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June 23, 1944

Personal and
Confidential

Dear Bobby:

Your grandfather, my old friend and Senator, has talked to me about you and I want you to have this word of greeting.

Like many other American children you have not yet had the opportunity of seeing your father -- because of his absence overseas in the service of his country.

I know that when victory is won and he comes back, you and all your family will be very happy and I am sure you will always have reason to be proud of him.

With best wishes,

Cordially yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Robert F. Wagner, III
530 East 86th Street
New York, New York

SIR:G

June 23, 1944

Dear Bob:

The President was glad to sign the attached letter.

Of course you understand why we are anxious it be kept entirely personal and confidential to avoid similar requests from many sources.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

SAMUEL I. ROSENMAN
Special Counsel to the
President

Honorable Robert F. Wagner
530 East 86th Street
New York, New York

Mr. Hassett

cf.
W. D.H.

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

June 23, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR BILL HASSETT.

This is my best effort -- feeble as it is. The Senator phoned again just now and promised me that it would be personal and not for publication.

If you want a letter of transmittal to go along, I am attaching one.

S. I. R.

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MEMORANDUM

RE: ROBERT J. WATT

A confidential informant has recently made the statement that unless Robert J. Watt has changed considerably in the past ten years he would be considered a Communist. This observation of the informant was prompted by a newspaper article concerning a January, 1941 meeting of the Council of Social Agencies in Washington, D.C., at which Watt made one of the principles speeches. This article indicated that in his speech Watt singled out the Nazis and Fascists in his definition of fifth columnists but failed to include the Communists. This informant considered this indicative of Watt's Communist sympathies which he said were no doubt similar to those he held some years ago when he was active in the labor movements in Massachusetts and New York City.

The name of Robert J. Watt is also said to appear on the active indices of the National Federation of Constitutional Liberties, an alleged Communist front organization.

He has also been reported to be a member of the Council for Democracy, whose membership includes many Communists and Communist sympathizers and whose objectives allegedly parallel in some respects those of the Communist Party.

It is to be noted that Robert J. Watt was reported as a guest speaker at a dinner celebrating the tenth anniversary of the International Juridical Association, also an alleged Communist front organization. The source of this information, however, does not allege that Robert J. Watt is a member of that organization or that he had any connection with it other than a speaker.

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September 22, 1943.

Dearest Anne:

I am perfectly delighted that Brother Jones is back -- and in the nick of time. I hope he will not land in the "jug" any more!

I am here at home for five days -- getting lots of sleep to make up for the lack of it during the Churchill visit. This morning I got hold of Captain Stoll over at Krumwold and took him through all the wood roads. They have, of course, become almost impassable -- weeds and brush trying to close them in. I think we have caught them in the nick of time and I have told Stoll how to clean them out and make them passable again. Incidentally, I scared him to death by telling him they were cut originally as firebreaks and if they are not put back into excellent shape, there will be real danger of wood fires.

Also, I got him to cut all the hay and it is lying on the ground. The dear man does not know much about country life, I think, and he was going to let it lay there. I told him this would do no good to the land unless he ploughed up all the fields next Spring. This seemed to appall him, so I told him to have all the hay stacked and to sell it during the Winter for what he could get.

You remember the wooden barn directly north of the stable? It is really in bad shape and would have to be completely reroofed -- and incidentally, it is rather a fire hazard as it is very

close to the stable and the coachman's house. He does not need it in any way, so I think it is best to take it down. The bowling alley is in constant use and the rest of the place seems to be pretty well taken care of.

It is high time for you to see it again -- so be sure to let me know if there is any chance of your coming East this Autumn. Try to do it before it gets too cold. I suppose Jack will soon be going to other duty.

Take care of yourself. Much love.

Affectionately yours,

Mrs. J. G. Webb,
Beaver Creek Stock Ranch,
Monument, Colorado.

