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"SHANGRI-LA" (PRESIDENT'S
WARTIME RETREAT)

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P. O. Box 84

30 Acres of Beauty Ocean to River

Ormond Beach, Florida

June 17, 1942.

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RESTAURANT

Delicious Home Cooking

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Scooters

Boating

FISHING

from Dock in River

in the Surf

or in Boats

Jungle Garden on River

Terraces on the Ocean

My dear Mr. President:

Thanks a million - or make it a billion - for your magnificent work in connection with restoring Peace and Understanding among all men on earth.

Incidentally, please accept our added thanks for the wonderful national and international significance you have given to Shangri-La.

Please be advised that "There Is A Shangri-La", and we should be highly honored to have you come to enjoy it for a much needed and highly deserved rest and complete relaxation. I'm sure you'll find here at Shangri-La everything that the name implies, and you really should come to enjoy it.

We have been operating for two years now, and would consider it an extreme honor to have you spend at least a week-end at this Haven of Peace.

May God continue to bless you with the courage and wisdom to complete your high resolve.

Respectfully and sincerely,

John Robertson

Shangri-La Villas

John Robertson

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Ormond Beach, Florida

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and for your prayerful wishes.

While it will not be possible for him to accept your cordial invitation, your very kind thought of him is nonetheless appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

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While it will not be possible for him to
accept your cordial invitation, your very
kind thought of him is nonetheless appre-
ciated.

Very sincerely yours,

June 23, 1942

My dear Mr. Robertson:

Thank you, in the President's
behalf, for your friendly letter of June
seventeenth, and for your prayerful wishes.
While it will not be possible for him to
accept your cordial invitation, your very
kind thought of him is nonetheless appre-
ciated.

Very sincerely yours,

M. H. MCINTYRE
Secretary to the President

John Robertson, Esq.,
Shangri-La Villas,
P. O. Box 84,
Ormond Beach,
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June 18, 1942

My dear Mr. Day:

Your recent letter to the President
has been received and you may be assured that
your friendly thought in writing is appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

M. H. McINTYRE
Secretary to the President

Robert Day, Esq.,
Portland Hotel,
Portland,
Oregon.

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I am very sincerely yours,

Monte Dedman
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CABLE ADDRESS
PORTHOTEL

The PORTLAND
PORTLAND, OREGON, U.S.A.

Dear Mr. President,
Thought you might get a laugh out
of the following which was published in
the Oregon Journal - 6/12/42 - Portland Ore.
no, it was not published in a "Punk-Poetry" contest
either, but very seriously:

Exactly where is Shangri-La?"
The Germans ask with brows
intent.
"Where is this base from which
the bombs
That battered Tokyo were
sent?"

The answer is that Shangri-La
Lies where not Nazi German
gent
Can ever boast that he will be
Or unto which he ever went.

And Nazis seeking Shangri-La
Must learn with deepest, sharp
vexation
That they can never reach the
place—
Not in their Nazi incarnation.

The second and third stanzas are comparable,
in poetic technique, to the verse written by the
man who (à la Adolph) felt himself destined to
write and who went into seclusion in order
that he might meditate and create a masterpiece
undisturbed. After about a week in seclusion,
giving full play to his great imaginative and
creative powers, he came out with the following
poem:

"Christopher Columbus, he did went
Fer to seek a con-ti-nent.
He seen three bears settin' on a rock
All in a flock."
J.H.K.

Sincerely,
Robert Day
Portland Hotel - Portland Ore

I trust that the replica will meet with your approval.

I am very sincerely yours,

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July 12, 1942 Tryon, N. C.
July 9, 1942

Mr. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
President of the United States.

Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I herewith inclose to you a picture of the flag of "Shangri-la", the mythical one you had reference when you said that the American bombers that bombed Tokyo, probably came from "Shangri-la."

As you will note, the great black bomber, represents the courageous crew of Mr. Doolittle's attacking squadron; the large bomb is the answer of the American people to Japan for their dastardly acts in attacking us.

The flag was made by a member of the Tryon Flag committee that made all the allied nations' flags. It has created considerable attention, and everyone that has seen the flag of "Shangri-la" has bubbled with and taken on an added amount of the old "one, two". Wherever this flag is seen here in this small city can be seen accompanied by a large band of "FIGHTING AMERICANS---THE LIBERATORS."

The flag of "Shangri-la" was exhibited along with the other allied nations's flags and the great flag of the United States here on July Fourth, as part of the "at home" celebration.

