

PPF 455
ROADS AND HIGHWAYS

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

PPF

455

December 28, 1933

My dear Mr. Bourne:

In further reference to your letter of November ninth in reference to the project of the new bridge over the Cape Cod Canal at Bourne, I am sending you for your information a further report from the Secretary of War.

Very sincerely yours,

LOUIS McH. HOWE

Secretary to the President

tmb

Ralph W. Bourne, Esq.,
Bourne,
Massachusetts.

Enclosure.

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

E.D. 6371 (Cape Cod Cn.) 38

December 26, 1933.

MEMORANDUM for Honorable Louis McH. Howe,
Secretary to the President.

In your letter of November 14, 1933, you enclosed a letter from Mr. Ralph W. Bourne, of Bourne, Massachusetts, protesting against the taking of his property in connection with the construction of a highway bridge across the Cape Cod Canal at Bourne, and in my reply thereto of November 28, 1933, I enclosed a draft of proposed reply to Mr. Bourne, and further advised you that a full report would be obtained from the District Engineer at Boston, Massachusetts, and upon receipt of this report, you would be fully informed.

Since the bridges and approaches across the canal are important links in the State Highway System, the District Engineer at Boston, Massachusetts, asked the Commissioner of Public Works, Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to cooperate with his office in the layout of approaches to this bridge.

Before recommending the location objected to by Mr. Bourne, the State officials made a thorough study of a number of layouts and selected this location as the most economical and efficient. In connection with the locating of this bridge, and in view of Mr. Bourne's objections, two other locations have been carefully studied. It has been found that either of these locations will result in an increased cost, and in the opinion of the State Highway Commissioners, will be considerably less efficient.

It is again desired to point out that the property belonging to Mr. Bourne, which is needed in connection with this project is a lot across the road from his house, on which it is proposed to place the traffic circle. Mr. Bourne's house will not be disturbed, and only a very small part of the lot on which the house is situated, will be affected. The principal objection of Mr. Bourne, appears to be the additional noise which will be created by the traffic using the circle adjacent to his house.

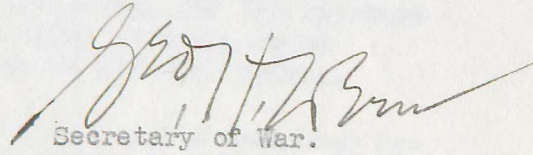
The adopted location has been approved by the selectmen of the Town of Bourne, and is believed to be to the best interests

Memorandum to Hon. Louis McH. Howe.

- 2 -

of both the State and the Government on the grounds of economy and efficiency.

The same objections which Mr. Bourne has against the adopted plan would, of course, obtain to the property adjacent to either of the other proposed locations. In view of this fact, and since the conditions involved are rather intangible, it would appear that the best interests of the Government are met by adhering to the present plan.


Secretary of War.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Warm Springs, Georgia

November 8 December 2, 1933.

Mr. Ralph W. Bourne,

GBP:tmp
ack 12-2-33
out

Bourne, Massachusetts.

Dear Ralph:

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

I have given careful consideration to your letter of November 9, in which you urge my intervention to prevent the taking of your land at Bourne, Massachusetts, for the approach to the new bridge over the Cape Cod Canal which is to be constructed by the Federal Government in the near future.

I find that the construction of this bridge has been included in the Public Works Program undertaken in pursuance with the National Recovery Act. It is represented to me that the bridge is necessary to relieve serious congestion of land traffic and to afford means for enlarging the canal to properly accommodate water traffic.

There is a grave question whether any public convenience or necessity demands the approaches to this and other bridges were selected after most careful study in cooperation with the Highway Department of the State of Massachusetts to secure safe and convenient movement of motor traffic. It is unnecessary to advise you that payment in full will be made for all of the lands taken, and that your rights will have the full protection of the courts. Please be assured of the purpose of my administration to carry out the execution of public works to accomplish our Nation's recovery in such manner as to do no unnecessary injury to the individual.

I am requesting the Secretary of War to have the case carefully reviewed, and if it is found possible to make alterations in the approaches to these structures in such manner that they will adequately serve the public need without damaging your property, to take the necessary steps toward that end.

Very sincerely yours,

Ralph W. Bourne, Esq.,
Bourne,
Massachusetts

November 9, 1933

ack 12-2-33
act

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

Dear Franklin:

I venture to make this appeal
because of our old association in the Class of
1904 at Harvard.

My home, where my father 85 years
of age is still living, is about to be ruined and
nearly all of my surrounding land seized for the
approach to the new bridge over the Cape Cod Canal
at Bourne, Massachusetts. There is a grave question
whether any public convenience or necessity demands
what amounts to ruthless confiscation by the Federal
government. I feel I have been sidetracked by the
authorities by empty promises. My home and this
surrounding property are all I have in the world.

I have talked with LaRue Brown, who
agrees that ruining me is not only unnecessary but is
a highly uneconomical way of carrying out the purposes
intended to be served. He has agreed to do what he can
with the authorities of the Commonwealth so far as they
have joint authority in the matter.

Sincerely yours,

Bourne, Mass.

Ralph W. Bourne

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

E. D. 6371(Cape Cod Canal)-34

NOV 28 1933

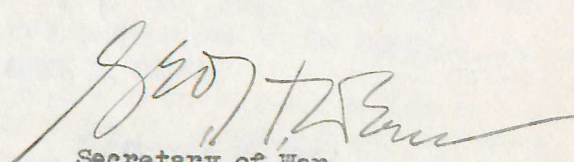
Honorable Louis McH. Howe,
Secretary to the President,
The White House.

Dear Mr. Howe:

I am in receipt of your reference of November 14, of a letter from Mr. Ralph W. Bourne, of Bourne, Massachusetts, pointing out the damage which will be caused to his home in Bourne by the taking of his lands in connection with the construction of the highway bridge over the Cape Cod Canal at Bourne, Mass.

I enclose herewith a draft of a reply to Mr. Bourne.

Sincerely yours,


Secretary of War.

One enclosure:
(Draft of letter to Mr. Bourne)

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

E. D. 6371 (Cape Cod Canal)-34

NOV 28 1933

Mr. Ralph W. Bourne,

GHP:tmp:tmp

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

Dear Mr. Howe:

I am in receipt of your letter of November 14, of a letter from Mr. Ralph W. Bourne, of Bourne, Massachusetts, pointing out the damage which will be caused to his home in Bourne by the taking of his lands in connection with the construction of the highway bridge over the Cape Cod Canal at Bourne, Mass. I enclose herewith a draft of a reply to Mr. Bourne.

Sincerely yours,

GEO. H. DERN

Secretary of War.

One enclosure:

(Draft of letter to Mr. Bourne)

NOV 25 1933

WAR DEPT.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 8, 1933.

Mr. Ralph W. Bourne,

GBP:tmp

Bourne, Massachusetts.

Dear Ralph:

I have given careful consideration to your letter of November 9, in which you urge my intervention to prevent the taking of your land at Bourne, Massachusetts, for the approach to the new bridge over the Cape Cod Canal which is to be constructed by the Federal Government in the near future.

I find that the construction of this bridge has been included in the Public Works Program undertaken in pursuance with the National Recovery Act. It is represented to me that the bridge is necessary to relieve serious congestion of land traffic and to afford means for enlarging the canal to properly accommodate water traffic.

The approaches to this and other bridges were selected after most careful study in cooperation with the Highway Department of the State of Massachusetts to secure safe and convenient movement of motor traffic. It is unnecessary to advise you that payment in full will be made for all of the lands taken, and that your rights will have the full protection of the courts.

Please be assured of the purpose of my administration to carry out the execution of public works to accomplish our Nation's recovery in such manner as to do no unnecessary injury to the individual.

I am requesting the Secretary of War to have the case carefully reviewed, and if it is found possible to make alterations in the approaches to these structures in such manner that they will adequately serve the public need without damaging your property, to take the necessary steps toward that end.

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1933.

December 6, 1933.

My dear Mr. Bourne:

I take pleasure in enclosing herewith letter addressed to you by the President from Warm Springs, under date of December 2nd, together with a copy of supplementary information received this day from Mr. John W. Martyn, of the War Department.

Both are self-explanatory, and I trust that they will fully cover the questions raised in your letter of November 9th.

Sincerely yours,

M. H. McIntyre,
Assistant Secretary
to the President.

Ralph W. Bourne, Esq.,
Bourne, Mass.

John W. Martyn
John W. Martyn,
Administrative Assistant to the
Secretary of War.

Inclosures

*additional information, you
may wish to rewrite the letter
which the President has signed.
Martyn*

WAR DEPARTMENT
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1933.

MEMORANDUM FOR Honorable Marvin H. McIntyre,
Assistant Secretary to the President.

With respect to Mr. Bourne's complaint that the construction of the Bourne Bridge across the Cape Cod Canal will ruin his home, the Chief of Engineers advises me that Mr. Bourne's house will not be affected by this project. In constructing the bridge the approach will pass by Mr. Bourne's house and a traffic circle is planned opposite and to the east of his lot. This traffic circle will be entirely clear of the house and will, in fact, take up only a small portion of his lot. It is located largely on a field owned by Mr. Bourne but across the existing highway from his home. Mr. Bourne's house is now on the corner of an intersecting main and secondary highway. It would appear that Mr. Bourne objects to the proposed location of the traffic circle because he fears that a dense traffic with attendant noises will result from its construction; that the lights from the automobiles using the circle will shine in the windows of his home; and that he does not desire to relinquish ownership to the field on which this circle is to be placed.

