

P.P.F.

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April 20, 1933.

My dear Edith:-

It would be delightful to motor out and see you at Oatlands some day and I shall hope to do it after the Prime Ministers, etc., have come and gone. I suppose you will be there for a month or six weeks to come.

Can it be true that my little friend Babs is grown up and engaged? I think the last time I was at Oatlands she was about four years old.

Always sincerely,

Mrs. William C. Eustis,  
Oatlands House,  
Oatlands,  
Virginia.

RT

Letter given to Mrs. Roosevelt

FDR MD

December 12, 1933.

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Dear Edith:

I love your story about the colored gentlemen who associates me with the Almighty. I am also told that many of the colored brethren of South Carolina are very certain that NRA means Negro Relief Association. They are at least partly right!

x P.P.F. 777

I do hope to see you when you get back. My love to Dabs, and I hope she is wholly well again.

Always sincerely,

Mrs. William C. Eustis, #  
Aiken, South Carolina.

x P.P.F. 1063

Dec. 1/33

1500 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE

Dear W. President, -

The

following true story may  
amuse you. - An old Negro  
from York, South Carolina  
who had worked in a  
garage <sup>for years</sup> from early morn-  
ting till late evening,  
suddenly found himself

— thanks to the G. R. A. —  
with daily hours of leisure  
beginning at 5 p.m. &  
continuing until bed time.

Some one asked him; —  
" Well Sir, what do  
you do with all the free  
time you have now? "

" Oh Sir, " he answered,  
" I just spend my

time thanking God, &  
Lord Almighty Roosevelt. "

Yours v. sincerely  
Idella Norton Curtis

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I am off to Aiken to  
spend ten days with  
Babe. —

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OATLANDS HOUSE  
OATLANDS  
VIRGINIA

May 17/39

*Miss*

Dear Franklin, - You are  
probably receiving so  
many congratulations that  
mine will seem superfluous.

But yr old friends cannot  
help being proud, that they  
knew you well before you  
became famous, - & know  
that you have merited, for  
the present, the praise  
of the world, -

cannot decide from writing. - sh<sup>d</sup> especially like you to

I suppose the chance is remote, - but if you have made no plans for next Sunday, the 21<sup>st</sup>, wd you be willing to come to Oatlands for luncheon, - with any friends whom you might choose to bring? - or, if lunch is impossible, to tea?

It is needless to say how greatly delighted we sh<sup>d</sup> be if you cd come, - & I

see the garden now, - as it is very lovely. -

Eleanor, of course too, but if you sh<sup>d</sup> answer favourably, I wd like her at once. -

With our good roads, - it only takes a little over an hour to come, by way of Fairfax.

A telephone number to Leesburg Va. 177. - where

Dr. McPater's name cd be used instead of yours, wd probably be the ~~simplest~~ way

to let me know. — but I shall  
being sometimes uncertain. —

With every hope that London  
City may prove tempting  
enough to bring you here,

Y<sup>r</sup> sincerely

Edwin Norton Curtis

P.S. — If this notice is too  
short, will you remember  
y<sup>r</sup> promise, & propose  
yourself, a little later, — except  
for next week, or Sunday  
the 28<sup>th</sup>. —

May 18/33.

OATLANDS HOUSE  
OATLANDS, VIRGINIA

Dear Miss Laund, I hope  
I have spelt yr name correctly  
but I did not quite catch  
it, that evening at dinner, when  
Mr. Warriman introduced us.  
I wonder if you wd be so kind  
as to bring the enclosed letter  
to the President's attention. I  
shd so much appreciate yr  
doing so, as I fear, that

going through the ordinary  
channels, it might take longer  
to reach him. —

J. V. Peirce }  
Private Party }

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1534 TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET

Dear Miss Le Hand,

*[Handwritten flourish]*  
I am

sending the President a note,  
enclosed, — & an article, which

I feel sure he will enjoy

reading in Warm Springs. —

If wd be very glad of you,  
if you wd see that he  
gets the letter & the Magazine.

Y<sup>r</sup> Sincerely

Edith Eustis

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EDITH EUSTIS

March 28.