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I am very sincerely yours,

Monte Dedman
MONTE DEDMAN

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July 13, 1942

My dear Mr. Dedman:

Your letter of July ninth has been received and will be made available to the President. Meanwhile, I want to assure you that he will much appreciate your friendly thought in sending on to him the enclosed picture.

Very sincerely yours,

M. H. MCINTYRE
Secretary to the President

Monte Dedman, Esq.,
Box No. 463,
Tryon,
North Carolina.

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Very sincerely yours,

STEPHEN EARLY
Secretary to the President

Miss Louise McPherson, X
Auburn Farm,
Thurmont, Maryland.

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October 21, 1943

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Dear Miss McPherson:

Please accept the President's heart-felt thanks for your splendid letter of October eighteenth. He deeply appreciates its warmth, and the spirit of true friendliness and loyalty which animates it.

The President particularly appreciates the assurance which you give so wholeheartedly that the story which you mention was not spread intentionally by his "good neighbors".

Allow me to assure you that the President heartily reciprocates all of your friendly sentiments.

Very sincerely yours,

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Secretary to the President

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AUBURN FARM
Thurmont, Maryland

To the
Honorable Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Washington

My dear Mr. President:

Friends from widely separated parts of the country have sent us clippings copied from The News, & I cannot refrain from saying that we do not think the story was intentionally spread by your "good neighbors" hereabouts.

Of course, we all knew thru the "grape-vine" when you first came to the area; & have been thrilled over the history being made at our very door.

We McPhersons who have lived near Catoclin for a century & have been Democrat since there were any! - rejoiced to feel that you should choose our beloved hills for rest: and the village, & Republican Thurmont have been equally pleased, - and equally silent towards outsiders.

Commodore Jahnke's place above us, however, has been sold this summer to strangers, & we have a feeling that what they have picked up at the village store, they have repeated to their guests without precaution.

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Possibly this publicity - no longer matters or The News would have kept it out of print; but we should hate to think that Catoctin is responsible thru carelessness for having brought your retreat into the lime-light to your regret.

Our old white house stands in the trees on a little hill above Fred Tressett's fish house; our spring feeds his pond; & so when you & Mr. Churchill paid your visit there, we proudly felt as tho you had really been on a bit of Auburn Farm -

God bless you, Mr. President.

Faithfully yours,

(Signed) LOUISE McPHERSON

Monday.

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AUBURN FARM
THURMONT, MARYLAND

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God bless you, Mr President

Faithfully yours

Louise Dr. Pherson

Monday.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 12, 1944

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MR. LATTA:

Mr. Crim says there is a car
leaving for the Camp at 9:30 A. M.
tomorrow in case you have anything you
want to send.

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April 7, 1945.

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Dear Mr. Secretary,

Thanks ever so much for bringing to my attention the President's original decision about oiling the road to Shangri La.

After receiving your letter I have asked his approval of oiling the road in order to prevent erosion and to keep down the dust in the following cars. I have just received his approval and I, therefore, will be ever so much obliged if you will issue the necessary instructions as you have kindly offered to do.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

Wilson Brown,
Vice Admiral, USN,
Naval Aide to the President.

Honorable Harold L. Ickes, * 6
Secretary of the Interior,
Department of the Interior,
Washington 25, D.C.

Copy to:

CO POTOMAC.

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THE SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR
WASHINGTON

APR - 3 1945

My dear Admiral Brown: X50-13

I do not believe that there has been any misunderstanding about the oiling of roads in the Catoctin Recreational Area leading from the Marine gate up to the President's camp at "Shangri La." It always has been the understanding of the National Park Service officials that the President did not wish the park roads oiled. For that reason an oil surface has not been provided. However, if the President has no objection, the road will be oiled this spring as you suggest in your letter of March 29. Would you please inform me of the President's wishes?

Sincerely yours,

(Sgd.) HAROLD L. ICKES

Secretary of the Interior.

Vice Admiral Wilson Brown,
Naval Aide to the President,
The White House.

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Where Shangri-La is at
Well, so would Hirohito
and Adolf's Board of Strat.
To reveal the secret
I'll confess I'm reckless
But here 'tis (No. 1 Quiz)
Shangri-La is
deep in the Heart o' Texas.



May we apologize for
claiming the location of
Shangri-La for Texas?
Or are we violating a
military secret?

