warlike note of welcome. The warhorses of Washington and Clinton were used to the noise of artillery. Colonel Marinus Willett, who then commanded all New York State troops with his headquarters at Fort Plain, was on duty at Fort Herkimer, at the time of Washington's visit and Colonel Samuel Clyde, of the Canajoharie District Regiment of Militia was in command and received Washington, who, with his staff and Governor Clinton, dined with Clyde in the barracks, shown in the background of the picture. This drawing, which shows the northeastern area of the fortification, including the stockade, the eastern barracks and the central blockhouse, is based on Lossing's map of Fort Plain made in 1848 from the ground description by William Lipe, who knew the fort well in his boyhood days. Fort Plain included the central blockhouse, two corner blockhouses and east and west barracks. The octagonal blockhouse was an exterior defense. Fort Plain was the central one of nine surrounding posts.

Colonel Willett, who was second in command under General Gansevoort at Fort Stanwix, during the Oriskany campaign, became a General in the Army and later was Mayor of New York City. He was in command of all New York State troops—militia and levies—with headquarters at Fort Plain, during 1781, 1782 and 1783 and he was here, at least for the part of the time, through 1786, six years in all. Colonel Clyde, then a major in the Tryon County Militia, is said to have commanded the Americans on the retreat from Oriskany. He was in command of Fort Plain and other nearby posts at various times during the Revolution.

Fort Plain, which had a part in many important Revolutionary movements, was garrisoned by Line regiments, militia and levies at various times. It was also the artillery headquarters of the Mohawk Valley. Regiments or detachments of the Line (the "regulars" of the Revolution) seem to have been stationed at this important central post most of the time. The Fifth New York Line Regiment, Colonel Lewis Dubois in command, was in garrison at Fort Plain during 1779 and 1780. In 1779, the 5th joined in the Sullivan-Clinton campaign against the Iroquois Indian country. Colonel Gosen Van Schaick's First New York Line was also posted here for a time. On August 2, 1780, women of the neighborhood "defended" Fort Plain in the absence of the garrison. On April 18, 1783, under orders from General Washington, peace news was sent by messengers from Fort Plain to British Fort Oswego and Canada.

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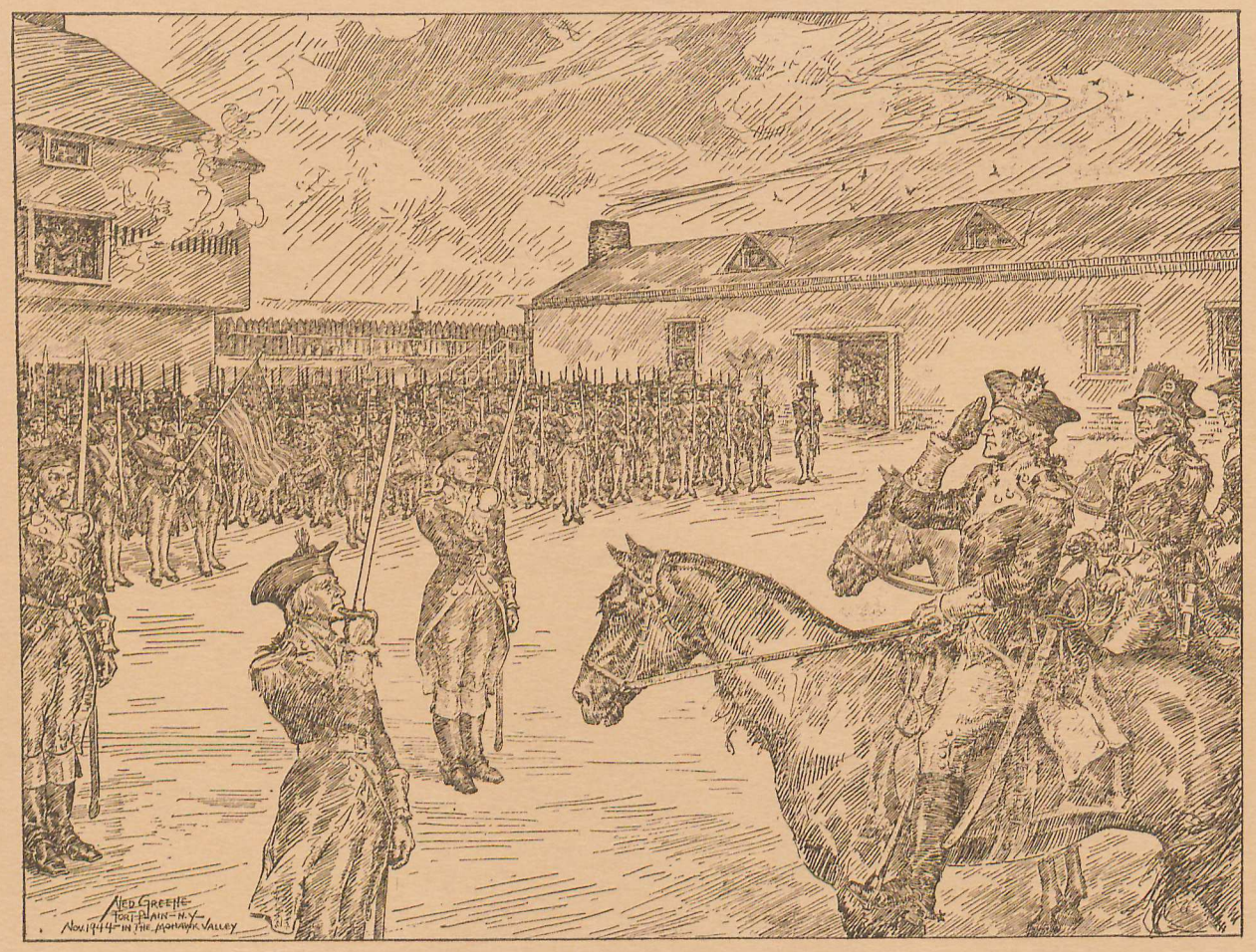

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FORT PLAIN
JULY 31st,
1783
DURING TOUR
OF THE
MOHAWK
VALLEY

Drawing by
Nelson Greene

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