The location of the traffic circle was selected on the advice and to meet the desires of the Department of Public Works, State of Massachusetts. It is practicable from an engineering viewpoint to construct this circle elsewhere but it is understood that the Department of Public Works feels that it is the best location to meet highway needs as now planned and that a change would be undesirable from that viewpoint.

John W. Martyn
John W. Martyn,
Administrative Assistant to the
Secretary of War.

Gen Mac: In view of the above
Inclosures *additional information, you*
may wish to rewrite the letter
which the President has signed.
Martyn

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 5, 1933.

Dear John:

This note is self-explanatory. Will you get the report the President wants and return it with the letter and all the correspondence.

Sincerely,

M. H. McIntyre

M. H. McIntyre
Assistant Secretary
to the President.

John Martin, Esq.,
Office of the Secretary of War,
Washington, D. C.

Enc.

Memoranda
He wants
Danbury,

the

County,
on it
to the
branch
an

long the
Cleveland
s City
ip

ghway
t of
anah -

Mississippi
Illinois

western
itute
kies from
o.

d Savanah
d thence
e Mexican

nce to
order.

roughly

ould be

3. South of Cleveland.
4. A road from Chicago either running northwest or south.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Dec. 4, 1933.

Mac:

Before this letter goes out, the President says to get a special report from the War Department to see whether Mr. Bourne's house cannot be either left in his possession or that if the War Department takes it if Bourne cannot be given life tenancy.

P. Tully

Memoranda
He wants
Danbury,

the

County,
on it
to the
branch
an

long the
Cleveland
s City
ip

ghway
t of
anah -

Mississippi
Illinois

western
itute
kies from
o.

d Savannah
d thence
e Mexican

nce to
order.

roughly

ould be

3. South of Cleveland.
4. A road from Chicago either running northwest or south.

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES
NIGHT LETTER

FROM

The White House
Washington

January 6, 1934.

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE: 1933

A. O. Kanner,
Chairman, Bridge Committee,
Stuart, Florida.

The President wishes me to express his congratulations on the completion of the final link in the Atlantic Coastal Highway, the Franklin D. Roosevelt Bridge STOP Will you please express his best wishes to Governor Sholtz and all those present at the dedication ceremonies.

Stephen Early
Assistant Secretary
to the President.

Another road not to be built
North Dakota to eastern Montana to El Paso or as a substitute following eastern foothills of the main chain of the Rockies from Billings to Denver and from Denver to Demming, New Mexico.

Road starting half way between Charleston and Savannah running west through Montgomery, Alabama, Baton Rouge and thence roughly to Los Angeles and roughly 100 miles north of the Mexican border.

From north of Chicago to Twin Cities and thence to Seattle running roughly 50 miles south of the Canadian border.

Road from Canadian border to Mexico running roughly 75 to 100 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean.

Order of preference on which these roads should be planned and built.

1. Northeast stretch.
2. New York to Washington.
3. South of Cleveland.
4. A road from Chicago either running northwest or south.

STANDARD TIME
INDICATED ON THIS MESSAGE

Commercial
Cables



All America
Cables

Mackay

Radio

WLT WEEK END CABLE LETTER
RADIOGRAM

A

42 78 DL 1 EXTRA 1/60

STUART FLO 4 200P

HONORABLE FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES WHITE HOUSE WASHINGTON DC

TUESDAY JANUARY NINTH THERE WILL BE HELD BRIDGE DEDICATION CEREMONY
HERE WHICH BRIDGE IS FINAL LINK IN ATLANTIC COASTAL HIGHWAY STOP
BRIDGE SPANS STLUCIE RIVER IN MARTIN COUNTY AND IS ONE OF FINEST
STRUCTURES IN STATE STOP GOVERNOR SHOLTZ AND OTHER PROMINENT CITIZENS
WILL BE HERE TO OFFICIALLY DEDICATE BRIDGE STOP BRIDGE WILL BE KNOWN
AS THE FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT

1934 JAN 4 PM 2 30

Wired
1/6/34
Wm

Another road not to be under consideration
North Dakota to eastern Montana to El Paso or as a substitute
following eastern foothills of the main chain of the Rockies from
Billings to Denver and from Denver to Demming, New Mexico.

Road starting half way between Charleston and Savanah
running west through Montgomery, Alabama, Baton Rouge and thence
roughly to Los Angeles and roughly 100 miles north of the Mexican
border.

x129 From north of Chicago to Twin Cities and thence to
Seattle running roughly 50 miles south of the Canadian border.

x21 Road from Canadian border to Mexico running roughly
75 to 100 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean.

Order of preference on which these roads should be
planned and built.

1. Northeast stretch.
2. New York to Washington.
3. South of Cleveland.
4. A road from Chicago either running northwest or south.

STANDARD TIME
INDICATED ON THIS MESSAGE

Commercial
Cables



All America
Cables

Mackay

Radio

LCO	DEFERRED CABLE
NLT	NIGHT CABLE LETTER
WLT	WEEK END CABLE LETTER
	RADIOGRAM

1934 JAN 4 PM 2 30

AGA42/2/18 STUART ROOSEVELT WASHINGTON DC
BRIDGE UPON REQUEST OF CITIZENS OF THIS COUNTY REPRESENTATIVE ON
YOUR BEHALF INVITED TO BE WITH US
A O KANNER CHAIRMAN BRIDGE COMMITTEE.

border. Los Angeles and roughly 100 miles north of the Mexican
border.

x129 From north of Chicago to Twin Cities and thence to
Seattle running roughly 50 miles south of the Canadian border.

x21 Road from Canadian border to Mexico running roughly
75 to 100 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean.

Order of preference on which these roads should be
planned and built.

1. Northeast stretch.
2. New York to Washington.
3. South of Cleveland.
4. A road from Chicago either running northwest or south.

Sunday, December 9th. 1934

File. Hm Jr
Highways
P. P. H.
455

The President dictated to me the following memoranda which were suggestions for transcontinental toll roads. He wants a strip two miles wide starting from Worcester, Mass. to Danbury, Conn., avoiding all towns.

From Danbury south it should connect up with the Westchester County park system.

From Danbury west it should go from Putnam County, connecting with Bear Mountain Bridge. West of the Hudson it should start at the Western border of Bear Mountain Park to the Delaware Water Gap. 20 miles east of the Gap it should branch off into two main highways - one to Florida and one to San Francisco.

The San Francisco highway should run west along the New York Pennsylvania line south of Erie, Pa., south of Cleveland and there in direct line to point half way between Kansas City and Omaha, avoiding all cities. From there west two strip highway to San Francisco.

From northern New Jersey start four strip highway south running east of Harrisburg, west of Baltimore, west of Washington, west of Richmond, west of Charleston and Savannah - from Washington south two or three strip road.

Another road running north and south in the Mississippi Valley on the east side of the valley from somewhere in Illinois roughly to New Orleans.

Another road not to be undertaken yet. From western North Dakota to eastern Montana to El Paso or as a substitute following eastern foothills of the main chain of the Rockies from Billings to Denver and from Denver to Demming, New Mexico.

Road starting half way between Charleston and Savannah running west through Montgomery, Alabama, Baton Rouge and thence roughly to Los Angeles and roughly 100 miles north of the Mexican border.

x129 From north of Chicago to Twin Cities and thence to
Seattle running roughly 50 miles south of the Canadian border.

x21

Road from Canadian border to Mexico running roughly 75 to 100 miles inland from the Pacific Ocean.

Order of preference on which these roads should be planned and built.

1. Northeast stretch.
2. New York to Washington.
3. South of Cleveland.
4. A road from Chicago either running northwest or south.

TELEGRAM

The White House
Washington

P. P. F.

November 1, 1935

45-5

DAY LETTER

Mr. Harry Dixon ×
Chamber of Commerce
North Platte, Nebraska

x PPF 646

Completion of the last link of pavement on United States Route Thirty is an event of such importance that I am happy to send my congratulations stop The perilous trail of the pioneers is at last transformed, by joint efforts of the Federal and State Governments, into a coast to coast highway stop With full appreciation of the manifold benefits of this modern avenue of communication, it is especially gratifying to recall that its construction has been a part of the great program of highway building that has given needed employment in recent years to hundreds of thousands of our citizens

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

x129

TELEGRAM

The White House

Washington

23WU. RA. 33- D. L. 10:02 a.m.

North Platte, Nebraska, October 31, 1935

Stephen Early.

Your telegram 24th Will be pleased to have message from the President on completion longest hard surfaced highway in the world. To be read at ceremonies here November 5th.

Harry Dixon.

NATIONAL PUBLICITY GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS FEDERAL AIDED PROJECT STOP WE ASK THAT YOU COOPERATE BY PRESSING AN ELECTRIC BUTTON IN WASHINGTON TO SEVER THE GOLDEN RIBBON TO BE CLIMAX OF CEREMONIES AND OFFICIALLY OPEN THIS GREAT HIGHWAY STOP ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED TO PLACE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND CONNECTION FOR THE HONOR YOU WILL DO US IN COMPLYING=

NORTHPLATTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HARRY DIXON
CHAIRMAN W J HENDY W H MCDONALD ^{Nebraska} HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

x 65

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

FROM

The White House
Washington

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

October 24, 1935

U. S. GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE

DAY LETTER

Mr. Harry Dixon
Chamber of Commerce
North Platte, Nebraska.