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GREETINGS



FROM SHANGRI-LA

and a staunch admirer of our President

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ICKES, Hon. Harold
Secretary of the Interior
Feb. 19, 1943.

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Wrote to the President transmitting a report on the history and construction of the lodge at Catoclin Mountain, for the library at Hyde Park. Mr. Ickes says that it is his hope and that of the members of the staff of the National Park Service who were engaged in this project that the President's stay at "Shangri La" this past summer was pleasant, and that he will have opportunity for many enjoyable visits there this coming summer. ---The President replied Mar. 9, 1943, saying that he is delighted to have the nicely bound report on the history and construction of "Shangri La."

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HILTON, James
Hollywood, California,
May 6, 1942.

Writes the President with reference to the President speaking of Shangri-La at a recent press conference. Tells the President how he first came upon the name of Shangri-La. Feels proud and grateful to the President for admitting the LOST HORIZON country to the membership of the United Nations.---- The President replied, May 14th, saying he used to be familiar with that area which embraces Paternoster Row and St. Paul's Cathedral and now that he knows that is how the name came to Mr. Hilton he thinks there is nothing else to do but to welcome the Lost Horizon country to membership in the United Nations.

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GOLDSMITH, Paul J.
New York, N. Y.
May 30, 1942.

Letter to the President enclosing a drawing of a map of Shangri-La.
Suggests it as good propaganda material. Ack.-6/18/42.

See P.P.F. 9-G

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CAREW, HON. JOHN F.
New York County Court House
New York, N. Y.
May 27, 1942

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Wrote to the President commenting re mystery as to position of Shangri-La; thinks it might be of interest for the curious to learn that Doolittle returned from "Tir-na-nOg", which is the Valhalla of antediluvian Ireland, where all the Heroes of Erin prior to 5000 B.C. are reclining on Clouds of Incense telling tall stores, etc.---- The President replied, May 29th, stating Judge Carew's description of Tir-na-nOg is his idea of what purgatory ought to be like, saying: "Maybe that is the purgatory you and I will have to pass through". ---- Attached is Presidential memo of May 29 for STE: "This comes from a very old friend of mine who is learned in the law and learned in the accepted history of Ireland. Perhaps the newspaper men would like to copy Judge Carew's letter to me." ---- (Mimeographed copies were made for the Press but were not given out --- pencil notation on copy for file - STE said to "lock up".)

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WARREN, Hon. Lindsay C.
Comptroller General of the United States,
Washington, D. C.,
June 3, 1942.

Writes the President saying that it might aid the President in answering the inquisitive about Shangri-La if they knew that Shangri-La is really at Corolla, in Currituck county, North Carolina, on both the ocean and the sound. Encloses a picture of the house belonging to Ray T. Adams "Shangri-La". The house has 18 bedrooms and 16 bathrooms. Says it is the best hunting and fishing spot on the Atlantic Coast. States that Mr. Adams is anxious to offer the President his place for two weeks.---The President, June 8th, wrote to Mr. Warren saying he did wish he could manage somehow to go there for even a few days but his problem was to be within five or six hours of Washington in case something unexpected happens. The President asked Mr. Warren to thank Mr. Adams for the delightful invitation and if he found that he could get away even for four or five days he would accept.

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JOHNSON, Mrs. Lyndon B.
Washington, D. C.
June 4, 1942.

Letter to Miss Tully, enclosing map printed of Shangri-La,
and also a letter from their friend, Mr. W. B. Howard of Taylor, Texas,
dated 5/28/42, who had mailed the map to her. Ackd. June 10, 1942.

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RHODES, Mrs. June Hamilton
New York, N. Y.
Ack. - 6/11/42.

Note to Miss Tully accompanying note to the President and map
that appeared in the N. Y. World-Telegram 5/21/42 of Shangri-La.

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VESTVOID, Rolf F.
Ardmore, Pennsylvania
July 10, 1942 - Ackd.

Sent the President a map of Shangri-La. To Series B.

Ackd. July 10, 1942.

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LUCAS, Hon. Scott W. (M. C.)
Washington, D. C.
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Letter to Mr. McIntyre asking him to present the enclosed copy of the poem, "Where Is Shangri-La," to the President. This poem was written by Chi Gamble, a writer for the Peoria Star, Peoria, Ill. Ack'd 7-8-42.

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DREWRY, Hon P. H. (M.C.)
Washington, D. C.
7-15-42

Letter to the President calling his attention to a poem
written by C. H. (Chi) Gamble, "Where is This Shangri-La," which appeared
in one of the camp newspapers, enclosing the newspaper with the poem.
Ack'd 7-16-42.