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# NAVAL MESSAGE

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RECEIVED AT NAVY DEPARTMENT

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ACTION: RADIO WASHINGTON D.C.  
FROM: NAVAL AIDE TO PRESIDENT, USS HOUSTON

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1950

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1529 FOR MCINTYRE WHITE HOUSE THE PRESIDENT HAS RECEIVED FOLLOWING  
QUOTE AM CABLING TO ENLIST YOUR AID STOP DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS  
PROPOSE WIDENING ALMOST IMMEDIATELY RHODE ISLAND AVENUE THIRTEENTH  
STREET TO SCOTTCIRCLE THIS WOULD BE VERY DETRIMENTAL TO MY PROPERTY  
AND OF NOT SUFFICIENT BENEFIT TO PUBLIC TO WARRANT PROJECT BESIDES  
SPOILING SCOTTCIRCLE AND ORIGINAL PLAN OF WASHINGTON ON WORD FROM  
YOU WOULD DELAY PROJECT AND PERHAPS SAVE MY HOUSE EDITH EUSTIS  
UNQUOTE HE REQUESTS YOU TO CALL ON MRS EUSTIS AND TELL HER MATTER  
BEING REFERRED TO COMMISSIONERS FORESTER 1250

WHITEHOUSE 19

*Walter Allen*

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Houston 4-2-34-5M.

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U. S. S. HOUSTON  
NAVAL DESPATCH

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Date 7-29-34 DTOR \_\_\_\_\_ Precedence.....NITE \_\_\_\_\_ Releaser \_\_\_\_\_

From: NAVAL AIDE TO THE PRESIDENT

To: RADIO WASHINGTON

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FORSTER 1250

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RTOR

FILE No. 4286

For McIntyre - White House

The President has received  
following quote - and quote

He requests you to call  
Mrs Euster and tell her  
matter being referred to  
Commissioners

Foster

# RADIOGRAM



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EDITH EUSTIS

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December 22, 1934

Dear Edith:

It was very nice to have your letter the other day, and I immediately had the matter of which you speak checked up and find that the case of Dorothy Titus is not settled yet and there is no immediate danger of her losing her house. I send you the letter which I have received from the Home Loan Bank Board.

My best wishes to you for Christmas, in which the family joins.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. William C. Eustis, #  
1500 Rhode Island Avenue, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

mwd

Enclosing ~~letter~~ memo of 12-19-34 to Miss LeHand, signed by Elizabeth D. Gover, Secretary to Mr. Fahey, Home Loan stating they have every reason to believe that the loan to Mrs. Titus will be completed.

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x 644  
x 644-13

1500 Rhode Island Ave.,NW.  
Washington,D.C., December 14,1934.

Dear Miss Le Hand :

I am writing to enlist your personal aid in a matter which can only be solved, I believe, by a word from the President himself. The time is short, as you will see from the enclosed letter, which is the reason why I am writing to you direct and not sending my letter through the ordinary channels,which might take longer to reach the President.

The situation is this: A Mrs. Titus, wife of a cattle dealer in Leesburg,Va., a man of the highest standing as to character and business probity, is going to lose her home. I quote from her letter to me:

"My dear Mrs. Eustis: I am in a most desperate state at present, for fear we will lose our home ... I applied for a government loan on our home in March of this year,through the Home Owner's Loan Corporation". In October the loan went through the Loan Co. and each mortgagee agreed to accept the terms offerend them. But when this loan went into the Title Insurance Co., I have been informed that they are not accepting it, because two surveys which were taken of the property "differ slightly", one survey being on very straight lines, and the other slightly at an angle, which of course is due to sagging fences. So it seems that because of this slight difference in the surveys, I will lose my home ... I am enclosing the last communication with H.O.L.C. ... I am sincerely,(sgd) Dorothy M.Titus (Mrs.E.T.Titus),Leesburg, Virginia.

Please let me know if anything can be done.

Yours sincerely,

D. M. Titus

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( Mrs. Wm.C. Eustis )

1500 RHODE ISLAND AVENUE

Dear Mr. President:

I have written Miss Le Hand in detail of a tragic case in Leesburg, where some eminently respectable and worthy people are going to be turned out of their home, because of some slight irregularity in the surveys taken . It seems presumptuous to trouble you with a matter which, of course, is small in comparison to the problems which you are solving daily, but as you are my only friend at court - and

the court itself ! - I turn to you  
in this emergency. A word from you,  
I know, would straighten the whole  
situation and allow these people to  
obtain the necessary loan.

Yours very sincerely,

*Edith Curtis*

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*Mrs.*

Alexandria, Virginia  
December 10, 1934

Mr. A. C. Bell  
Purcellville, Virginia

Re: File #1032  
Dorothy M. Titus  
Leesburg, Virginia

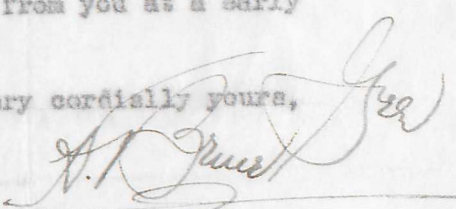
Dear Mr. Bell:

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of December 8, 1934, relative to the above captioned loan.

Due to the fact that we are forced to conclude all matters at the earliest possible moment this is to inform you that unless the discrepancy can be disposed of within ten days it will be necessary to place this case among our rejected files.