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Beaver Creek Stock Ranch
Monument, Colorado

Dearest Franklin,

Something must have been done about that gremlin we were talking about because a grand and glorious thing happened last week — "Brother Jones" turned up, with his discharge! I still can't believe it and of course it's just too good to be true. And it's in the nick of time, for my old fellow from Kansas more of a liability than a help and so he will soon be on his way. What I would

have done after he leaves, I really don't know, but now I am all set.

You will never know how much I appreciate all that has been done to help me out of my difficulties. My gratitude and thanks are very sincere.

You haven't any idea what it means to know I'll be able to keep this lovely Ranch and not have to let three years of hard work go by the board.

It is very beautiful here now — all seasons are, to be sure — and the fall coloring makes me think of the Hyde Park maples.

Beaver Creek Stock Ranch
Monument, Colorado

Do you remember the fall Dancing Classes at our house with the big hall decorated with red and yellow leaves? And Miss Benjamin counting out one, two, three and Miss Winchester thumping the piano — do you remember Miss Benjamin's pet song, "Chin Chin Chinamen", sung while holding hands in a big circle? Nice to have pleasant memories, isn't it.

Hope you aren't too tired out with all that has been going on lately.

With my everlasting thanks
for your share in all that
was done to help me out, and
with best love,

Affectionately,

Anne

Sept. 16th, 1943.

VIA AIR MAIL

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

Mr. J.G. Webb -
Beaver Creek Stock Ranch
Monument, Colorado

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BEAVER CREEK STOCK RANCH

MONUMENT, COLORADO

Dearest Franklin:

Every time I've started to write you lately I'd find you were off in some far corner of the earth, but perhaps this time I can catch you between hops!

I've wanted to thank you for your very nice letter way back in September. You had been through Crumwold and told me all about the Army's efforts at being farmers. I surely laughed over the haying operations.

It is wonderful they will clean out the roads in the woods. I hated to see them getting so overgrown and impassable.

I'm glad the old grey barn is down. Always did think it out of place there but it was useful in the days when the garden horses did so much work and old Kelly went down twice a day for express, and over to the farm for cream, milk and eggs. When cars came in it was never used very much except to house Mr. Horrocks's car.

Have wanted to get on all fall, but Leila presented me with a lovely little grandson and so I've been working doubly hard here.

It is snowing today and so pretty. Hope you will have a White Christmas too. I am so glad you are to be in Hyde Park

and have some of your family about you. Say hello to them for me.

The Ranch is getting on and every time I think how nearly I came to losing it, I shudder and send you my grateful thanks for making it possible to get "Brother Jones" back, and thus save the Ranch. Perhaps you can realize what the help problem is like out here when I say we were without a cook for two and a half months - at any rate, I learned a lot about cooking!

With all best Christmas Wishes and love,

Affectionately

(Signed) ANNE WEBB

December 21st

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Anne Webb —

December 21st

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

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President Franklin D. Roosevelt
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Beaver Creek Stock Ranch
Monument, Colorado

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BEAVER CREEK STOCK RANCH

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If you want a full time job, 24 hours a day, just run around and feed a 2½ year old!! But the little boy is doing so well that it makes owning a Ranch in the West just about perfect.

You would laugh to see us now - We have been weeks without a couple, so Leila does the cooking, and I the dishwashing and housework, and Brother Jones is worked to the limit, taking care of all the rest.

I really will never get over being grateful for his return. I would have "folded up" long ago without his help.

We have a lot of fine Roast beef calves now and some colts are making their appearance, and though everything out here is pretty difficult, right now, the Ranch is progressing - and we love it.

Jack is just finishing his four weeks course in Norfolk, Virginia. In a few days he will be off on a Destroyer, perhaps - or go on to another school.

I think so often of that wonderful day at Camp Carson and on up to Denver last Spring. It certainly was a thrilling day.

Hope you can get to Hyde Park often and enjoy this Spring. Helen Hull writes it has been slow this year.