The President will be in Hyde Park on November fifth stop There are no facilities there he can use in compliance with request that he press button for dedication U.S. Highway thirty stop Please advise if message from him would satisfy your needs stop If so I will try to arrange for message

STEPHEN EARLY
Assistant Secretary to the President

NATIONAL PUBLICITY GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS FEDERAL AIDED PROJECT STOP WE ASK THAT YOU COOPERATE BY PRESSING AN ELECTRIC BUTTON IN WASHINGTON TO SEVER THE GOLDEN RIBBON TO BE CLIMAX OF CEREMONIES AND OFFICIALLY OPEN THIS GREAT HIGHWAY STOP ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED TO PLACE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND CONNECTION FOR THE HONOR YOU WILL DO US IN COMPLYING=

NORTHPLATTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HARRY DIXON
CHAIRMAN W J HENDY W H MCDONALD ^{Nebraska} HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

THE COMPANY WILL APPRECIATE SUGGESTIONS FROM ITS PATRONS CONCERNING ITS SERVICE

1220-S

OF SERVICE

This is a full-rate Telegram or Cablegram unless its deferred character is indicated by a suitable sign above or preceding the address.

WESTERN UNION

R. B. WHITE
PRESIDENT

NEWCOMB CARLTON
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD

J. C. WILLEVER
FIRST VICE-PRESIDENT

SIGNS

DL = Day Letter
NM = Night Message
NL = Night Letter
LC = Deferred Cable
NLT = Cable Night Letter
Ship Radiogram

The filing time as shown in the date line on full-rate telegrams and day letters, and the time of receipt at destination as shown on all messages, is STANDARD TIME.

Received at

CFB8 148 NL 9 EXTRA=NORTHPLATTE NEBR 22

FRANKLIN D ROOSEVELT=

THE PRESIDENT U S S HOUSTON CHARLESTON SOCAR=

US HIGHWAY NO 30 WILL BE THE FIRST HARD SURFACED ALL WEATHER ROAD CONNECTING THE ATLANTIC SEABOARD AND THE PAFICIC COAST THE LAST LINK OF 30 MILES NEAR OUR CITY WILL BE COMPLETED AND READY FOR OPENING AND DEDICATION OF THE ENTIRE ROUTE ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 5 2 PM CST STOP ELABORATE CEREMONIES HERE STOP 11 GOVERNORS ALONG HIGHWAY ARE INVITED STOP SOME HAVE ACCEPTED STOP OTHERS WILL PARTICIPATE IN VARIOUS WAYS STOP NATIONAL PUBLICITY GIVEN THE IMPORTANCE OF THIS FEDERAL AIDED PROJECT STOP WE ASK THAT YOU COOPERATE BY PRESSING AN ELECTRIC BUTTON IN WASHINGTON TO SEVER THE GOLDEN RIBBON TO BE CLIMAX OF CEREMONIES AND OFFICIALLY OPEN THIS GREAT HIGHWAY STOP ARRANGEMENTS HAVE BEEN COMPLETED TO PLACE AT YOUR CONVENIENCE THE NECESSARY EQUIPMENT AND CONNECTION FOR THE HONOR YOU WILL DO US IN COMPLYING=

NORTHPLATTE CHAMBER OF COMMERCE HARRY DIXON
CHAIRMAN W J HENDY W H MCDONALD ^{Nebraska} HIGHWAY COMMISSION.

THE QUICKEST, SUREST AND SAFEST WAY TO SEND MONEY IS BY TELEGRAPH OR CABLE

If signed pls mail out &
return file to STE

file

455

STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ohio State Museum

COLUMBUS

May 2, 1940

My dear Mr. Shetrone:

I have learned with great interest about plans to celebrate the centennial of the completion of the Old National Road in Ohio.

This observance will be not only of historical interest but it will serve also as an excellent opportunity to emphasize the vital part which transportation plays in the national well-being. My hearty greetings to all who participate.

xpp71780
x173

Very sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Mr. Henry C. Shetrone, x-0
Director,
The Ohio State Archaeological and
Historical Society,
Ohio State Museum,
Columbus, Ohio.

x-0

wah-mw

x129

Yours respectfully,

Henry C. Shetrone
Director

THE OHIO STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Ohio State Museum

COLUMBUS

May 2, 1940

455

My dear Mr. Shetrone:

I have learned with great interest about plans to celebrate the centennial of the completion of the Old National Road in Ohio.

This observance will be not only of historical interest but it will serve also as an excellent opportunity to emphasize the vital part which transportation plays in the national well-being. My hearty greetings to all who participate.

xpp71780
x173

Very sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Mr. Henry C. Shetrone, xA
Director,
The Ohio State Archaeological and
Historical Society, xA
Ohio State Museum,
Columbus, Ohio.

wdh-mw

Respectfully,

x129

Henry C. Shetrone
Director

THE OHIO STATE ARCHAEOLOGICAL AND HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Ohio State Museum
COLUMBUS

*ack 5/2/40
mw*

OFFICE OF DIRECTOR

April 26, 1940.

My/first

The President,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I take the liberty of inviting your attention to the celebration on May 16th and 17th of the centennial of the completion of the Old National Road in Ohio.

The Governors of the States of Ohio, West Virginia and Indiana will participate in the celebration. The exercises begin with a banquet in Wheeling, West Virginia, on the evening of May 16th. A cavalcade proceeds from Wheeling to Columbus on the following day and on arrival there will participate in a program at the Ohio State House in which the several Governors mentioned will take part. From Columbus the cavalcade continues westward across Ohio. Appropriate programs have been arranged for the several towns and cities along the route of the cavalcade.

Since the Old National Road is the most historic thoroughfare connecting the East with the West and since so many prominent men in American history have traversed it, I am wondering if it is asking too much that you accord the event your official recognition. Such, I am certain, would greatly add to the success of the undertaking. I may add that the Ohio State Archaeological and Historical Society, together with the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, and numerous other organizations, are cooperating in this event.

Yours respectfully,

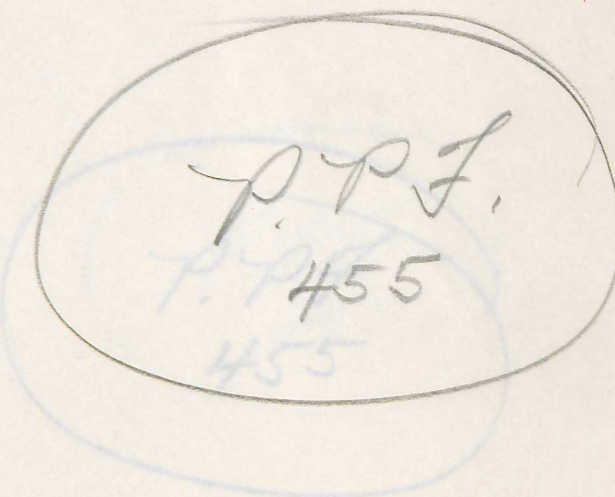
Henry C. Shetrone
Director

HCS:W

GRAY, David
Portland, Maine.
May 9, 1933

Encloses editorials from the Press Herald which praise the President's speech of May 7th. Gives his idea of building toll roads as part of the public works program. -- In reply the President advised that he is very keen about the idea of toll roads.

See P.P.F. 454



INTERIOR, Secretary of

June 5, 1933 - Addressed to Mr. Early

Encloses a suggested letter which the President may care to send to Charles G. Thomson, Superintendent, Yosemite National Park, on the occasion of the dedication of the Wawona Tunnel, conveying to him and to the officers and employees of the National Park Service and the Bureau of Public Roads responsible for its construction, his heartiest congratulations. -- Congratulations sent June 5th.

See 6-P

See P.P.F. 455

P.P.F.
455

BLACK, Sen. Hugo L.

June 6, 1933 - Addressed to Mr. McIntyre

Quotes a letter he received from Mr. James M. Gill, Sec. of the Lee Highway Association, Huntsville, Ala., in which he asked him to influence the President to wire a friendly message to the Lee Highway Convention. - Judge J. Fred Johnson, Jr., President, Tennessee Alabama Mississippi Lee Highway Association wires that his association is trying to cooperate with the President in the Tennessee Valley Development by urging state authorities to pave Lee Highway through Alabama and Mississippi. Asks for a telegram of felicitations from the President to the convention, meeting in Huntsville, Ala. -- Wire attached from W. H. Mitchell, President, Tennessee Valley Assoc., asking the President for a message to the convention, addressed to Judge Johnson, Jr. -- Mr. Early conveyed the President's good wishes by wire.

See P.P.F. 556

P.P.F.

P.P.F.
455

SMITH, Arthur Clarendon (President, Lee Highway Ass'n)
Washington, D.C.
April 24, 1934

President writes that he has read with interest the Anniversary Edition of the "Fauquier Democrat", celebrating the completion of 14 yrs of the activities of Lee Highway Ass'n, and wishes to add his tribute to those of Presidents Wilson, Harding, Coolidge and Hoover (which are attached -copies), to the highly patriotic service of the Gen. Director of Ass'n, Dr. Samuel M. Johnson, National Apostle of Good Roads, whose plan it is to secure a 200 ft. right-of-way from San Diego, Cal., to the Nation's Capital, and to make it as outstanding among highways as Lee was among men.

SEE PPF 556

P.P.F.

45-5-

PLOG, William A.
Hyde Park, N.Y.
April 30, 1934

Writes President re work done on grounds, and encloses bill for the work done on road and the tree plantings. Says that there is more work for Frank Draiss to do, if President wants to keep him on. President wrote Mr. Plog, May 7, enclosing check to cover bill, and directs him to keep Draiss on for May and June to put gravel on road and look after nursery, etc.