Hoping to hear from you at an early date, I am,

Very cordially yours,

  
H. Bruce Green  
District Manager

HSG:EC

CC: Hon. Cecil Connor  
Mrs. Dorothy M. Titus  
Mrs. Blanche E. Paul  
Mr. Bruce McIntosh

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

December 17, 1934.

MEMORANDUM FOR

CHAIRMAN FAHEY

The President wants to know if you will give him a personal report on this, as Mrs. Eustis is a very old friend.

M. A. Le Hand  
PRIVATE SECRETARY

Re: friend, Mrs. E. T. Titus, of Leesburg, Va.  
who is going to lose her home.

P. P. F.

October 31, 1938

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Dear Edith:

Do I need to tell you how grateful I am for your note. Often I wish that I could come out to Otlands again.

Perhaps I shall have a chance soon to tell you the inside story of our part in some of the recent happenings in Europe. Unfortunately, peace for the days to come is by no means a certainty.

I wonder if you are to be at Otlands after November eleventh? Perhaps some afternoon, if it is warm enough, I could drive out again and have tea with you. That would be really nice.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. William C. Rustis, #  
Otlands House,  
Otlands,  
Virginia.

fdr/tmb

x117200 Radio Address of Oct 26  
New York Herald Tribune Forum

x536-6

LEESBURG, VA.  
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Feb. 28/38

OATLANDS HOUSE  
OATLANDS  
VIRGINIA

Dear Mr. President, I hope that you  
will not take it amiss, if I tell  
you how greatly I admired the  
speech you made over the  
radio last night. — The one  
about "there can be no  
peace, etc." — I have not  
read any comments on it, nor have  
I had reception of it out with  
in Europe, but it carries such  
unhindered conviction & force that  
I feel convinced its influence will

be far reaching. And that here, &  
in Europe, all liberty loving people,  
who want peace will applaud it. --  
It seems to me that it will rank  
as one of the greatest speeches  
of our time: Even if, in some  
places, they dare not say so!

I have not seen you for a long  
time, but I have not forgotten  
the old days, & I often think  
that you were not so busy with  
affairs of state, & that we  
could meet & talk, some time.

Yr sincerely  
Edith Lyette

Warm Springs, Ga., Dec. 3, 1938.

Mr. Summerlin,  
State Department.

*Focus*  
Mrs. Edith Eustis wrote to the President about French writer,  
Maritain, indicating in her letter that request for an appointment  
would come through French embassy. The President would like to  
have him for tea either on seventh or eighth and we are to ask  
Mrs. Eustis to bring him in. Will you handle. Thanks.

M.H. McIntyre.

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OATLANDS HOUSE  
OATLANDS  
VIRGINIA

Nov. 12/38

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Wash. - Del. to  
Hutch 2270

Dear Mr. President, - That you  
sh<sup>d</sup> express the desire to return  
to Oatlands, pleased me  
immensely. - I do not know  
if your plans, or the weather  
will allow it. But, I want you  
to know that it w<sup>o</sup>ld be a great  
pleasure to see you again, & to  
talk to you, & that I sh<sup>d</sup> be  
greatly honored if you found  
it possible to come here once more.

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OATLANDS HOUSE  
OATLANDS  
VIRGINIA

I shall divide my time, between  
Washington + Oatlands. - all of  
November, but it would be safer  
to send a message to 1534  
28<sup>th</sup> Street, - or, yr Secretary  
or telephone ~~Area~~ North 2220.

Yr very sincerely  
Edith Curtis

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Doctor's Hospital  
October 16<sup>th</sup>

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Dear Mr President.

I can never tell you how much your letter has meant to me. It makes me feel as though it were worth while being in the hospital to receive such a wonderful thing.

Thank you so, so much for writing to me. I never

will forget your kindness,  
and will treasure and keep  
your letter all my life.

affectionately,

Babs Rustis

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Jan. 21/41

1534 TWENTY EIGHTH STREET

Dear Franklin, — A line of  
most grateful thanks for the  
wonderful cards which you  
sent me for the inauguration.  
We were straight in front of you,  
just behind the press, saw  
everything, heard everything, &  
were deeply impressed by the  
solemnity & beauty of the  
ceremony. Think the inaugural

address struck the right note,  
at this moment of the reassurance  
those quaking souls who fear  
dictatorship! And it made  
me feel that I was glad that  
the affairs of the nation were  
in yr hands in safe keeping!

Yrs very sincerely  
Edith Curtis

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Jan. 6. /41

1534 TWENTY EIGHTH STREET

Dear Franklin,

A great speech!