Very best wishes and love,

Affectionately,

"ANNE"

May 21st

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Monument, Colorado

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May 21st

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

Mrs. J. Griswold Webb.
Beaver Creek Stock Ranch
Monument, Colorado

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Dear Mr. Roosevelt –

It was a tremendous thrill to have the good luck to talk to you last Saturday. I'm back of you 100% & think you have done a most remarkable job. Your ability to get things done is phenomenal. The reforms on the whole have been of great benefit.

The great threat in the future lies in the possible runaway of prices on the upside. This can be checked by various means, but never permanently without a sound fiscal policy & a balanced budget. An extreme inflationary move with coincident chaos would probably undo a good part of your excellent & most constructive work.

With many thanks for my talk with you, I am

Sincerely yours,
Edwin S. Webster Jr.

4/14/37

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this to go to the file.

Gen. Corr.
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October 8, 1942.

Dear Bob:

Thank you for your very nice letter which was here on my return from the western trip.

I understand from Dr. McIntire that you are now in a sanitarium and in good hands. Also, my understanding is that if you went to O'teen, you would have to pay more than you are paying where you are. This is because you are not a veteran and therefore not eligible for free treatment at O'teen. Under the circumstances, I think perhaps you are better off where you are and may I tell you that you need not worry about finances, as I am sure if and when you are getting low on money, I feel sure your friends at the White House can be of some real assistance. I am telling you this so you will not worry, as worrying will not help you to get well. So please dismiss all financial worries from your mind, at least for the present.

We sent you a book yesterday and hope it arrives. If you see any you particularly want, don't forget to let us know and we will ship it from the Library of Congress.

I do hope you are comfortably situated and I know Dr. Smith will keep an eye on you. You couldn't have a better man interested in you and if you will follow doctor's orders I know you will come along well.

With every best wish from all your friends at the White House,

Always sincerely,

Mr. Robert Wells,
Violet Hills Sanitarium,
Asheville, North Carolina.

LEONARD E. JONES, MANAGER

THE

GEORGE VANDERBILT

HOTEL

ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

Violet Hills
Sanatorium
Asheville, N.Car.

Saturday —

Dear Grace!

Yippee! All safe in Asheville — met by the good Dr. Smith and located here in this hotel —

This is a lovely area — very scenic —

Dr. Smith is writing Dr. McIntire about my case — From his conversation, I gather that he believes I should be in Otto —

However, I explained that Secretary Morgenthau probably would have to present the matter to General Hines and receive an okay before I

LEONARD E. JONES, MANAGER

THE
GEORGE VANDERBILT
HOTEL
ASHEVILLE, NORTH CAROLINA

could be admitted - Mike Reilly asked Chief Wilson to make the request of Sec. Morgenthau, but the matter was referred to an assistant and that ended that - It all boils down to some one asking Gen'l Hines to approve my admission to the hospital - My department should rightfully do so - They haven't - Would it be too greater favor to ask you to discuss the matter with Dr. Mc Intire and advise me of the best procedure to follow?

Enough of my problem -

I do hope your entire trip is delightful and you get a chance for some well earned rest -

Bye for now -

Bob Wells

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Dec. 5, 1944.

E. R. S., Jr.

O.K. Do as you suggest.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE

WASHINGTON

December 4, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Axel Wenner-Gren

You will recall the commitment to Ed Flynn relative to Wenner-Gren. I had already talked to his lawyer and had taken steps to have an entrance visa granted when an exceptionally strong letter on this subject arrived from Messersmith. He continues to feel that Wenner-Gren's removal from the Proclaimed List, or even the granting of permission for him to enter the United States temporarily during the war, would have a most destructive effect on our prestige in Latin America. The Ambassador asked that I bring this to your attention, and added that he doubted if he would feel he could remain in Mexico if anything were done in Wenner-Gren's favor.

There is a probability that a number of names in Mexico will be removed from the list in the next two months. If Wenner-Gren were included, as he could be, this procedure would probably occasion less comment and might be more palatable to the Ambassador, although he would probably still object strenuously.