SEE PPF 1-G

P.P.F.
455

See P.P.F. 1041

455

HENRY, Thomas P.
President, American Automobile Assn.,
Washington, D. C.
June 19, 1934

The President wrote him on the above date, extending to him and his associates his cordial good wishes for a successful convention. Congratulated him on what they have accomplished in the past and on the broad-gauged program they are formulating for the future. Informed him that he is deeply concerned over the staggering tolls of deaths, injuries and heavy property damage caused by highway accidents. Stated that safer conditions for travel undoubtedly would contribute to a greater use of the highways, now that shorter working hours and more leisure time is assured by the national recovery program. Further stated that it is such organizations as the American Automotible Assn. that we look for leadership in the continuing effort to work out a solution of the accident problem. -- There is attached a slip of paper with the name of Mr. A. J. Montgomery of the AAA, appearing thereon.

See P.P.F. 1641

P.P.F.
455

BOWEN, Kirk (Mayor of Auburn and Chairman, Inv. Comm. Cherry Valley Turnpike Ass'n)
Auburn, N.Y.
Aug. 7, 1934

Writes President inviting him and Mrs. Roosevelt to attend the ceremony at Skaneateles, which Ass'n is giving for the completion of the Cherry Valley Turnpike, and encloses clippings. Orrin Terry, Sec. of Ass'n, supplements invitation, but asks that President send some message, if he can't attend. Gov. Herbert H. Lehman of N.Y. also supplements and urges attendance of invitation, on Aug. 10. President wrote Gov. declining, Aug. 20. Mr. McIntyre wrote Mayor Bowen enclosing a letter from President which was requested by Mr. Terry, to be read at celebration.

SEE PPF 1725

P.P.F.

455

WELCH, Major Wm. A. (Gen. Mgr. - Commission of the Palisades Interstate Park)
Iona Island, N.Y.
Oct. 11, 1954

Writes President asking him to dedicate the Perkins' Memorial Drive, when he comes to Hyde Park about Nov. 6th. Says President said last time he visited Bear Mountain, that if Mr. Osborn was ready for the dedication of the American Museum of Natural History of N.Y. he expected to be in N.Y. for that purpose and would try to open the Bear Mountain Drive at the same time. President replied, Oct. 18, that the Museum dedication has been postponed, and although he will run up to Hyde Park for Election Day, it will be impossible to open the Drive, much as he would like to do this for the Commission.

SEE - P.P.F. 973

P.P.F.
H55

SMITH, Moses
Hyde Park, N.Y.
Nov. 9, 1934

President wrote - "Do please tell me what this is all about.
Where is the road and what should I do with it?" - Enclosure.

SEE - PPF 1930

P.P.F.

H 555

DAVIS, Charles
Bass River, Cape Cod, Mass.
January 17, 1935

Sends the President the By-Laws of the Co-Operation League of America, Road Owners and Wayfarers Dept., American Road Builders Association. Encloses their Resolutions No. 4 to 7 inclusive. States that it is their purpose to nominate as the second Trustee of the League, Mr. Vincent Astor and to appoint Mr. J. P. Morgan as Chairman of the Trust and Investment Committee. Before making nomination and appointment says they want to know that they are acceptable and wholly satisfactory to the President as they hope for his acceptance as Honorary President for Life of the Government Unit of the Co-Operation League of America. -- Mr. Davis also wrote a personal letter re marches on Washington, and expressed his opinion as to the best way in which to handle such situations. -- Mr. McIntyre advised Mr. Davis on Jan. 21st, that the President does not feel that he can comment on the suggestion and resolutions at this time nor can he endorse the plan suggested in his personal letter as he might be accused by some of sponsoring a project for his own glorification.

See P.P.F. 12-C

P.P.F.

455

VELIE, F. W.

Rhinebeck, Dutchess County, N.Y.

March 4, 1935

Writes President re Rhinebeck-Hudson Parkway No. 2, Barrytown to Rhinebeck, protesting at the way things are going. President replied March 18, suggesting he take this matter up with the Commissioner of Highways in Albany. Says there will always be a certain amount of disagreement in matters of this kind, and every case must stand on its own merits, but President does think Rhinebeck should get some connection with the Barrytown-Hudson Road and also to get the Wurtemberg Creek Road improved.

SEE - P.P.F. 2334

P.P.F.

H 55

CROSS, Guernsey T.
New York City
May 18, 1935

Writes Mr. McIntyre submitting three propositions, each in letter form, directed to the President, asking that they be presented to President. The first letter deals with the opening of the new Delaware Valley Trail which is the new State Road now nearly completed from Hancock to Port Jervis. Would like to have President visit this sometime in August or September and put the final touches on this proposition which he (President) first fostered in 1911. The second letter bids for the President's reaction to Mr. Cross's acceptance of a Judgeship. If the bills become law in New York, he is a candidate for one of the appointments. Doesn't want to proceed with his endorsements if President doesn't feel he should. The third letter is a plan which Mr. Cross has been formulating to organize an association which he thought to name "Original Roosevelt Boosters". Would like to discuss the matter with President. President replied June 17 saying if he is at Hyde Park around Labor Day he will really try to get over to Port Jervis for the opening of the road, and he could then visit the Boy Scout Camps. Thinks the legislation re this judgeship may not go through and says he will make more in private practice even if he remains only for a few years. In regard to this association for the next campaign suggests he talk with Jim Farley, as there is much merit in his suggestion.

SEE - PPF 46

P.P.F.

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~

455

GREENE, Hon. Frederick Stuart - Superintendent of Public Works,
Albany, N.Y.
Nov. 13, 1935

Writes the President re the highway running northerly from East Park to connect with the completed road south of Anandale. Sends map. Says he has made arrangements with Mr. James S. Bixby to hold a conference on town roads. Regrets there has been talk in Dutchess County, N.Y., that the new Supervisor of Hyde Park has not been overdiscreet, and there will be no cooperation with him. - The President replied on Nov. 19, confidentially, saying the conduct of the county highways has been a public scandal for a good many years, and is a long story. Thinks it is terrible they told Mr. Greene that the new Supervisor, the first Democratic one elected in 35 years, "has not been over discreet". Says re Creek Road, he will lay a bet that not one shovel full of dirt will be moved on this road from East Park to the Rhinebeck line, i.e., that turn of the road which lies in the town of Hyde Park, before Jan. 1, 1938, or until the Republicans have recaptured the Supervisorship.

SEE - P.P.F. 3041

P.P.F.

455

BASS, Mayor E. D.
Chattanooga, Tennessee,
August 20, 1935.

President wired congratulations on the opening of the Will Cummings Highway and expressed wish he could christen it. Said he hoped to visit Chattanooga and drive over this highway at some near future date.

P. P. F.

455-

SEE P.P.F. 2785

ANDERSON, W. H. -- Chairman, New York State Whiteface Mountain Highway Commission
September 17, 1935.
Troy, N. Y.

Writes President expressing appreciation for his aid in helping to complete the work started by Gov. Roosevelt in 1929 re the Adirondacks highway. Says President has given them a slogan that will cause their financial obligations to be met. Said slogan is "See the Adirondacks for a Dollar". Informs President that the Stars and Stripes together with the President's flag will always be at the top of the mountain.

P. P. F.

SEE P.P.F. 2872

45-2

HENRY, Thomas P.
President, American Automobile Association,
Washington, D. C.
Nov. 9, 1935

President wrote Mr. Henry on Nov. 9, extending greetings to him and his associates. Says their convention is being held at time when country is more conscious than ever of extent of tragedy resulting from highway fatalities and injuries. Says he is mindful of the part their organization has had in battle for greater safety over a period of years, and knows no better way they can serve American people than through continuation of their efforts to solve the problem through constructive legislation, adequate enforcement of laws and regulations, and continuing education of drivers and pedestrians. He states the Federal and State Governments are making an enormous capital investment in highways, which investment should amply repay us from standpoint of transportation to serve business and individuals, or from standpoint of opportunity that extended and improved roads afford for advancement of recreational and cultural needs of our people.

SEE - PPF 1641

P. P. F.
455

P. P. F.

455

SEE PPF 3024 for Mr. Early's telegraphic memo of Nov. 26, 1935, to Mr. McIntyre, stating Mr. Pendleton Dudley, representing the Reader's Digest, Pleasantville, N. Y., and a personal friend of DeWitt Wallace, Editor of this publication, called in person to offer the inside cover page of the January 1936 issue of this magazine for the President's statement on safety. Asks for President's approval of the outlined statement, saying they are holding the presses for this article. Says Mr. Wallace and the magazine are interested in the traffic problem as they were the first to call national attention to the seriousness of traffic dangers and deaths by their article, "And Sudden Death --", million of reprints of which have been used to conduct safety campaigns throughout the country. Attached is some data on this article. - Mr. McIntyre replied by wire Nov. 27, that the President approves article, as revised. - Mr. Early wired Mr. Dudley Nov. 27 the revised article, in which the President declares that accidents constitute one of our gravest national problems, and to reduce their number, he has appointed a Committee under Sec. of Commerce and Senator A. Harry Moore, to make a national study in the interest of preserving life and property. The President further says that fortunately through the wide dissemination of articles and other information depicting the horrors of reckless driving the facts have been made vivid to millions of motorists, and he makes a personal appeal for the solution of the problem must finally depend upon all of us as motorists. Asks that everyone pledge to avoid carelessness, discourtesy, and recklessness on our highways.

P.P.F.

455

SHERRILL, Cliff
Assistant Director, American Road Builders' Assn.,
Nov. 20, 1935

Writes Mr. McIntyre, enclosing letter to President from William P. McDonald, President, American Road Builders' Association, Washington, D.C., dated Nov. 20, inviting the President to address that Association's convention, (to be held in Cleveland, O., Jan. 20th to 24th) at banquet Jan. 22d. -- President, by memo of Nov. 26, asked that he send letter saying how sorry President is that he cannot leave Washington. -- Mr. McIntyre wrote Mr. Sherrill on Nov. 27, from Warm Springs, that this invitation is being called to President's attention. -- President wrote Mr. McDonald from Warm Springs Nov. 27 that as he has consistently refused all invitations requiring his absence from Washington while Congress is in session, he regrets that it will not be possible for him to accept their invitation.