Even finer than the last one. &  
So convincing, that even the  
worst isolationists & naysayers  
have been pleased into  
silence. You will have so  
many congratulatory letters  
& telegrams that mine may be  
lost in the shuffle.

Nevertheless I write to thank  
you

for myself, for my family, for  
all who know the truth  
when they hear it.

W. V. Keeler  
(Solite Norton Esq.)

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We all stand ready to make  
any necessary sacrifices, if you  
will tell us what to do. —

[1947]

Mrs. Easton is coming  
to Washington on Saturday  
but any time from there on  
will be grand for you to  
come to see. Will you  
call & let her know what  
day?

THE PRESIDENT

DELICIOUS AND HONORED THAT WE

TELEGRAM

The White House

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10:35AM

Washington

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Need 4 in the  
there then?  
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Jesse  
An hour 3-41  
"E"*

WASHINGTON, D.C., OCTOBER 2, 1941

THE PRESIDENT.

DELIGHTED AND HONORED THAT YOU ARE COMING TO OATLANDS.  
SUGGEST BRINGING PRINCESS MARTHA OR THE WATSONS ANY AFTERNOON  
NEXT WEEK BEGINNING SUNDAY, OCTOBER FIFTH.

EDITH EUSTIS.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

REMINDER

The President said O.K. to  
go to tea on Oct. 15th. Please remind.

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 14, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

*P.P.F.  
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Mrs. Eustis telephoned to ask if you still expected to go out to Oatlands tomorrow for tea. What can I tell her -- how many will accompany you and what hour will you arrive? Mrs. Eustis will call me about 4.30 P.M. for an answer.  
G.

Dec - 13/41

1534 TWENTY EIGHTH STREET

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Dear Franklin, - Just a line to  
tell you that my thoughts & prayers  
are with you; - & that I rejoice  
that, once again, W-fore sight  
& judgement have been indicated!

Thank God, you started the  
Country moving a year ago  
& here -

Yr. v. sincerely  
Edith Curtis

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May 27 / 42

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1534 TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET

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Dear Franklin, I was deeply  
tricked by your message. That  
with all the heavy burdens you  
are carrying, you sh<sup>d</sup> have taken  
the trouble to send me a  
message about to my heart.

I have had a horrid winter,  
twice pneumonia, & once had  
bronchitis, - months in bed, & am  
only now struggling to get  
back some degree of health.

I should love to come to tea some  
afternoon later on, if I am strong  
enough, & when you are free, as  
you so kindly suggested. -

Have still that photograph to  
be signed.

May I telephone later?

And if I should not be up to  
it, could you come to

Osleas due afternoon in June,  
to throw over board for a few  
hours all the problems which  
beset you, & to give me

Very very pleasure.

Yr. v. sincerely  
Edith Tuckley

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

*pending  
folder*

May 23, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

I spoke with Mrs. Eustis' secretary and she said Mrs. Eustis is feeling quite a lot better. She has had pneumonia three times but is now doing well. I told her that you wanted Mrs. Eustis to come down and see you when she was better.

G.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

You said you wanted to have  
Mrs. Eustis in to Tea some day.  
How about some day early next week?

G. G. T.

Jan. 22<sup>nd</sup> / 42

1534 TWENTY EIGHTH STREET

Dear W. President, - In the light of the  
photographs & of your letter, I think I  
could entirely overlook the exalted office  
you hold, & say Franklin "too good"!!

Superficially you win! As a matter of  
fact, you must have been a naughty little  
boy to have put such a sinister interpretation  
upon the friendship of a very young girl  
with her mother's friend. You see, I

stress the very young, because you tempted  
me with advanced age. And to like I  
regretfully admit that you were a contem-  
porary of Mary's, & not mine, I still prefer  
to let you put me in line with an  
earlier generation than yours!!

I shall frame the photographs & the letter.

But first I want yr signature on the photo,  
— not simply Bertie's. So that if you will  
name a day & hour when I can bring it to  
you with a fountain pen, I sh<sup>d</sup> be very  
pleased. I won't trust it to a messenger,  
besides I sh<sup>d</sup> like to see you & shake yr  
hand again.

Yr love

Edith Norton Curtis

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*John Lewis*  
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January 21, 1942.

Dear Edith:-

Here is the proof of what I was insisting on, in spite of all of your denials. From the expression of my hands and legs, I think you have just told me that I am a naughty little boy and that I must run away home and let you continue with the Colonel!

I do hope to see you soon.

As ever yours,

Mrs. William C. Eustis,  
1534 Twenty-Eighth Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

(Enclosure) *Picture of the Pres. on snowshoes, with above person - Copy in print case*

P.P.F.

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September 9, 1942.