In view of Ambassador Messersmith's position and the proposed action in the next two months, do you think it would be wise for me to call Ed Flynn and explain this situation to him and ask him to be patient for a while longer and not to press for immediate action?

Ed Stettinius

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA

December 8, 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Axel Wenner-Gren

Following receipt of your approval of the suggestions in my memorandum of December 4, I called Ed Flynn and have obtained his concurrence in the proposal to have the action taken in the routine way.

This, I hope, can be accomplished, if we can bring Treasury and Justice into line during the first two weeks of the new year.

E. Stettinius

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never have been much better.

I do thank you for being so nice to me. Knowing that one of your walking sticks now belongs to me, makes me very happy.

Sincerely,

Jim Williams.

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JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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CHAPLAINS' OFFICES

Box 6

June 1943

Dear President Roosevelt:

The time is fast approaching when our little family will be together again. God willing, a week from tonight Florence and the boys will be in Jacksonville. As pleasurable as that will be they have since January been my close connection with the town that was our home for many happy and memorable years. What the future has in store one will not venture to predict. As you know books would not begin to hold the accounts of the events which began to occur there soon after my arrival. I find my mind in a whirl now and I find it very difficult to write this letter. I can almost say that if I had felt as I do now when I arrived at the decision to return into the service I might not have done it. Of course this isn't altogether true; I would not be elsewhere than where I am and belong. I am confident I have done what is right, though I am willing to damn the whole gang that has disrupted the lives of all of us. And I still am convinced that the Navy can use us old fellows for sometime after this mess has been straightened out and that we ought to remain in it, not the mess but the Navy, and apply what we have learned. Under such circumstances it must be repeated that the rectorship ought not to be kept open for any man over such a long period because it will be neither good for a parish nor for him. Therefore, don't you think you ought to accept my resignation and turn to the need of seeking out a man. I do wish that Staatsburgh and Hyde Park could be brought together at this time; in view of the future as it will affect the Church this matter could better be resolved now t an later. I am aware of the difficulties fully, and I only wish that Mr. Bradner could see it that way.

If you had the time to read lengthy letters I could go on and on telling you all that the years in St. James' parish have meant to me. I have had sufficient time and perspective to realize this more than ever, and you wouldn't bless me now if I did that. Someday, perhaps, that opportunity will come. I hope so.

You can be sure that I have been blessed again in having been assigned to aviation and on this station. There are eleven chaplains each with his work. I have opened up a new field here; instead of the men coming to the chaplain, the chaplain is going to the men. My work is with the squadrons in their hangars and in the Assembly and Repair Shops, and I think I have the most interesting work of all the chaplains. I also opened up a new Sunday work at the receiving ship in S. Jax where the lads pass through who are being drafted to the inshore patrol job. This has been an interesting piece of work, too. The entire period beginning with the Chaplains' School to this very day has been outstanding; in fact the School is to be highly commended.

Some day in the future I'll a bit more to my reflections. Enough for now. God bless you and Mrs. Roosevelt and your fine sons and keep you all safe from harm and strong to do His work.

Ever faithfully yours.
Frank R. Wilson, Chaplain, USNR.

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UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

CHAPLAINS' OFFICES
Box 6

4 September 1943

Dear President Roosevelt:

Before I go on my way elsewhere I should say that I received a letter some while back from Art Halpin stating that my resignation as rector of St. James', Hyde Park, had been accepted as of July 1. That is as it should be, notwithstanding, etc., Really, you know this business I am in is going to take too long to set matters straight, and it is far better for the parish to have someone who is able and willing to direct its affairs during the ensuing critical years. I am certain Doctor Anthony will give the congregation the wise leadership it ought to have. I have a sinking feeling in my heart whenever I think of it, but this separation is not of my choosing. I am more convinced every day that this is where I should be and would have been before had it not been for those gol dinged Navy regulations.

