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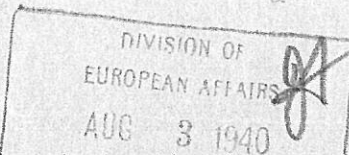
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The President

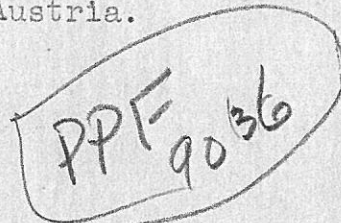
The White House



Upon my arrival to U.S.A., I want to thank you for the kind hospitality this country granted to my family and myself. I pray to God that He may extend his blessings to yourself and and to the country the fate of which for somany years has been intrusted to your successful hands.

Zita of Austria.

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Dear Mr. President,

It was a genuine pleasure for me to have seen you and Mrs. Roosevelt yesterday at your home in Hyde-Park and I wish to thank you in my own name and in that of my daughter Adelheid for your kind invitation.

It was indeed gratifying to see your profound understanding for the plight of the nations of Central Europe, in particular for the Austrian problem. Your great plans for the future will show, I'm convinced, to the people of Europe the way into a better life where each nation will be able to enjoy the lofty principles which are the basis of your policy.

In this connection it gives me a great encouragement to know that the solution of the Austrian problem is now in your hands. In our conversation you have given me a great hope for Austria.

My son Otto, whom I saw to-day, has ask me to thank you for your understanding and is looking forward with great pleasure to see you at the beginning of next week. I have encouraged him to ask you whether my son Felix could accompany him, so that you might tell Felix yourself about the manner in which you thought he could make himself useful in a military way for the cause.

The talk I had with you has strengthen in me the belief what a blessing it is for the United States to have in you a great Christian leader. God help and assist you in your noble task!

Hoping to see you soon again, I send you and Mrs. Roosevelt my warmest greetings.

I am, dear Mr. President

New York, August 20, 1942.

Yours very sincerely

A stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Eita' or 'Eleanora'.

Eleanora Roosevelt

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Warm Springs, Ga.,
December 16, 1944.

My dear Empress Zita:

The friendly letter in which you expressed your good wishes on the occasion of the November elections gave me indeed great pleasure.

You know how earnestly I am determined that the things we are fighting for shall be achieved. The tasks which the leaders of the Allied Governments must assume will exact, I know, our constant attention and our fullest energy. When we think how tremendously important these times are for the future welfare of peoples everywhere we gain new courage for the work in hand.

Very sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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Her Majesty

The Empress Zita, #

Quebec.

Mr Latta ✓
My dear Empress Zita —

Date from Warm Springs, Ga
Dec. 16, 1944

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December 16, 1944

My dear Count Degenfeld:

Thank you for the letter with which you enclosed the message from the Empress Zita to the President, on the occasion of his re-election.

Would you please transmit the President's reply, which is enclosed herewith?

I have been asked also to thank you for the friendly sentiments expressed in your letter, which I duly conveyed to the President.

Sincerely yours,

GRACE G. TULLY
Private Secretary

Count Henry Degenfeld,

The Broadmoor, x

Washington, D.C.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

December 14, 1944

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I return herewith the letter addressed to the President by the Empress Zita, as well as the accompanying letter addressed to you personally by Count Henry Degenfeld.

Also enclosed are drafts of what we think would be appropriate replies. The letter to the Empress Zita has been prepared for the President's signature, on the assumption that he would prefer to make this personal acknowledgement which, so far as the Department can judge, would be appropriate in the circumstances. It is suggested that, if the President approves the letter to the Empress Zita, it be transmitted, as indicated in the draft letter for your signature, to Count Degenfeld for delivery.

G. T. Summerlin
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Chief of Protocol x20

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November 20, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE:

The attached messages to the President are respectfully referred to the Department for preparation of reply for the President's signature or appropriate action by the Department.

Please be good enough to see that the original messages and copies of any acknowledgment made directly by the Department are sent over for our files.

Attention: Mr. Summerlin.