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PIERSON, Mrs. H. Lynn,
Grosse Pointe, Michigan
November 17, 1942

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Writes personal letter to the President - covering letter, same date to Miss Tully - expressing sympathy on the death of Captain D. J. Callaghan, etc.--On 11/20/42 the President replied to Mrs. Pierson's letter, expressing appreciation for her note. The President referred to Capt. Callaghan, stating "It is tragic about Dan, but as long as it had to come, Dan would have had it come this way." He referred to his trip to Detroit, stating, in this connection: "When I was in Detroit I thought of you, but I think even Edsel, who met me at the plant, knew what it was all about only half an hour before I arrived!" He expressed regret that Mrs. Pierson is not going to Warm Springs this autumn, and mentioned his own plans in this connection, and also his week ends at Shangri-La, etc.

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TO:
CHURCHILL, The Right Honorable Winston
London, England
July 1, 1943.

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The President said - "These photos did not turn out very well but at least it proves that you and I tried to catch a fish. Better luck next time!" - -
Penciled notation - Original of this letter sent to Hon. Sumner Welles for delivery.
- -Typed notation - Two snapshots of the President and Mr. Churchill - taken at Shangri-La - fishing.

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TO:
McINTYRE, Mrs. Marvin H.
Long Beach, Calif.
Feb. 22, 1944.

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The President wrote thanking Mrs. McIntyre for the fine bottle of brandy and also the beautiful gin rummy, poker, etc. set from Mr. McIntyre in a leather case. The President says that he will take it to Shangri-La when he goes.

See - PPF 6222

DESCRIPTION: Marybush, Captain Mils. "Shangri-la" The President's Lodge, 1942. Album 151. Pp 69-53 (1-46) sketch of rooms by HPR and Cost Estimates H-Cabin Lodge April 24, 1942, retired for preservation in PPF 3650.

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DRAWER: PLACES L-M

TITLE: President's Personal File 3650: Harold I. Ickes. Letter from Ickes to President Roosevelt, February 19, 1943 enclosing the album describing the history and construction of "Shangri-la," known today as Camp David.

DESCRIPTION: Maryland: Catoctin Mts. "Shangri-la" The President's Lodge, 1942. Album 461. Px69-53 (1-40) Sketch of rooms by FDR and Cost Estimates Hi-Catoctin Lodge April 24, 1942, retired for preservation in PPF 3650.

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Down 25
 other side of hall - 2
 beds in end of the
 rooms.

Height of
 ceilings in
 Ballrooms?
 At least 11 ft -
 No siding in
 living room or porch

From Album 4611

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UNITED STATES
DEPARTMENT OF THE INTERIOR
NATIONAL PARK SERVICE
WASHINGTON

ADDRESS ONLY
THE DIRECTOR, NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

April 24, 1942.

COST ESTIMATES HI-CATOCTIN LODGE

Alterations and additions to Lodge proper	\$10,500	✓
Underground electric service to Lodge proper	400	✓
Entrance drive improvement, revision and extension	1,250	W.P.A.
Vista and selective cutting	1,250	W.P.A.
Remodelling craft shop to sleep six persons (Thus increasing to 34 the sleeping quarters outside of the Lodge proper).	200	
Shower bath addition to existing group toilet building (Existing facilities now rather distant from Lodge group, and also utilized by the Army).	600	✓
Automobile parking shed (8 vehicles) (If enclosed garage construction add \$1200)	1,600	✓
Dust control of road (end of macadam to Lodge).	1,000	out
Telephone (relocating dining hall phone in Lodge) (If private wire Lodge to Thurmont is requisite, could Army Signal Corps provide?)	150	S.S.
	\$16,950	
For miscellaneous improvements in immediate surroundings, screen planting, walks, tent platforms (?), and contingencies, add 10%	1,695	
Total	\$18,645	
(say)	\$18,650	

*Fix up one cottage for Miss Hackmiller & my things
" " " " Mr. Russell & other male staff.
" " " " Philippine & Valut - 6 Beds
S.S. to sleep in Tents (excess)*

The approved estimate for the development of Group Camp Number Three,
Catoctin Recreational Demonstration Area, Maryland.
with notations penciled by President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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From Album 461

Px 69-53

Maryland: Catoctin Mt.
Shangri-La, 1942

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