SEE - PPF 3034

PPF 455

AGRICULTURE, SECRETARY of
January 22, 1936.

We referred for advice as to reply a letter from Hugo Burgheim, c/o, National Flower and Garden Show, Baltimore, Maryland, of Jan. 18th, saying that the 17th National Flower and Garden Show would be held in Baltimore, March 14th to 22nd. Asks President to write short article for their book. Says anything in connection with flowers will be appropriate.--President, on Feb. 25, wrote Mr. William F. Ekas, Chairman, Local Executive Committee, National Flower and Garden Show, Baltimore, saying he was happy to extend greetings to the 17th National Flower and Garden Show. The President said it was difficult to conceive of a world without flowers, and it was an arduous task to evaluate their contribution to everyday life. Stated that as a nation we were becoming more and more appreciative of flowers, that it is shown by the rapid increase in the number of garden clubs in which people of kindred interests unite to discuss their common problems. Said the roadside planting movement, and the protection of the native wild flowers were but two of the valuable causes to which flowers have contributed. Extended best wishes for a very successful show.

P. P. F.

SEE P.P.F. 3295

453-

LAMORTE, William F.
The Fireproof Products Co.,
New York City
Feb. 26, 1936

Writes President re problem of citizens of Hyde Park, Dutchess County, N. Y., concerning the Creek Road improvement, upon which no action is being taken. -- President wrote Mr. LaMorte on March 2, that he has kept trying to get the State Highway Department and the Board of Supervisors to push the Creek Road improvement through, and that Albany seems willing to go ahead. Says he wonders if matter is being held up by Board of Supervisors. Thinks Mr. LaMorte can ascertain this fact more easily than President.

SEE - PPF 2268

P.P. 7.

455

LaMORTE, William F.
New York, N.Y.
April 2, 1936

Writes the President thanking him for recent letter. Says he represents the taxpayers of Hyde Park and Staatsburg, and has been trying to get the improvement of the Creek Road from East Park to Rhinebeck completed. Says he has had several conferences with some of the neighbors and they are pleased with the President's cooperation. Discusses the problem further. - The President replied on April 10, expressing his interest, saying he understood money is available for this road, the question seems to be squarely in the lap of the Supervisors.

SEE - P.P.F. 2268

P.P.F.

455-

GRATIOT, R. J.
Nevada, Missouri,
May 7, 1936.

Writes President enclosing newspaper clipping re organizing Safety Highway Clubs. States that Nevada was the first town to organize a Railroad Booster Club, which has spread almost Nation wide. Tenders President membership in the Missouri Pacific Highway Safety Club No. 1.--Mr. McIntyre, on May 11th, wrote Mr. Gratiot expressing President's appreciation for this invitation and declining on behalf of the President to join the aforementioned club.

SEE P.P.F. 24-M

P.P.F.

45-5-

U.S. FOREST SERVICE, The
June 8, 1936

Mr. Early referred for a draft message, if in his opinion the President should send one, for the Pikes Peak Celebration, planned for June 27-28, at Colorado Springs, Colo. Encloses letter of June 3, from Senator Alva B. Adams, asking that the President send this message to Gov. Edward C. Johnson of Denver, Colorado. - The Senator encloses a letter of May 14, from Lloyd Shaw, re this. - Mr. Silcox, Chief, Forest Service, replied by memo on June 11 to Mr. Early, enclosing draft. - The President based his reply on this draft, writing the Governor on June 16th, re this historic occasion, sending felicitations to all attending the celebration of the opening of this road to the public.

SEE - PPF 3612

P.P.F.
455

DOUGHERTY, T. H. Jr.,
Department of Public Relations,
The Franklin Institute,
Philadelphia, Pa.,
June 30, 1936.

Writes President re Good Highways. Wants road-building contracts given to road builders, making the contractor responsible. Cites instances where roads are very bad.--President wrote Mr. Dougherty, on July 2nd, saying he is right about road building and also about the many spots that need cleaning up. President said that from the point of view of employment, while spending three or four hundred million dollars from the Federal Treasury on road building, it is found that the cost per man employed is a good deal higher than on many other types of work.

SEE P.P.F. 3675

P. P. F.

455

LAMORTE, William F.

New York City

Feb. 27, 1935

Writes President re improvement of Creek Road. Sends regards of his brother-in-law, Captain Joseph Sullivan. Says he bought the old De Yermant Estate on Creek Road ten years ago, and uses it as his summer home. Hopes to see President some day and say hello. President replied March 2, that he hopes that Creek Road will soon be improved, saying he tried to have this done when he was Governor but it had not been put on the list by the Board of Supervisors of Dutchess County and when this was finally done it had to wait its turn. Sends regards to Capt. Sullivan, saying he well remembers him. Hopes to have pleasure of seeing him some day at Hyde Park.

SEE - P.P.F. 2268

P.P.F.

455

McKEITHAN, Mr. C. A.
Publicity Chairman, Charlotte Exchange Club,
Charlotte, N. C.
Sept. 7, 1936

Telegraphed the President, requesting expression of views in connection with drive for safety of highways and pedestrians, being inaugurated by the Charlotte Exchange Club. --The President wrote Mr. McKeithan on Sept. 8 that he is glad to learn that such a drive is being inaugurated in Charlotte and its environs, and says a movement with so praiseworthy an object deserves the support of all good citizens. States that the appalling total of casualties on streets and highways in all parts of the country constitutes a problem which calls for concerted action on the part of all of our citizens if a solution is to be found.

SEE - PPF 49

P. P. F.

455

CAMERON, W. H.
Managing Director, National Safety Council
Atlantic City, N. J.
Oct. 4, 1936

Telegraphed Mr. Early, requesting that message from the President be telegraphed to Dr. C. H. Watson, President, National Safety Council, Atlantic City, N.J., and quotes suggested message. Refers to letter which Governor Harold G. Hoffman handed to him. -- In accordance with message drafted by Mr. Early and wired to Mr. McIntyre on Oct. 5, the President wired Dr. Watson on Oct. 6, extending greetings to all participating in the 25th National Safety Congress and Exposition. Hopes the deliberations being undertaken in Atlantic City will be fruitful of constructive results both in the prevention of accidents in industry and the promotion of safety on street and highway throughout the country. Indicates that only through hearty cooperation of every individual and every agency can we hope to reduce the present appalling total of accidents in industry and in traffic.

SEN - PPF 909

P. P. F.

455

HENRY, Thomas P.
President, American Automobile Association
Detroit, Michigan
November 16, 1936

The President wrote him on occasion of the 34th annual convention of the American Automobile Association, in Detroit, Michigan, Nov. 20 and 21, extending greetings to him and his associates. Says that over a long period of years the Association has encouraged car ownership and use, developed highways, promoted safety and offered services to those who travel, and he says it is most fitting that they should rededicate their efforts in the area where cars are built, Detroit, a city of which we can well be proud. Indicates he has been pleased to learn of their educational activities in the grade schools and high schools. -- Draft of message is attached and also office memo of Nov. 16 re same.

P.P.F.

SEE - PPF 1641

455

WARREN, W. B.
Publisher, The Oklahoma State Journal,
Oklahoma City, Okla.
Nov. 11, 1936

Writes the President, requesting message to be published in Will Rogers edition of The Oklahoma State Journal dedicated to the Will Rogers Highway. -- The President wrote Mr. Warren on Nov. 14, that he is glad to know that the name of a beloved and truly American character is to be perpetuated in the Will Rogers Highway of America. Says Will Rogers' memory is a precious heritage, and that he (Rogers) while seeing facts, knew that few things in life are to be taken seriously and that nothing is ever to be taken tragically. Extends felicitations, through the medium of the Oklahoma State Journal, to all members of the Will Rogers Highway Association.

SEE - PPF 599

P.P.F.
455

LOWNEY, Franklin
Executive Vice President
California Safety Council, Inc.,
Los Angeles, Calif.
December 12, 1936

Writes the President, requesting message on safety for use in connection with Founders Day ceremony of the California Safety Council, Inc. --Encloses copies of statement re work of this organization. --- The President wrote Mr. Lowney on Dec. 21, that he is glad to learn that the Council is planning to enter with unabated vigor upon the third year of its activity as a statewide traffic safety educational organization, and he says that a movement with so praiseworthy an object deserves the support of all good citizens. Bespeaks for the campaign in which they are engaged the wholehearted cooperation of all. Indicates that casualties on streets and highways in all parts of the country constitutes a problem which calls for concerted action on the part of all citizens if a solution is to be found.

P.P.F.

455

SEE - PPF 49

rlv

PLOG, Mr. William A.
c/o Mrs. James Roosevelt
Dutchess County,
Hyde Park, N. Y.
12-28-36.

P. P. F.
455

Sent to the President the account of men's time for work done on the wood road (Hyde Park Estate) for November and December, and reported on other road work done there, also re the cutting of Christmas trees and the spruce trees to be planted in the Spring. ---- The President wrote to Mr. Plog, January 7, 1937 re certain work to be done before the new spruce trees are put in.

SEE P.P.F. 1-G

P.P.F.