M. C. LATTA
Executive Clerk

Messages from the following congratulating the President on his reelection:

RAMBILAS MANGILAL BALDWA, Ahmednagar, 11/11/44
DR. EDWARD BENES, 9 Grosvenor Place SWI, London, 11/11/44
SHANG CHEN, Chief of the Chinese Military Mission to the U.S. of America,
Munitions Bldg., Wash., D. C., 11/11/44
S. G. CICOGUAUI, Archbishop of Laodicea, Apostolic Delegate, 3339
Massachusetts Ave., Wash., D.C., 11/11/44
C. DIAMANTOPOULOS, Royal Greek Embassy, Wash., D. C., 11/10/44
EUG FISET, Lieut. Governor of Quebec, Quebec, 11/9/44
GEORGE II R., London, 11/10/44
SIR HARI SINGH GOUR, London, 11/9/44
ARMENIAN PATRIARCH GUREGH, Israelian, Jerusalem, 11/9/44
ABDULLAH UBN EL HUSSEIN, Amman, 11/10/44
ABDUL ILAH, Regent, Baghdad, 11/11/44
MAHARAJA KAPURTHALA, Kapurthala, 11/9/44
LADY MACDONALD KILMARDINNY, Bearsden, Scotland, 11/8/44
KIM KOO, Chmn., Provisional Govmt. Republic of Korea Chungking, Chungking,
China, 11/11/44
H. H. Kung, Executive Yuan, China., 11/8/44
ABOLGHASSEM MADJED, Terehan, 11/9/44
SAMUEL EMILIO PIZA, Consul General of Costa Rica, 420 Lexington Ave.,
New York 17, N. Y., 11/8/44
JAN STANCZYK, Polish Minister of Labor and Social Welfare, London, 11/10/44
THOR THORS, Minister, Legation of Iceland, Wash., D. C., 11/9/44
MAHARAJA OF TRIPURA, Shillong, 11/10/44
RAISAHIB G. L. JAIPURIA TUMSAR, India Central Provinces, Tumsar, 11/11/44
HAIG TURADIAN, Epoon, Arak, 11/9/44
MOHAMMED ZAHER, King of Afghanistan, Kabul, 11/11/44
EMPRESS ZITA OF AUSTRIA, Quebec, 11/9/44 transmitted by Henry Count Degenfeld
The Broadmoor, Wash., D. C., 11/14/44
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Dear Miss Tully,

Her Majesty Empress Zita of Austria,
who is at the present time in Quebec, sent the here-
by enclosed letter for the President to me and in-
structed me to ask you to have the kindness to trans-
mit this letter to the President. #

I am therefore sending this letter to
you, will you please be so kind to transmit it to
the President.

With my best thanks in advance and with
my sincerest regards I am, dear Miss Tully,

Yours very sincerely



Henry Count Degenfeld.



Quebec, November 9th 1944.

Dear Mr. President,

It is with the greatest satisfaction and pleasure that I learned of your re-election. I want to express to you my most heartfelt congratulations and my sincerest wishes for God's blessing in all your future life.

I must admit that, when I had the pleasure of having tea with you in Quebec in September, I felt quite certain that the people of the United States would ask you again to assume the heavy burden of a renewed term and would re-elect you for the four years to come as their President. You were at that time too modest to admit how deep the esteem and the admiration for your leadership lies in the hearts of the American people, your re-election however for the fourth time to the highest dignity of your country has proved what you really meant to your people.

But there is even more to it : I know that millions of people all over the world, and particularly in Central Europe, were anxiously waiting for your re-election and now feel certain that your great leadership will restore to them the liberty and the freedom they are craving for. They feel assured that you, dear Mr. President, who have always stood for the right of the oppressed, the small and the weak, will again in the future restore to them their rights and give them the protection they need as small countries. They look for a real and genuine friendship with you and the great American nation for the years to come, the beginning of a new and better life.

In these present days which are so important for the future, I want to thank you again wholeheartedly for the noble, truly Christian attitude which you have always shown

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towards the oppressed peoples of my home-countries.
May God reward you thousandfold for it and may He bless
you every single day to come for the great, but hard
task ahead.