Dear Edith:-

xPP72904  
I am sending you a photostat I had made of a delightful document owned by Bertie Hamlin. In this picture you were at least well chaperoned. It is perhaps just as well that I was along on that party to watch over you.

I do hope you are feeling a lot better and I want to see you very soon.

As ever yours,

(Sgd) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Mrs. William C. Eustis, #  
1534 Twenty-Eighth Street,  
Washington, D. C.

October 22, 1942

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Dear Mrs. Eustis:

The President asks me to send you the enclosed snapshot taken at Hilltop Cottage and which he has signed to your son.

With kindest regards.

Very sincerely yours,

GRACE G. TULLY  
Private Secretary

#  
Mrs. William C. Eustis,  
1534 Twenty-eighth Street, N. W.,  
Washington, D. C.

ggt/tmb

Enclosure

Snapshot of the President seated behind table at Hilltop Cottage taken in July 1942 signed on back "For Morton Eustis from his Mothers' and his old friend Franklin D. Roosevelt" X

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Oatlands House  
Oatlands  
Virginia

appt Monday  
" Tuesday -  
10 minutes  
T. L. ...  
2 ...  
3318 O St  
Mich 1093

Sept. 21, 1942

Dear Mr. President,

You would hardly believe it, but a colored caretaker actually put the White House envelope with your letter in a pile of second class matter in my Washington house! It has just been unearthed and I am filled with pleasure and pride; - also contrition, that my answer and thanks would have been so long delayed.

I am more than delighted to have the photostatic copy of the Loon Lake party - but your note, of course, I valued even more. And especially what you said about wanting to see me. I am going to be in Washington a good part of the next fortnight, because Morton will be at Bolling Field until he goes overseas.

Could I come to see you, one afternoon, when you have a few free minutes? I shall be at Margie's, 3318 O Street, Michigan 1093, - if Miss Tully, let me know there.

could

Again many, many thanks

Yours sincerely

Edith Eustis

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Sept. 21/42.

OATLANDS HOUSE  
OATLANDS  
VIRGINIA

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I am more than delighted to have the photo-static copy of the Long Lake party - but yr note, of course, I valued even more. And especially what you said about wanting to see me. -

I am going to be in Washington, a good  
part of the next fortnight, because  
Gunter will be at Bolling Field, - until  
he goes overseas. -

Can I come to see you, one afternoon, when  
you have a few free minutes? -

We shall be at Margery's, 3318  
D. Street, - Michigan 1093, - if  
Miss Tully wd let me know there.

Again many, many thanks

Yrs sincerely  
Edith Tully

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Army Air Forces  
Bolling Field, DC

Sunday

1534 TWENTY EIGHTH STREET

Dear Mr. President:

I cannot tell you how much I appreciate your sending me that photograph of yourself. I have put it in my wallet and will carry it with me wherever I go.

It was exceedingly kind of you to do this for me and I am deeply grateful to you.

1534 TWENTY EIGHTH STREET

I don't know whether this is the authorized manner in which a lowly 2nd Lieut. should address his Commander in Chief. But I do want you to know how much I shall treasure your gift, & what good luck I feel sure it will bring me.

Again with many thanks

Very Sincerely  
Morton Eastis

P.S. I would have written earlier but I was laid up with a slight attack of Ptsuris.

P.P.R.

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May 11, 1943.

Dear Edith:-

Ever so many thanks for telling me what Morton wrote. I am very grateful. I was away, as you know, when your letter came.

I do hope to see you one of these days very soon.

As ever yours,

(Sgd)FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Mrs. William C. Eustis, #  
1534 Twenty-Eighth Street,  
Washington, D. C.

April 27/43

1534 - 28<sup>th</sup> Street  
Washington - D. C.

Dear Franklin, - I am writing to quote some sentences from Morton's last letter to me. He is in North Africa, & he writes as follows: - "I hope the people back home realize how much Roosevelt is admired by the rank & file of the troops. They are solidly behind him & admire him as a leader of men who has the guts to take chances & cut corners to get things done. I only hope that Congress doesn't knife him, & the peace treaty. And even if things at home are rather upset, people should remember what a tremendous job is being done here & all over the world. But I guess in Washington they can't see the forest because of the trees!"

Morton would be furious if he thought I had written you all this, - but it seemed to me that you would be interested.

Yours sincerely  
Solita Morton

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Hyde Park, N. Y.  
September 4, 1944.

Dear Edith:-

I want you to know that I am thinking of you. It is hard to understand why Morton was taken. He was always so brave and gallant and I know how rightly proud of him you were.

Affectionately,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Mrs. William Corcoran Eustis, #  
1534 Twenty-eighth Street, N.W.,  
Washington, D. C.

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## U. S. Pilot Sacrifices Life to Avert Crash In Crowded London

By the Associated Press.