455

SEE - P.P.F. 3034 for copy of message sent Col. Williard T. Chevalier, President, American Road Builders' Association, New Orleans, La., on Jan. 6, 1937, sending greetings for their 34th convention. Attached is the card of Thomas J. Keefe, of Wash., D.C. who evidently submitted the attached draft message, which was not used, together with two copies of the "Road Builders News". A memo of Jan. 6, to Mr. Early from Mr. Hassett indicates that the Bureau of Public Roads, Dept. of Agriculture, suggests that the message be sent to Col. Chevalier.

P.P.F.

455

GREENE, Hon. Frederick Stuart - Superintendent of Public Works, State Office Bldg.,
Albany, N.Y.

May 20, 1937

Writes the President enclosing their Letting for June 15, from which he can see that the East Park-Wurtemberg Road, is now advertised for bids. Recalls his bet with the President. - On May 24, the President replied that this is grand news about the Creek Road. Says he checked his original letter and his bet was that not one shovel full of dirt would be moved before January 1, 1938. Says he thinks he (Greene) wins. Hopes to see him and Grace when they go to Hyde Park.

SEE - P.P.F. 3041

P.P.F.

455

GREENE, Col. Frederick Stuart - Dept. of Public Works,
Albany, N.Y.

April 14, 1937

Writes the President a "personal" letter enclosing a clipping from the Poughkeepsie Star-Enterprise of April 8 re the Billings-Poughquag road and the East Park-Rhinebeck Highway, which is called "Roosevelt-favored highway". Says he has a message for the President which Lady (Nancy) Astor asked him to deliver. Says he expects to be in Warrenton late in April and will drop in to see the President if it is convenient. - On April 22nd, the President replied saying he was delighted to hear about the highway. Says he is leaving for Texas on the 26th and is afraid he'll miss him, unless he comes through to Warrenton before that. Is curious to know what the message is from Nancy.

SEE - P.P.F. 3041

P.P.F.

455

MASTERS, Hon. Francis R. - Conservation Dept., Div. of Parks, Taconic State Park Commission.
New York, N.Y.
May 11, 1937

Writes the President that last August when he wrote re their plans for the Parkway opening in Dutchess County the President was so interested in their progress and work that he is now taking the liberty of again bringing him up to date on developments since that time and also asking his help in connection with these developments. Hopes the President will use his influence to have Gov. Lehman sign the bill pertaining to the Eastern State Parkway. - On May 13, the President replied that he is having Mr. McIntyre telephone to the Governor's Secretary on May 14 telling him of his interest. -- Attached is a memo of May 13 to Mr. McIntyre from Mr. Kannee re this matter instructing Mr. McIntyre to read this letter to Walter Brown, and gave a message to give to Mr. Brown on it. -- Mr. Masters wrote again on May 17. - On May 20, Mr. McIntyre replied that the President is very interested but has done all he can do in this particular situation.

SEE - P.P.F. 1931

P.P.F.

455

WHITE, S. W.
New York, N.Y.
January 29, 1938

Wrote Mr. McIntyre, expressing the appreciation of members of the Brazilian Highway Expedition, for affording them the opportunity to meet the President. Mentions autograph book which members of the Expedition left at the White House and asked the President to write a message therein for display in museum in Washington. -- On February 18th Leonidas Borges de Oliveira, Chief of the Expedition, wrote Mr. McIntyre from New York City re return of the "Control Book". -- This correspondence was referred to the State Department and on March 3rd Hon. Sumner Welles, Under Secretary of State, wrote Mr. McIntyre, enclosing suggested message if the President desires to meet the request made. Is not sure that it is desirable for the President to write a message in the autograph book. -- The President wrote Commander Leonidas Borges de Oliveira; Observer, Francisco Lopez de Criz; and Mechanic, Mario Fava (jointly) March 3rd that it is a privilege to welcome them to the United States and to congratulate them on the historic expedition which they recently completed from Rio de Janeiro to Washington. Says the energy and perseverance demonstrated by them in successfully completing this difficult journey will be a stimulus and encouragement for the development of better highways between the American Republics in which we are all so deeply interested. -- File memo of March 4th indicates that in the autograph book the President wrote the following message; "In recognition of an historic expedition successfully completed. Franklin D. Roosevelt". The Presidential Seal was used on that page. -- The book and letter were sent to Hon. L. S. Rowe, Director General of the Pan American Union.

SEE - 608

P.P. 7,
455

AMMONS, Hon. Teller
Governor of Colorado
Denver, Colorado
May 18, 1938

Wrote the President, inviting him to attend on July 3 the official opening of U. S. 40 Highway, to be held on top of Berthoud Pass, Colorado. This invitation was sent to the President through Lem Carmin. -- The President wrote Governor Ammons May 28th that while it will be impossible for him to be there, he wants to extend his best wishes to all those who will take part in this colorful event. Mentioned that the invitation arrived at the White House through the courtesy of Mr. Carmin.

P. P. F.

SEE - PPF 5381

455

GREENE, Hon. Frederick S.
Supt. of Public Works,
Albany, N. Y.,
June 23, 1938.

The President wrote him re rumors about plans for a truck highway from New York to Albany. Wishes to discuss this matter with Mr. Greene. The President said the road from East Park to Rhinebeck was going along well.

SEE P.P.F. 3041

P. P. F.

455-

MASTERS, Hon. Francis R. - Chairman, Taconic State Park Commission,
New York, N.Y.
July 5, 1938

Writes to the President re the Eastern State Parkway; asks the President's reaction to a P.W.A. project for this parkway in Dutchess County between Freedom Plains and Washington Hollow. -- On July 13, the President replied thanking for his letter, saying he is delighted with this work, saying the landscaping and engineering are both fine. Gives some ideas and suggestions in re the bridges on the Parkway and native field-stone effect as in the Poughkeepsie Post Office. Says he can write to Sec. Ickes about the PWA loan. Hopes to see him sometime this Autumn when he's home.

Highway

SEE - P.P.F. 1931

P. P. F.

455

GREENE, Hon. Frederick Stuart
Superintendent of Public Works
New York Department of Public Works
Albany, N. Y.
July 5, 1938

Wrote the President that under separate cover he is sending him a map showing the Super-highway. As yet, studies from Albany to New York are incomplete.
-- The President wrote Mr. Greene August 20th that he is delighted with the Super-Highway sketch plans and he wants to talk to him about the problem of securing real estate for a highway of this kind.

P. P. F.

SEE - PPF 3041

455

MacDONALD, Hon. Thomas H.
Chief, Bureau of Public Roads *for Dixie Highway Association*
September 28, 1938

The President referred to him, asking that he speak to him regarding same, letter addressed to the President September 21st from Hon. Frederick Stuart Greene, Superintendent of Public Works, Albany, N. Y., enclosing map of the United States, published by the American Automobile Association, showing routes which he (Greene) and Captain Brandt think should be included in system of national highways. -- The President wrote Mr. Greene September 28th, commenting upon the map and stating it gives him (the President) something to work on and that he is taking it up with Mr. MacDonald.

P. P. F.

SEE - PPT 3041

455

HILL, J. Stacy
President, United States Super Dixie Highway Association
Cincinnati, Ohio
November 15, 1938

The President wrote him that he has heard with much interest of plans of the U. S. Super Dixie Highway Association to hold a conference at Lexington, Ky., Dec. 8th and 9th for conference with road experts representing the Federal Government and work out a solution of various problems which require cooperation and coordination among federal, state and local authorities. Extended to all who attend his greetings. -- Attached is letterhead of this Association, describing this highway project.

SEE - PPF 5651

P. P. F.

455

MOORE, William S.
Warm Springs, Ga.,
Dec. 17, 1938.

Writes the President referring to his letter of Dec. 13th, to the President, in which Mr. Moore said they were investigating possibilities as to whether the County might construct a road over the property that they had been discussing. Mr. Moore said this was a mistake on his part and he has been informed that the Director of State Parks is looking into the possibility of having the State Highway Department construct the road in question, and will give them his answer in a few days. Hopes to get this project under way in January.

SEE P.P.F. 76

P. P. F.

455-

455

MOORE, W. S.
New York, N. Y.
January 14, 1939

Wrote Mr. McIntyre, enclosing letter from Cason Callaway, relative to dam proposed for the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation property. Mr. Moore believes that Ben Hardaway is the logical engineer for the job and that Mr. Hardaway has volunteered his services and they have been accepted. -- On January 18th the President wrote Mr. Moore, thanking him for letting him see the enclosed letters. He indicated that he agrees with Mr. Moore that Mr. Hardaway should do the engineering and he thinks the money should be raised in the South. The President says that if the dead-end road is continued for a few hundred feet northward to rejoin the highway on the west side of the lake, it can be made a county road without any trouble and the county would improve it and keep it up. He hopes to return to Warm Springs about the 25th of March.

SEE - PPF 76

P. P. F.

455

455

COOK, J. M.
Chairman, Program Committee
Ball's Ferry Bridge Celebration
Wrightsville, Ga.
March 22, 1939

Telegraphed the President, inviting him to attend the Ball's Ferry Bridge Celebration March 31st. Also on March 22 the President received a telegram from J. W. Brinson, Foreman, and B. I. Kight, Clerk, Wrightsville, Ga., extending a like invitation to the President on behalf of the Johnson County (Georgia) Grand Jury, as did Mr. Brinson as Chairman of the Invitation Committee and C. D. Rountree, Master of Ceremonies, Wrightsville Ga., by wire of Mar. 22/4d. -- Mr. Kannee sent a memo to Mr. Hassett March 23, stating Rep. Carl Vinson telephoned that the President declined the invitation to the above celebration, and he asked for a message, and stating this was the bridge which Governor Thomas tied them up on. -- The President wrote Rep. Vinson Mar. 25 that he wishes he could attend the ceremonies and he mentioned having received, through Rep. Vinson, the invitation of Messrs. Brinson, Rountree and Cook and others. Believes the Bridge was worth the struggle and mentioned it will connect the highway between Macon and Savannah and improve transportation generally throughout the State. Mentioned this project as an example of the Government's assistance to local authorities in bettering conditions of life, through the Government's agencies.

