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ZOG, KING, OF ALBANIA

July 25, 1942

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Dear Tony:

Please express to His Majesty King ~~Lee~~ my appreciation of his thoughtful message on the occasion of the anniversary of the Independence of the United States. #

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Tell him that I too look forward to the day of final victory when all people at present enduring Nazi and Fascist oppression may once again be free to control their future destinies.

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With all good wishes,

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Franklin D. Roosevelt

The Honorable

Anthony J. Brexel Biddle, Jr.,
Care of the American Embassy,
40, Berkeley Square,
London.

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Signed original of this letter sent to
Hon Sumner Welles for delivery

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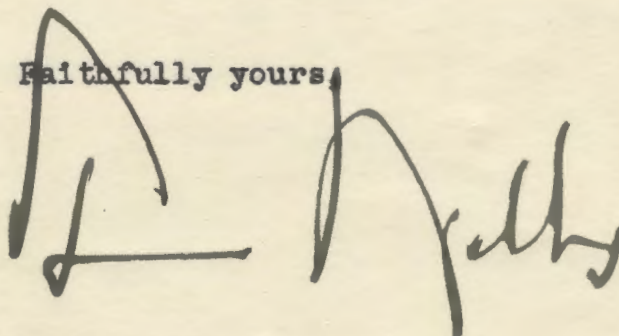
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 24. 1942

My dear Mr. President:

I am returning to you the letter from Ambassador Biddle, dated July 8, 1942, enclosing a copy of a letter from King Zog on the occasion of the anniversary of the Independence of the United States, together with a suggested reply for your signature, if you approve.

Faithfully yours,



Enclosure:

Letter from the
Honorable Anthony
Drexel Biddle, Jr.,
of July 8, with en-
closure.

The President,

The White House.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 18, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE STATE DEPARTMENT x20

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Letter from Tony Biddle, Jr., Embassy of the U.S.A., 40, Berkeley Square, London, W.1, England, 7/8/42, to the President, enclosing copy of a letter which he received from King Zog I, in French. King Zog asked that Mr. Biddle convey the contents of this letter to the President.

Mon Cher Ambassadeur,

A l'occasion de l'anniversaire de l'indépendance des Etats Unis je vous prie de bien vouloir transmettre à Son Excellence Monsieur le Président F-D.Roosevelt mes congratulations et mes meilleurs voeux pour la victoire finale du Peuple Americain, qui a le bonheur d'avoir pour chef un tel homme d'Etat. Le peuple Albanais s'unit à moi, je suis certain, dans ces sentiments et, comme tous les autres peuples combattant pour la liberté et la justice, voit dans le Peuple Americain le champion de la liberté et dans le Président des Etats Unis la garantie que la justice regnera dans le monde de demain.

Veillez agréer, Mon cher Ambassadeur, l'expression de ma très haute considération.

/s/ Zog I



EMBASSY OF THE
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

40, Berkeley Square,
London, W.1.

July 8, 1942.

My dear Mr. President:

I have the honor to enclose a
copy of a letter the contents of which
His Majesty King Zog has asked me to
convey to you.

With warmest regards and every
good wish, I am

Yours faithfully, .

Tony Biddle

The President,

The White House,

Washington., D.C.

BIDDLE, Hon. Anthony J. Drexel, Jr.,
American Embassy, London
March 4, 1943

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Writes to the President attaching copy of a translation of a letter he received from King Zog, wherein he states that Albania relies on the hope of American justice and fairness regarding Albania, etc.--On 3/30/43 the President referred the above correspondence by memo to the State Department for preparation of reply.--In accordance with requested draft of reply, submitted on 5/1/43 by Hon. Sumner Welles, the President, on 5/3/43 wrote to Ambassador Biddle re above. He referred to a statement made on 12/10/42 by Mr. Hull concerning the resistance of Albanian patriots and the future status of Albania, saying that this, in substance, represents our policy toward Albania, and that there have been no developments since that date which would warrant an elaboration of that policy. He further stated that the resumption of diplomatic relations with King Zog would involve recognition of an Albanian Government-in-Exile, and he thinks that it would not be appropriate to take up such a question at this time, but that it would be preferable to undertake no change in the situation as it is continued up to the present. The President asks that Amb. Biddle thank King Zog for the friendly sentiments expressed in his letter and "tell him that the occupation of his country makes it impractical to define our policy with respect to the future government of Albania beyond the broad outlines of the Secretary's statement of Dec. 10."

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MEMORANDUM FOR MR. LATTA

Feb. 26, 1945.

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Mr. Summerlin of the State Dept. enclosed eight original telegrams of congratulation sent on the occasion of the President's reelection, and copies of the acknowledgments which have been made to these messages. Telegrams and acknowledgments are as follows: - Telegram to the President from Eug Fiset, Lt. Governor of Quebec, dated Nov. 9, 1944 - The Secretary of State on Nov. 28, 1944, in letter to Sir Eugene Fiset, Lt. Gov. of Quebec, Quebec, P.Q., Canada, expressed the President's thanks for the telegram of congratulations. - Telegram to the President from Sveinn Bjoernsson, dated Nov. 9, 1944, - The President in a telegram dated Nov. 11, 1944, to His Excellency Sveinn Bjoernsson, President of the Republic of Iceland, Reykjavik, expressed thanks for the message of congratulations. - Telegram to the President from His Highness Emir Abdullah Ibn Hussein, Amman, Trans-Jordan, dated Nov. 10, 1944, - The President in a telegram to Emir Abdullah Ibn Hussein, Amman, Trans-Jordan dated Dec. 1, 1944, expressed thanks for the message of congratulations and extends appreciation for the confidence in those who will seek a settlement of the question of Palestine, the President wishes to assure him of his desire that the interests of the three great world religions in that Holy Land be duly protected. - Telegram to the President dated Nov. 9, 1944, from Maharaja of Kapurthala - The Secretary of State on Dec. 4, 1944, in a telegram to the American Mission, New Delhi, quotes the above telegram from the Maharaja of Kapurthala and directs the Mission to transmit to High Highness an expression of the President's appreciation of his message. - Telegram to the President from Maharaja of Tripura, Shillong, India dated Nov. 10, 1944, - The Secretary of State on Dec. 4, 1944, in a telegram to the American Mission, New Delhi, quotes the message above from Maharaja of Tripura and requests the Mission to transmit to High Highness an expression of the President's appreciation for his message. - Telegram to the President from Hubertus Van Hook, Australia dated Nov. 9, 1944, - The Secretary of State on Nov. 20, 1944, in a telegram to the American Consul, Brisbane, Australia, requests an appropriate acknowledgment to the above telegram. - Telegram to the President from Gustavo Moreno, Minister of Public Works, Havana, Cuba dated Nov. 8, 1944 - The Secretary of State on Nov. 20, 1944, in a telegram to the American Embassy Havana, Cuba, requested that the above telegram be acknowledged on the President's behalf. - Telegram to the President from Zog I, Lano End, Hy. dated Nov. 11, 1944 - The Secretary of State on Nov. 29, 1944, in a telegram to the American Embassy, London, England, requested the above telegram be acknowledged on the President's behalf to King Zog.

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ADDRESSED TO

The President

The White House