**NINTH BOMBER COMMAND HEADQUARTERS, Sept. 2.**—An American Marauder pilot, whose plane became disabled over London Thursday, gave his life to prevent a crash in a thickly populated section of the city.

The pilot, whose name was withheld pending notification of his family, will be recommended for a posthumous award of the Distinguished Service Cross.

Returning from a raid on German-held Cecembre Island at the mouth of St. Malo Harbor with one of its two engines shot out, the Marauder was flying over London at 4,500 feet when the second engine quit.

On the pilot's orders, the other four crewmen bailed out and he attempted a crash landing at Heston Airdrome. The plane hit the runway but approached too fast to land. The pilot succeeded in pulling the plane up over a factory and then crashed in a garden. He died a short time later.

Lt. Elliott Moorhead, Silver Spring, Md., said before he jumped he heard the pilot say, "I can't leave the plane over a residential district, but don't worry, I'll bring her down o.k." Lt. Moorhead parachuted onto a housetop unhurt.

### Maryland U. Student.

Lt. Moorhead, 23, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Moorhead, 8365 Sixteenth street, Silver Spring, and was a University of Maryland student before joining the Air Forces last year. He went overseas in July, and in a letter home, August 18, told his family he expected to fly his first combat mission on his birthday, the next day. A native of Pittsburgh, he attended Tome Academy in Maryland and Blair Academy in New Jersey before going to Maryland University, where he was a football player.

## Employment Ceiling To Be Continued Here

Employment ceilings, which held most Washington firms at the May 15-June 1 level of employment during the summer, will be continued until the Washington area War Manpower Commission has been able to determine the full demands for workers and the available supply, it was announced today.

The ceilings, under which employers were not allowed to hire more workers than they had on their payroll during the May 15-June 1 period, were assigned for a 60-day period ending yesterday, but Area Director Ernest V. Connolly said the ceilings will not be revised until August labor market reports can be analyzed.

Adjustments permitting some Washington establishments to hire more workers than they had during the base period have been made, but most employers have been held at the May 15-June 1 employment level.

Mr. Connolly said the Nationwide drive to obtain workers for a group of "must" industries will have some bearing on ceiling assignments here, but he did not expect the demands of this recruitment to be a major factor in determining how many additional workers Washington employers will be permitted to put on their payrolls.

## On the Roll of Honor

# Lt. Eustis Is Killed in Action; Grandson of Levi P. Morton



Lt. Eustis  
(Killed)



Corpl. Robinett  
(Wounded)



Pvt. Curtis  
(Wounded)



Sergt. Nishimoto  
(Wounded)

First Lt. Morton Corcoran Eustis, Silver Star winner and member of a prominent Washington family, was killed in action in France, another District man is missing in action, three more were wounded and one is a prisoner of the Germans, relatives here have been notified.

### Killed

First Lt. Morton Corcoran Eustis, 38, son of Mrs. William Corcoran Eustis, 1534 Twenty-eighth street N.W., was killed in action in France August 13, the War Department notified his family last night.

Associate editor of the Theater Arts Magazine before he received his commission in July, 1942, Lt. Eustis was a grandson of the late Levi P. Morton, Governor of New York and Vice President of the United States. He also was a great grandson of William Wilson Corcoran, banker and philanthropist and founder of the Corcoran Gallery of Art.

The Silver Star for "gallantry in action" and "coolness and courage under fire" was awarded him in February. He took part in the Palermo campaign in Sicily and was commended for "his aggressiveness and disregard of his own safety in fulfilling the mission given to him."

Lt. Eustis formerly was on the staff of the New York Evening Post. Interested in the drama and its presentation under modern conditions, he wrote extensively on different aspects of the 20th century playhouse. His books included "Broadway, Inc."

Surviving relatives are Lt. Eustis' mother, now en route to Washington from Quebec, and two sisters—Mrs. David E. Finley, wife of the director of the National Gallery of Art, and Mrs. Grenville Temple Emmet, jr., of New York.

Mr. Finley, paying tribute to his brother-in-law, said of him: "He loved France, and if he had to give his life in this war it would have pleased him that it should be in France and with the American Army of Liberation."

### Wounded

Pfc. Charles Irvin Curtis, 20, of Kensington, Md., was wounded July 17 in Italy, the War Department has notified his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Curtis of Kensington. In his last letter home he wrote he suffered shrapnel wounds in both legs and was still unable to walk although he was convalescing.

Pvt. Curtis, who was 20 years old yesterday, is a native of Kensington. He graduated from the Bethesda



Sergt. Davis  
(Missing)



Sergt. Robertson  
(Prisoner)

parents. He was a gunner on a flying fortress.