P. P. F.

SEE - PPF 5900

455

O'CONNOR, Basil
New York, N.Y.,
Mar. 17, 1939

Writes to the President re the dinner on Mar. 22 at the White House on the Norman Bel Geddes road matter, making certain suggestions. -- On Mar. 20, Miss Tully wired Mr. O'Connor "No black tie Very informal." @- Attached is a memo giving the President's views on this. -- Attached is a memo to Col. Watson of Mar. 20 from Mr. Kannee listing the people to attend this dinner as follows: Mr. O'Connor, Senator James F. Byrnes and Senator Carl Hayden, Representative Ed Taylor, Chairman Wilburn Cartwright, of the House Roads Committee and Senator Kenneth McKellar, Chairman of Post Offices and Post Roads of the Senate. Pencil notation indicates that Mr. Geddes and one gentleman will also attend. -- Mr. Kannee also sent this memo on Mar. 21 to Mr. Early, Miss Leland, Gen. Watson and Mr. Crinn, and a copy to Mr. O'Connor, stating that the President also desires the West Hall prepared for the showing of exhibits.

SEE - P.P.F. 96

P.P.F.

455

SUMMERLIN, Hon. George F.
Chief of Protocol, Department of State
March 25, 1939

Transmitted to Miss LeHand, at the request of the Ambassador of the French Republic, for the President, a communication from Mr. Marcel Levindrey, Mayor of the City of Laon, France, regarding a resolution of the Municipal Council giving the name "President Franklin Roosevelt" to a public thoroughfare of that community, in appreciation of his peace message at the time of the Czechoslovak crisis. Mr. Summerlin indicated that he has asked the Ambassador to inform the Mayor of the deep gratitude of the President for this tribute on their part.

SEE - PPF 1-C

P. P. F.

455

455

STATE DEPT., The Officials of the
April 7, 1939.

Mr. Early referred for draft of a reply, letter from Representative Nat Patton, Apr. 6, to the President, enclosing letter from Mrs. Lipscomb Norvell, Hon. Life Pres., The Old San Antonio Road Ass'n., Beaumont, Texas, Apr. 1, to the President, in which she seeks the appointment of 3 foreign nations and the U. S., a Representative of Foreign Governments for the dedication to be held at Normangee, Texas on May 25, of the Old San Antonio Road. Asks that Sen. Morris Sheppard be appointed to represent the U. S.--Rep. Patton says the road was first designated or named "El Camino Real" mean "King's Highway". Says it is the dream, in Texas, to connect this road with what is known as the Natchez Trace, making a National Highway to Washington.--Act. Chief of Protocol replied Apr. 6, submitting draft.-- On Apr. 10, Mr. Early wrote to Rep. Patton asking him to explain to Mrs. Norvell that the President has adopted a rule of declining to appoint representatives to attend purely local functions of this sort. Asks that the President's best wishes be extended to the Association. Suggests that the Association communicate with the diplomatic representatives in Washington of Spain, France and Mexico re representation at celebration at Normangee, Texas.

SEE - P.P.F. 2488

P. P. F.

455-

HOLLOWAY, Hubert - Dept. of Public Relations - American Automobile Association,
July 7, 1939

VMB

Writes to Mr. Hassett in re their recent conversation about the President sending a message in connection with the National Institute for Traffic Safety Training. Attaches folder and draft. --- On July 12, the President wrote to Dr. Alexander C. Ruthven, Nat. Institute for Traffic Safety Training, Univ. of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., saying he has learned with a great deal of interest that 11 national organizations, concerned with safe and efficient highway use, are sponsoring the second National Institute for Traffic Safety Training. Sends best wishes for their success.

SEE - P.P.F. 6106

P. P. F.

455-

VMB -

HENRY, Thomas P. - Pres., American Automobile Association,
Washington, D.C.,
Nov. 3, 1939

The President sent a message on the occasion of their 37th annual convention, extending congrats on the fine service their organization is rendering in field of highway transportation. Mentions the traffic safety education in our schools and gearing our road needs to current and future traffic conditions. Wishes them successful meeting.

SEE - P.P.F. 1641

P. P. F.

455

HARPER, Robert E.
Director of Public Relations
American Road Builders' Association,
Washington, D. C.
1/11/40

P.P.F.
455

Letter to Mr. Early, saying the American Road Builders' Association will hold the 37th annual convention and Road Show in Chicago's International Amphitheater Jan. 29 - Feb. 2. Every piece of road-building equipment will be on display. Exhibits will consume more than eight acres of floor space. Will discuss in sessions subjects pertaining to highways. Invites the President to attend and address the opening session. If this is impossible, would like to make arrangements for the President to push a button in the White House which would open the Chicago Road Show-Convention. Will hold an impressive ceremony for it. Outlines his plan, and says he would like to talk to Mr. Early about it if he thinks there is merit in the plan. --- 1/24/40, President wrote Mr. Van Wagoner congratulating his association on the useful work they are doing in the fields of highway construction and highway transportation. Said needed modernization of our highways is a task that calls for the concerted efforts of all governmental agencies and an efficient road building industry. Mentioned plan the Public Roads Administration described in report which he transmitted to the Congress last Spring for its consideration as a basis for needed action to solve our highway problems. So far as the Federal Government is concerned, the concerted action required is assured by the grouping of the important road and street building administrations in the Federal Works Agency. Sends best wishes for an inspiring meeting. -- President's reply as per draft supplied 1/18/40 by H. S. Fairbank, at Mr. Hassett's request, and approved by Mr. MacDonald; sent to Mr. Forrest Allen for his and the Administrator's approval. -- 1/22/40 Alan Johnstone sent Mr. Fairbank's memo to Mr. Hassett, transmitting draft of letter for his consideration; approved by Mr. John M. Carmody, Federal Works Agency. -- 1/24/40 Mr. Hassett sent President's letter addressed to Mr. Van Wagoner to Mr. Carmody, asking that he see to its presentation to Mr. Van Wagoner and to the meeting at the proper time.

SEE P.P.F. 3034

jh

To

WINSLOW, Paul T.

Executive Secretary

Taconic State Park Commission

Poughkeepsie, N. Y.

12/19/39

PPF
455

President wrote saying he had read in the Star while at Hyde Park that he had pointed out the need of constructing suitable East-West roads in Dutchess County to serve as outlets to the Parkway. Would like to talk to him about the need of providing access to the new Library-Museum at Hyde Park. Has in mind several possible routes for a highway from Washington Hollow or just south of it, to either Hyde Park and East Park or to a connection with the Post Road just south of the Library. Understands a road of this kind should follow existing roads as much as possible, but in looking at map you can see that there is virtually no existing East-West road from Washington Hollow to the Hyde Park Line; however, once you reach the Hyde Park line the existing road to East Park and Hyde Park village is available and at a point from one to two miles south existing roads could be used for half the distance. Encloses rough pencil marks on an old map to give him some idea for further checking.

SEE PPF 1931

GREEN, Hon. Theodore Francis
United States Senate
April 16, 1940

The President wrote him that he has learned with deep interest that Rhode Island has received the 1940 award of the National Safety Council for safety on the road. He expressed his pleasure through Sen. Green, in congratulating the people of Rhode Island on this achievement. -- Gen. Watson, April 15th, sent a memo to Mr. Early re Sen. Green's telephone call re this award and the Senator's desire for Presidential recognition of some kind.

SEE - PPF 0909

P. P. F.

455

455

RIVERS, Hon. E. D.
Governor of Georgia
Atlanta, Ga.
June 25, 1940

Telegraphed the President re the inadequacy of our highway facilities in connection with national defense, and wants Congress to provide adequate funds for construction of system of super military highways to connect on direct lines the principal troop concentration and training areas and other strategic points in the country. -- The President replied by letter June 29 that he agrees with him that this is a very vital part of our national defense and is inadequate, but believes that outside the usual appropriations we will have to concentrate on the munitions for the Army, Navy and air forces. Says this does not preclude a thorough investigation and study by Congress, however.

P. P. F.

SHE - 335-R

455

rlv

To
BIXBY, James S.
District Engineer,
Poughkeepsie, N. Y.
7-16-40

PP7
455

The President asked Mr. Bixby to give him his personal and confidential slant on matter of putting on an annual pay basis men regularly employed on maintenance work and state highways. The President said, in part "Down here in the Federal Government we are trying to establish people, as far as possible, on an annual basis with a minimum pay for common labor of around \$1,000 a year -- and we are trying to find useful work for them to do in the winter time". The President also said he knew some of the difficulties of continuing highway work but that it does seem to him that the government as a whole would benefit by putting their employees on an annual basis, with a minimum of about \$1,000 a year where possible. With regard to plea of economy which he supposes will be used, the President said he is "inclined to think that as a general principle the government should lead the way in working toward continuous employment". The President said he hoped to see Mr. Bixby one of these days this Summer.

SEE P.P.F. 295

P.P.F.

455

mpk

To
HENRY, Thomas P.
President, American Automobile Association
Washington, D.C.
November 9, 1940

The President wrote sending good wishes to all who attend the 38th annual convention of the organization. Says transportation is vitally essential to national defense, and we are fortunate that defense needs can be met without serious interference with civilian traffic. Says their organization can give assistance in coordination of normal and military highway use, and knows that there will be wholehearted support from the organization in all phases of national defense. -- Attached is a letter dated Nov. 1, 1940, to Mr. Hassett from Hubert Holloway, Department of Public Relations, sending a suggested outline for President's letter.