Hoping to have soon again the pleasure
to see you, and with my renewed sincerest wishes, I am,
dear Mr. President,

Yours very sincerely

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "J. Edgar Hoover". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

The Broadmoor, 3601 Connecticut Ave., Washington DC
November 14th 1944.

Dear Miss Tully,

Will you please have the kindness to express to the President my most heartfelt and sincerest congratulations and wishes on the occasion of his re-election as President of the United States.

And will you please express to the President how profoundly thankful I am to God that he has again been elected for four more years to be the guide of the fate of this country and, in the same time, to guide the fate of so many other millions of people. During the last twelve years, and particularly during the years of the war, the President has proved such a deep understanding for the needs of his own people as well as for the needs of other peoples, particularly of the peoples who suffer under the German oppression in Central Europe, that his name really means a program of a better future. Among the millions who are grateful to the President for his helpful understanding for the peoples of the Danubian area, I want to express to him my warmest and sincerest thanks.

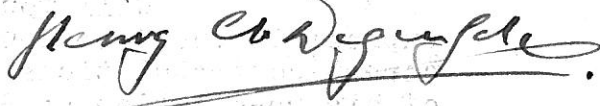
To this I want to add my particular, most heartfelt and warmest thanks for all the kindness which the President has extended during the last four years, and even until to the last days, to my sovereign, Otto of Austria-Hungary, and to all the members of the Imperial Family of Austria. Here again the President has shown how really noble-minded he is and that he stands high above the millions of other people, not only as a great leader, but as a really great man.

May God reward the President with His choicest blessings and with His help, during many, many years to come, for everything the President did for the Head and the members of the House of Austria, for the people's of the Danubian area, for the courageous people of his own country and for so many, many millions all over the world!

I did not want to write to the President personally, knowing how entirely his time is taken. But if you will have the kindness, dear Miss Tully, to express to the President in due time my feelings, my wishes and my gratitude, as I tried to line it out in this letter, I would be very thankful to you.

With my warmest regards I am, dear Miss Tully,

Yours very sincerely



Henry Count Degenfeld.

January 25, 1945.

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Dear Countess Kerksenbrock:

I wish to acknowledge your letter of January twentieth, enclosing communication for the President which I shall be glad to bring to his attention.

With best wishes to Her Imperial Highness and to you,

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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Countess Teresa Schmising Kerksenbrock,
239 St. Louis Road,
Quebec,
Canada.

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Empress Zita of Austria.
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239 St. Louis Road
Quebec, P.Q.

January 20th 1945.

Dear Miss Lally,

H. M. The Empress Bita of Rumania
asks you to be so very kind as to hand over
the enclosed letter to the President at your
earliest convenience. The Empress is very an-
xious that the President may get it be-
fore leaving.

With my very kindest regards

Very sincerely Yours
Constance Louise Schmining
Reverendmother.

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THE EMPRESS ZITA, Her Majesty

Quebec, Canada.

Jan. 20, 1945.

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Wrote the President asking his aid in preventing the death sentence for her nephew, Prince Kyrill of Bulgaria, who is being brought before the "court of the people" of Bulgaria. - - Memorandum for the President from the Secretary of State dated Apr. 4, 1945, forwarding a draft of reply for the President's signature in reply to the above letter. - -The President wrote Empress Zita on Apr. 5, 1945, stating that among the papers which came to his attention on his return from the Crimea was her letter concerning the war trials in Bulgaria and her nephew Prince Kyril, who was brought to trial as one of the Regents in the Government prior to the Bulgarian surrender. The President states that the course of war trials is a matter however, on which he has felt that the several governments should determine their own procedures. That the Peoples' Courts in Bulgaria were stern in their methods and decision was indeed evident. We do not fully comprehend the emotional reactions of the Bulgarians just released from a calamitous war which they think was forced upon them by leaders whom they now would make responsible for bringing on the disaster of defeat. The President further states that there is little comfort, in using these general ideas for application to a particular case where, because of family ties and personal affection, one would naturally seek to invoke some special measures, but they explain, the President trusts, why it would not have been possible, whatever the circumstances of an individual case, for him to intercede in the conduct of the trials.

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Material relating to the Empress.

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