Inducted into the Army almost three years ago, he went overseas last April. Before entering service he was a window dresser for Peoples Drug Stores. He has four brothers in service: Lt. Francis Robertson, Sergt. Joseph Robertson, Pfc. James A. Robertson and Marine Pfc. Earl Robertson.

### Decorated

Capt. Emitt C. Witt, jr., 27, whose parents live at 3323 Carpenter street S.E., has been awarded the Legion of Merit "for exceptionally meritorious conduct in the performance of outstanding services from November 20, 1943, to May 15, 1944, in the North African theater." He was serving with a coast artillery anti-aircraft unit.

Capt. Witt, a graduate of Eastern High School and the University of Maryland, was commissioned upon graduation in June, 1940, and has been overseas since February, 1943. He participated in the Sicilian invasion.

## Poles Appeal for Aid In Liberating Warsaw

By the Associated Press.

**LONDON, Sept. 2.**—Premier Stanislaw Mikolajczyk of the Polish government in London yesterday called on Premier Stalin, President Roosevelt and Prime Minister Churchill for aid to the Poles fighting Germans for the liberation of Warsaw.

Addressing his compatriots in Warsaw by radio from London on the fifth anniversary of the Nazi invasion of Poland, the Premier said, "You may be sure that the Polish government will not capitulate."

"You have...

0 Sept. 21/44

1534 TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET

Dear Franklin, - I was <sup>file</sup> ↑  
touched that you ~~did~~ have  
written to me. - And you  
know that I value yr sympathy.  
He was recommended for  
the Bronze Star, three days  
before he was killed.

Yr Sincerely  
Edith Easton

Many grateful thanks  
to you & the President

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MRS EUSTIS

for the beautiful  
breath of flowers. —

1534 TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET

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Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington - D.C.

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(Sent 2/6/45)

January 31, 1945

Dear Edith:

Thank you ever so much for letting me see the copy of the citations to the three decorations received by Morton. You might well be proud of such a fine, brave boy. Again I send you my deep sympathy.

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With kindest regards,

Always sincerely,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Mrs. William C. Eustis,  
1534 Twenty-eighth Street,  
Washington, D. C.

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Jan. 13/45.  
1534 TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET

Dear Franklin, - I send you the  
enclosed copy of the citations to  
the 3 decorations which Morton  
received, - 2 of them posthumously.  
You took an interest in him  
when he went overseas, so I should

like you to know how well &  
gallantly he acquitted himself.

Yr v. sincerely

Wm. Curtis

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Don't trouble to answer this.

War Department.

4 January 1945

Mrs E.M.E.  
etc.

My dear Mrs Eustis,.... By direction of the President,...etc....

*Copy of* Citation for Silver Star, awarded July 1943. etc...

One Oak Leaf Cluster to the Silver Star.

" For gallantry in action on 13 August 1944 in France. First Lt. Eustis, in command of the third Platoon, Co. "C"...Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, with a platoon of medium tanks and fifteen dismounted men attached, was given the mission of crossing the .... River and attacking ....., France. Lt. Eustis, with utter disregard for his own personal safety and under heavy small arms fire, rode on the turret of the leading medium tank in order to best direct the advance. ~~He was always present at the point when contact with the enemy was made.~~ Lt. Eustis was killed, by an enemy rocket projectile while firing a fifty caliber machine gun, from an exposed position, at a dismounted enemy patrol, which had forced his own dismounted men to take cover. Lt. Eustis's courage and habitual contempt for the enemy ~~for~~ *was* largely responsible for the success of his platoon."

Bronze Star Medal.

" For meritorious service in France during the period, July 29 1944 to 20 July 1944, in connection with military operations against the enemy. 1st Lt. Eustis, Co "C", Armored Reconnaissance Battalion, while riding in the point vehicle of his Platoon which was acting as advance guard for the company that was reconnoitering the right flank of the main axis of Combat Command B, 2nd Armored Division, did, with out regard for his own personal safety, come under enemy fire at least ten times and by his quick action in locating and destroying enemy tanks and ground positions made it possible for the company to move forward on its mission."

etc. etc.

Robert H. Dunlop.  
Brigadier General,  
Acting the Adjutant General.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

March 15, 1945

MR. HASSETT:

To remind you to arrange to  
have Mrs. William Corcoran Eustis  
bring Colonel Hon. Angus McDonnell  
of the British Embassy to call on  
the President some afternoon next  
week.

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yes

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MEMO FOR BILL HASSETT:

I told Mrs. Eustis I was going to see if it couldn't be arranged for her and Colonel McDonnell to come in together. She is leaving for New York and would prefer, if possible, to have an appointment on Thursday or Friday of next week.