SEE - P.P.F. 1641

P. P. F.

455

VMB -

ROOSEVELT, Mrs.

Filed - Dec. 11, 1940

Sends memo to the President, enclosing letter of Sept. 10 from James Logan, Pres., N.Y. State Highway Employees, Hyde Park, N.Y., who writes to the President giving summary of happenings between the Assoc. of Highway Employees and the State Highway Dept. Mentions Roy Page. Says he is to present a petition to the Labor Dept. if they can't accomplish anything with the Highway Dept. as to an increase in pay. Wants to present same before budget hearings. -- Nov. 22, the President wrote Gov. Herbert H. Lehman, Albany, N.Y., that it is Budget time for them both and he has meant to speak to him about a N.Y. State Highway matter which he had also talked with Arthur W. Brandt about. Says highway crews work only part of the year and their salaries do not cover idle period. Says he has same situation in re Nat. Parks, Nat. Forest Roads, etc. Wants to establish minimum wage and is taking up with his Budget Director. Says he thought the Governor would want to know of this situation.

SEE - P.P.F. 93

P.P.F.
455

WOODWARD, Stanley
Department of State
8-1-41

P.P.F.

455

Wrote a note to General Watson enclosing enclosing copy of letter from Lincoln MacVeagh, Minister to Greece, in re the dedication of "Franklin Roosevelt Boulevard" in Athens March 28, 1941. States that after the speeches, Mr. Kodzias, the Minister Governor, unveiled a bronze plaque affixed to the wall, on which it is stated in Greek, that "Franklin Roosevelt, a great Philhellene and eminent champion of humane ideals, was declared an Honorary Citizen of Athens on the 17th of March, 1941." Mr. MacVeagh enclosed a copy of the unveiling. Also enclosed are copies of the translation of the Mayor's address, copy of remarks of the American Minister at the naming of the Boulevard.

See PPF 1-C

mp

P.P.F.

455

mpk

to

HENRY, Thomas P.

President

American Automobile Association

Washington, D. C.

November 3, 1941 (Filed: 10/28/41)

The President wrote to Mr. Henry stating that as their 39th annual convention is being held, not the least important among our problems is to assure the full and equitable use of our transportation facilities. Says the private automobile has an important role, as it is today an important utility of the home, office and factory, so recognized in all restrictions necessary for defense, besides being a medium for recreation and pleasure. Says that obviously, in time like the present there must be readjustments, but we must not surrender the benefits of our mobility and our system of highways which make it possible. We must not lose sight of the demand for highway planning to meet post-emergency conditions, even though first attention must be given to road needs for defense. States that through the years, their organization has played a leading part in travel development, and expresses hope that they will expand these activities. Says that at a time like this when vital materials are needed for defense, we must lessen the purchases of some durable goods, but at the same time do all we can to maintain our national income and our national morale. Extends best wishes.

SHE - P.P.F. 1641

P.P.F.

455

SHIPMAN, Fred W.

Director, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library
Hyde Park, N.Y.

11-14-41

P.P.F.

455

Wrote to Miss Tally enclosing a report of the Post Road problems at the entrances to the President's residence and to the Library. Report is made by James S. Bixby, District Engineer, Poughkeepsie, N.Y. and is dated 11-10. Asks that it be shown to the President. - - - The President wrote to Mr. Bixby 11-18. He said he did not think there is need for lights on the road at present--he is home so little that the Secret Service and the State Troopers can handle his going and coming as they have in past. He mentioned the widening of the road between top of Teller's Hill and the village, which he says cannot be done without cutting down a line of trees which are actually historic--says that in about 1740 John Crook lived in stone house east of where his brother, J.R. Roosevelt's house now stands. That Mr. Crook's son lost his eyes in accident but continued to live there and though blind, planted the wonderful row of trees, many of the original ones still standing and that ever since, for every tree that has fallen down or died or been struck by lightning, another tree has been planted. He offers a solution of the road problem by going around these lines of trees. The President also referred to the building of a spur parkway from the vicinity of Washington Hollow to Hyde Park. He said in part: "I am saying very little about it but I hope that the Rogers' place can eventually become an experimental demonstration place for suburban housing, gardening, etc." He said he was glad the bond issue money was passed on Election Day, and hopes the Eastern State Parkway will continue.

See 129 (Official File)

pp

mpk

BUSHA, Mrs. J. A.
Waterford, New York
January 14, 1942

Wrote to the President reminding him of the murders of a family of four at Stanfordville, N.Y., over eleven years ago. Says the name of the murdered family was Germond, and they had rented the Whalen farm for quite a few years. Mrs. Busha herself is one of the Whalens. Says that since the murders (which were never solved), they have been unable to rent the place, only some of the land. Last summer, Mrs. Busha and her husband bought the place, with the hope that the Eastern States Parkway would go through or very near this farm and in that way they would regain some of the money they have lost from this land. Now Mrs. Busha hears the Parkway is to go thorough about $1\frac{1}{2}$ miles from this farm. Asks the Government to help them in some way, perhaps by buying their land. Asks the President to drive out and look their situation over sometime when he is at Hyde Park. -- The President wrote to Mrs. Busha on Jan. 20, 1942, stating that he is interested and fully understands the difficulties Mrs. Busha has had in regard to this farm. Suggests that even if the new parkway does not run through the farm, the building of the parkway will, enhance the value of all land within a mile or two of it. Says it seems to him that if Mrs. Busha could get some one to live on the farm, even at a very small rental, the effect of the murders would soon be forgotten and the place ought to bring at least its normal value.

SEE - P.P.F. 7920

P. P. F.

455

vah/

rve

JOHNSON, yke
President Automotive Safety Foundation,
Washington, D. C.
10-23-42

P. P. F.

455

Sent to Mr. McIntyre a "wartime traffic program, sponsored by 25 national farm, labor, women's and civic organizations, and endorsed in writing by Nelson, Jeffers, Henderson, T. H. MacDonald and General Cross"; said that "Eastman's is forth coming". Said it is designed to save rubber, and to get people to walk where they can, and all of it is within the framework of the Baruch report, and is ready for national distribution. Asks for President's endorsement. -- Attached is draft of statement for President to issue - calling for elimination of unessential travel for the duration, and saying that traffic necessary for war purposes must be made as efficient and as safe as it is possible to make it. It is stated that the Government will continue to take whatever steps are required to insure conservation of vital highway transportation resources, but that every vehicle owner and driver shares directly with the Federal authorities, and with local and state governments, the responsibility for meeting the wartime objectives which are summarized in this outline. -- Pencil notation on draft: "OK'd by phone". Attached are printed copies of endorsements and chart showing "Wartime Highway Traffic Program". --- Attached is office "Reminder" for Miss Tully, Oct. 30, 1942 re Mr. McIntyre's inquiring about traffic report from Mr. Johnson, which he sent in to the President. Pencil notation on "Reminder": "MMH phoned Johnson 11/2/42 & OK'd".

SEE 1571 (Official File)

vah/

SKE P.P.F. 1187

P.P.F.
455

For envelope addressed to the President from the Folks of Arizona (indicated on envelope that it is from the Arizona Highway Department, Phoenix, Arizona) containing an embroidered chevron bearing the words: "Arizona Highway Patrol". (No date is indicated - Filed - 2/5/44).

455

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. HASSETT,
FROM: Chief, U.S. Secret Service,
11/21/44.

States the International Association of Chiefs of Police is inaugurating a nation-wide safety program relating to the dangerous condition of motor vehicles, and in important phase of same will be a national brake-testing campaign. States the Board desires to secure a letter from the President approving the proposed program. Attaches a draft of letter for consideration.--The President, Nov. 27th, wrote to Gen. D. C. Draper, Pres. International Association of Chiefs of Police, Washington, D.C., saying that he and all are deeply concerned about the traffic accident losses which, in claiming lives and limbs and reducing production, are seriously hampering the war effort. States that law enforcement men of America have done their best in holding the line against traffic accidents. The President said our cars are growing older and more susceptible to breakdown. Our tires are giving away even under the restrictions on driving. Because of wartime demands for men, materials and machines, many highways have become ill-fitted for the traffic. The President said that in these circumstances, therefore, he would suggest that Mr. Draper, as President of the International Association of Chiefs of Police, mobilize the law enforcement agencies of the United States for a concerted attack on this fearful threat to our people and to our war effort.

SEE P.P.F. 1781

AS

P. P. F.

455-

meb

McLEAN, Mr. P. D.,
Acting Director,
National Highway Users Conference,
Washington, D. C.
March 15, 1945.

PP 7
455

Wrote to Hon. Jonathan Daniels requesting letter from President in connection with "1945 motor vehicle conservation campaign."---Attached are letters to Mr. McLean, endorsing campaign, from OPA Administrator, Petroleum Administrator for War, ODE Dir., and WPB Chmn.---3/17/45 Mr. Daniels referred above to Mr. Hassett.---5/21/45 President sent following letter to Mr. McLean: "Every day that the war continues domestic transportation becomes more important to the American war effort and our essential civilian economy. If this Nation is to avoid a collapse of public transportation facilities and assure the movement of workers and materials absolutely essential to war production, we must conserve to the utmost our overburdened motor vehicle transportation. The National Highway Users Conference, its member organizations, and other cooperating groups are rendering a truly patriotic service in urging maximum motor vehicle conservation and in suggesting things that individual owners can do to extend the life and service of their automotive equipment."

SEE - PPF-9109