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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

January 17, 1941.

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MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARY HULL:

The President thinks it would not be a bad idea if three American Legionnaires, the Commander and two others, go to England to contact and get the views of the English Legionnaires, knowledge on air raid protection, et.

EDWIN M. WATSON
Secretary to the President.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

THE SECRETARY

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January 21, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

I attach herewith a memorandum
from Mr. Atherton concerning
Mr. Malcolm Lovell.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

MEMORANDUM

January 21, 1941.

By reference from the Passport Division Mr. Lovell, a complete stranger, called on me early in October stating that he represented the Quaker Service Council and through his own efforts for peace he had personally established contact with Dr. Hans Thomsen, the German Chargé d'Affaires. He added that he, as a Quaker, had given Dr. Thomsen much and able advice for the reestablishment of peace in the world. He informed me that Dr. Thomsen had been very much impressed by what he said and that he had discussed with Dr. Thomsen the possibility of going to Europe to make a survey of Poland, Belgium, and Holland as to food and medical needs on behalf of the Quaker Service Council. He asked for any comment I had to make and likewise the possibility of his securing a passport. I said I had no comment to make beyond the fact that if he intended to make a survey of the needs of Poland, Belgium and Holland I believed before raising the question of a passport he should obtain assurances from the Germans that he would be permitted to travel and report on conditions in these three countries

countries. Mr. Lovell then added he felt Dr. Thomsen would give him a letter of assurance and likewise letters of introduction to people in Germany with whom he could also discuss the Quaker ideals on peace. I refused to approve or disapprove his project. He requested that if I change my mind I should communicate with him. He left with me a copy of a book dealing with his Quaker ancestry. Shortly thereafter I received the attached letter from Mr. Lovell to which I made no reply.

A fortnight or more ago Mr. Lovell called on me for the second time and said he had abandoned all idea of going to Europe but that he still was maintaining his contact with Dr. Thomsen of the German Embassy.

I thanked him for this information. I have no further knowledge of Mr. Lovell

Ray Atherton

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Third of tenth mo., 1940

Ray Atherton, Esq.
Acting Chief, Division of European Affairs
Department of State
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Atherton:

I have decided that I will not make any further effort to secure State Department permission to go abroad unless I hear from you that you approve my going. Now that you are completely informed as to full reasons for going to Berlin I think I should make no further application to the Passport Division. They have a letter from me in their file and could pass me on that if they were so instructed.

As you suggested I saw Dr. Hans Thomsen and he stated that he was willing to confirm to me in writing that I would be given every opportunity to make a survey of Poland, Belgium and Holland, as to food and medical needs for the winter, but I feel that I do not wish to ask for such a letter unless you think it best for me to go, as it would embarrass me to make this request of Dr. Thomsen, and then not go abroad after all.

I realize that your Passport Division would issue my passport if you or the Assistant Secretary gave them the necessary instructions. I do not wish to go unless you feel that it is a patriotic and worth while effort on my part to informally and unofficially make the attempt to do the things I so frankly discussed with you. Your judgement, and that of your superior, is so much better than mine, that I feel I should now take no step unless guided by you.

I am glad to go if you think it best, but I do not seek to go. I am glad to offer my best services, and my life if necessary, in any way I may unofficially and privately serve my country and humanity. Please believe me that I will always be available for you, and for any confidential and informal and realistic service you may desire.

Unless I hear from you I will, therefore, make

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no further moves in this matter, but will await your pleasure.

Faithfully and cordially thine

Malcolm R. Lovell

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COPY

COPY OF PENCILLED MEMORANDUM IN THE PRESIDENT'S HANDWRITING
SENT BY MESSENGER AND MARKED CONFIDENTIAL 1/21/41

"Cordell

To ask Ray Atherton just what, and all, he knows
about Malcolm Lovell of the Quakers.

F. D. R."

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MEMORANDUM FOR
THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Will you let me see the
answer to this?

F. D. R.

Dispatch from Harry Hopkins
dated January 22, 1941, in regard to
employment of British shipping.

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January 30, 1941.

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

In view of the fact that Portuguese and Spanish waters are not within the proscribed zone and in view of our friendly relations with both nations, it has been suggested that we make up the squadron from the Atlantic Fleet to consist say of four or five cruisers and a dozen destroyers and send them on a visit of courtesy to Lisbon and Cadiz.

The origin of this suggestion is the thought that this might be a possible deterrent against (a) a German attack on England (b) a German southward through Spain.

I pass this on to you as merely something to give consideration to.

F.D.R.

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January 31, 1941

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MEMORANDUM FOR CORDELL HULL:

Please speak to me about this.
I think we should do something.

F.D.R.

Dispatch dated Jan. 28, 1941 confidential for the President and the Secy. of State from Harry Hopkins. Re conference with Queen Wilhemina and Van Kelffens, her Minister for Foreign Affairs. Re King of Belgians and his domination by Hitler and how much a message from the President would help by (verbal message from someone)

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THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 7, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR
THE SECRETARY OF STATE

What are we saying in
reply to the enclosed?

F. D. R.

Dispatch, dated February 6,
1941, from Amb. Phillips in re
evacuating Italian women and
children from Italian East Africa.

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February 10, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR
THE SECRETARY OF STATE

Will you speak to me
about this?

F. D. R.

Memorandum from A. A. Berle, Jr.
re Canada's desire to have us assent
to their sending a couple of
battalions to establish an air
field in South Greenland.

THE WHITE HOUSE
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February 12, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR
THE SECRETARY OF STATE

For your eyes only.
Please read and return.

F. D. R.

Letter to the President, dated
February 8, 1941, enclosing memo-
randum from Harry Watkins to N. D.
Jay re Madrid, from Thomas W. Lamont.

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February 12, 1941.

Dear Tom:-

Thank you for that interesting memorandum. I am following it up.

I am glad you and I occupy the same "dog-house" in respect to Roy Howard -- the little pipsqueak -- and Hugh Johnson, who is very properly called "that disgusting old man" by my boy Elliott! However, I cannot hate either of them, but I am awfully sorry for them.

As ever yours,

Thomas W. Lamont, Esq.,
23 Wall Street,
New York, N. Y.