GRACE

R.B.

late afternoon

W. D. H.

GRACE:

TO HAVE THEM IN SOMETIME.

F.D.R.

March 6. /45

1534 TWENTY-EIGHTH STREET

Dear Franklin - May I ask a favour of you?  
Creating it ~~not~~ give pleasure to two people.  
An old friend of mine, (I first knew him  
40 years ago) & a great friend of the Halifax  
& of General Watson, is returning to England  
the end of the month, after four years in  
America. He has never had the pleasure &  
honour of meeting you, & I really told him  
that I ~~would~~ ask you, if I might bring him to

call. - W<sup>d</sup> you have a spare minute when  
you c<sup>d</sup> receive us, so that we c<sup>d</sup> shake hands  
with you. & tell them about you, very unimportant  
in England.

He is Irish, a son of Lord Luttrell, by name  
Col. Augustus W<sup>m</sup> Donnell, - a most amusing  
& delightful person.

I hope you won't mind my writing

Y<sup>r</sup> sincerely

Edith Russett

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

3-23-1945

Memorandum for the President:

Mrs. Eustace has returned to Washington and reminds us that the President was desirous of having her come in to see him, bringing with her Colonel Angus MacDonald. He is leaving Washington on April 6th.

W.D.H.

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o Col & J Dewellin  
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did not see  
the Pres.  
filed 3-24-45

1534 - 28<sup>th</sup> Street

Washington D.C.

133 EAST EIGHTIETH STREET

April 8/45

Dear Franklin: - I am writing to  
ask a great favour of you: not for  
myself, but for the son of a friend  
of mine. You may not be able  
to grant it, - but I feel confident  
that you will forgive me for asking it!

This boy was stricken with  
infantile paralysis last  
September, and his parents & his  
doctor are most anxious that he  
should take the cure at Warm Springs.

But it seems almost impossible  
to get him admitted as  
there is such a long waiting list.

So I wondered if you wd pay a word  
for him? A word from you, if you  
felt that you cd pay it, wd make all  
the difference. - Is it too much to  
ask? His parents are Mrs & Mr Frank  
Speed (of the publishing firm of Speed &  
Ward) & Wilfred is their only son. Mrs  
Speed is English, - her father was  
Wilfred Ward, the English writer, - her  
grand mother was the daughter of the  
Duke of Norfolk, - he, is an Australian.  
They have very little money - they  
lecture, - they write - (Mr wrote the  
official biography of Chesterton), &  
they have lived in America  
since the beginning of the war. -  
I have told her that I was writing to  
you, but

2 She knows that you may not be

133 EAST EIGHTIETH STREET

able to do anything. However, I need  
the boy's name & address.

" Wilfred Sheed

468 Riverside Drive  
New York.

The doctor is O. Jean de Forest Smith  
Orthopedic Hospital - New York "

I shall let myself hope until I  
hear from you.

Yr sincerely #

Edith Morton Curtis

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EUSTIS, Mrs. Edith (Mrs. William C. Eustis)

Washington, D. C.

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Wrote to the President seeking permission to bring Monsieur Maritain, noted French writer, in to call on the President while he is in Washington Dec. 6, 7 and 8. Said he will be her guest, and this is why she is making the request even though the French Ambassador will take the necessary steps through the State Department.

--- Attached is the following typed note: "Dec. 3, 1938. MEMO FOR MAC Will you arrange for him to come to Tea either on the seventh or eighth and ask Mrs. Eustis to bring him in? F. D. R." --- Mr. McIntyre wired to Mr. Summerlin of the State Depart. on Dec. 3 saying that the President would like to have Mr. Maritain for tea either on Dec. 7th or 8th and Mrs. Eustis is to be asked to bring him in. Asked Mr. Summerlin to handle it.

--- Pencil note: "Mr. Kannee Thursday is OK - the 8th M.A.Leh."

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EUSTIS, Mrs. Edith  
Oatlands House,  
Oatlands, Va.  
6-10-41

Wrote to Gen. Watson calling attention to her previous suggestion that the President drive to Oatlands, Va. for an outing.

See INVITATION, Oatlands, Va.

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STATE, Secretary of  
May 26, 1942.

Writes the President that Mrs. Edith Norton Eustis has offered to donate unconditionally three large Chinese vases and an Italian cabinet for the use of diplomatic residences. Section 134 of Title 22, U.S. Code, provides "The President is authorized in his discretion to accept on behalf of the United States unconditional gifts of land, buildings, furniture, and furnishings, or any of them, for the use of diplomatic and consular offices and residences." The Sec. of State said he should appreciate the President's authorization to accept the gifts of Mrs. Eustis and for their use at the discretion of the Department.---"C.H. OK- FDR" - 5/28/42."

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