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MERRIAM, DR. CHARLES E.

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December 20, 1937.

Dear Charles:-

In going over some of my war
period papers the other day, I found the
enclosed which brings back vividly that
exceedingly interesting little visit of
mine to Rome in the Summer of 1918. I
think you will be interested in seeing
it. Please let me have it back, as I
want to keep it among my real possessions.

Always sincerely,

Dr. Charles E. Merriam, # x 1492
National Resources Committee,
Interior Building,
Washington, D. C.

(Enclosure)

Your Excellency:
you may be in-
terested to know the
"latest" news from Rome. I
am enclosing the news tel-
egrams which we received
from America today.

Charles E. Merriam

University of Chicago

Department of Political Science

January 4, 1938

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My dear Mr. President:

I appreciate very much your note regarding
visit to Rome in the summer of 1918 and enclosing
which I return herewith.

The University of Chicago

Department of Political Science

January 4, 1938

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My dear Mr. President:

I appreciate very much your note regarding your visit to Rome in the summer of 1918 and enclosing my card, which I return herewith.

There were many interesting incidents on the occasion of your visit to Rome. One was your speech to the assembled correspondents of Italy. I organized a reception for them with the Assistant Secretary of Navy as the guest of honor and as a speaker.

Galenga, who was in charge of the Italian propaganda, translated your speech into Italian. The local Roman censor did what some people would like to do now, namely, censor your speeches a little—in their own interest. Parts of the address of the Assistant Secretary of Navy appeared in blank, marked "censura."

With deep appreciation of your courtesy and thoughtfulness and with all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Charles E. Merriam

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

The University of Chicago

Department of Political Science

January 31, 1939

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My dear Mr. Secretary:

I was much disturbed yesterday by the running translation of Hitler's broadcast. I do not object to Hitler's broadcasting throughout the United States, but I do not think this broadcast should be accompanied by what I would call a propagandist translation. I do not know whether the translator was incompetent or deliberately propagandistic or both. If there is available a translation of Hitler's speech it might be compared with what the translator said in passing. I do not know whose job this is, but it seems to me to be of great national importance.

The translator soft-pedalled Hitler's attacks on democracy. On one occasion when Hitler referred, according to the translator, to "certain English politicians," he actually only referred to Eden and yourself by name.

I would not write you except that if Hitler is to continue, with Mussolini, giving broadcasts (which we are not allowed to make in Germany), our hearers ought to be protected against misleading translations.

With all best wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

CEH [Chas. E. Merriam]

Honorable Secretary Harold L. Ickes
Secretary of the Interior
Washington, D. C.

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MARCH 10, 1926

TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

DR CHARLES E MERRIAM
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO
CHICAGO
ILLINOIS

THE PRESIDENT LEAVING EARLY TOMORROW FOR ANNAPOLIS CONSEQUENTLY

NO APPOINTMENTS BEING ARRANGED

EDWIN M WATSON

FROM

The White House
Washington

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BYRNES, Senator James
June 20, 1939

The President sent by memo a wire received on June 19 from Luther Gulick, NYC, and one on June 19, from Chas. E. Merriam, Chicago, Ill., to the President opposed to proposed Senate amendments to reorganization plan one re National Resources Planning Board. This relates to Senator Carl Hayden's proposal. The President says he thinks Gulick and Merriam are right. -- Attached in file is copy of Mr. Gulick's wire.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

June 29, 1939

Memo signed E.M.W., to the effect that "Senator (James F.) Byrnes 'phoned that the Subcommittee after consuming hours considering the Hayden amendment as to National Resources Committee, several times defeated it, but Senator (Carl) Hayden did offer a revised amendment." Memo further states, "He (Hayden) finally got enough votes to adopt two changes -- one adding the Cabinet Members to the Board, and the other providing that the three members provided for in the Reorganization Law should be confirmed by the Senate". Memo further says that these were agreed to with the understanding that if the House conferees object, Senator Hayden will not insist and thereby cause delay of the Relief Bill. -- NOTE:- There is a "P.S." on above memo signed by E.M.W., as follows:- "I read the above to Mr. Fred Delano, and he seemed satisfied, but stated that Mr. (Chas. E.) Merriam was in town until Saturday evening, and he thought perhaps you would want to see him."

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The President sent a memorandum to Gen. Watson, June 30, 1939 as follows:
"Will you tell Fred Delano and Merriam to get after the House conferees and tell them to reject the conferees' provision?"

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:
7-12-39

Gen. Watson wrote memo as follows:-

Director Smith, of the Budget, says there are many matters becoming piled up between the Interior Department and the National Resources Commission, because the personnel has not yet been announced, and they have no authority to act. He was wondering if the President would consider naming two, so that they could go ahead with the accumulated work. -- President's notation in ink as follows:- "O.K. - F. A. Delano - Charles E. Merriam." - Pencil notation on memo:- "To Senate 7/14/39".

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HON. FREDERIC A. DELANO, (Chairman)

HON. CHARLES E. MERRIAM

HON. GEORGE F. VAHLE

August 24, 1943

NATIONAL RESOURCES PLANNING BOARD

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The above three members of the National Resources planning Board sign a joint letter to the President transmitting, in closing their work, a memorandum (also signed by these gentlemen) on The Unfinished Business of Planning. In this memorandum they discuss the set goal coming out of the National Resources Planning Board's ten years of work, and give certain recommendations in this connection.--Attached is memo for Gen. Watson, 8/24/43, from Mr. Hassett to the effect that the NRPPB goes out of existence on that day, and that the above-mentioned gentlemen called to pay their respects to the President and to present the attached final report of the Board.--On 8/30/43 the President wrote memo to Mr. Early asking that he prepare letters to these three men.--Attached is memo for Mr. Hassett, 8/31/43 from Mr. Charles W. Eliot, Dir., National Resources Planning Board, stating that in accordance with Mr. Hassett's request he is enclosing drafts of 3 individual letters to the three Board Members. Mr. Eliot makes suggestion that if anything is given out to the Press on the subject of the Board's abolition on that day, Mr. Hassett might use the statement which the President approved on 7/30/43 - two copies of which he encloses.--Under date of 8/31/43 the President wrote individual letter to each of the three above-mentioned gentlemen, expressing appreciation of the good work they have done, and indicating that "Congress may have abolished the National Resources Planning Board, but it can't stop the good work of planning to which you have given so many years of hard work", etc.

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