Florence and the boys have been with since June 30, and this has been of great comfort to us all. Now we begin a new experience. I am leaving them here while I go off to finish the job which I left uncompleted in War I. I leave this station a week from tomorrow. I am thankful to Chaplain Workman that he has nominated me for overseas, because I want to be able to come back to the folks with my head up letting them know that the old boy had enough left in him yet to fight a second war. Fact is, I want to be still able to be aware of the fourth inauguration.

Our newspapers now are the source of our news about you all. It's a grand feeling to be able to say within ourselves, that man, that woman, those boys, we know and that they have let us share so much with them. Could one ever forget all this?

This has been a grand place in which to work: ideal in every respect. It has been a pleasure to work with Chaplain Reuben Shrum, senior chaplain: he was with you at the time, that is participated in the service aboard ship when you met with Winston Churchill and the Four Freedoms were set forth. He was also present on one of your cruises in southern waters several years ago during the course of maneuvers. It appears he may also shortly be leaving for another destination.

God's richest blessing on you all: hold steady til I get back. Don't let old Hyde Park change too much. We want to come back to things that are familiar; I guess that's the old man coming out in me.

And thanks for everything.

Faithfully yours, always.

Frank R. Wilson

Chaplain Frank R. Wilson, USNR
~~NAVY DEPARTMENT~~

UNITED STATES NAVAL AIR STATION
JACKSONVILLE, FLORIDA

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The Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt,

The White House,

Washington, D.C.

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Dear Miss LeHand:

Thank you for your nice acknowledgement of my last. Here's another.

Please do not bother to reply. I'll not send anything more. For a long,long time,anyway.

Sincerely,

George W. Wilson

PARADE OF THE WOULDN'T SOLDIERS

Mr.Garner---
I ask-ya, folks, as a good hand at poker,
Old whiskey drinker, and world-famous smoker,
With my reputation as an old sinner
Why look around when I'm a sure winner ?

Mr.Farley---
My name is Farley, but jes' call me "Jim";
I've got-ta job, but the pay is too slim ;
I call by First Name ev'ry good Democrat;
I aint got no foes, so I'll win, and that's that.

Mr.McNutt---
Listen here, folks, I'm Paul V.McNutt,
A swell lookin' feller and no "if or but",
In a bathin' suit, and my lovely hair,
I'll win in a walk, an' with plenty to spare.

In the trailer:
Mr. Dewey---
F.D.R.'s older an' bigger'n me,
But I figgers bigger'n an' better'n he.
I get what I'm after, no matter who's whose,
That's why I'm gonna get F.D.R.'s shoes.

Mr. Taft---
"All I need to do is let the folks see
Them picthers what shows what a hunter I Be.
"I'm from a state, too, where Presidents is made;
The New Deal won't git many votes I'm afraid."

Mr.Vandenberg---
Don't give too much heed to political dopes;
As Senator I'm the one knows all the ropes;
A News man as chief should do mighty well,
He already knows how to count, read an'spell.

At last came the time when that Third Term hoax
Got to be one of the poorest of jokes;
But the pencil-and-pad boys are with us again,
And they'll learn all about-it, if they're told--AND WHEN !

G.W.Wilson

2/12/40

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2340 S STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Box 159

My dear Mr. President=

I am deeply touched by your thought of your "old Chief" and of me on this anniversary - This personal written assurance, which has just come to me, is a real tribute for no one knows better than I the thousands of signatures

your weary fingers affix
besides the endless other
tasks — I wish with all
my heart there was some
real way I could help!

May the New year bring
to us all the peace for which
we pray, and personal good
fortune to you, Mr. President.

Faithfully Edith Bolling Wilson

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House

From
Mrs. Woodrow Wilson

2340 S STREET, N. W.
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

September 22, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF THE TREASURY:

Bill Hassett's secretary's husband, Frederick Winegar, served in the Marine Corps in this war but was discharged about a year ago for disability. He is a very nice fellow and I believe would do a good job somewhere in the Procurement Division of the Treasury, if you have any vacancies.

If you think there is a chance he could be placed, would you be good enough to let me know whom he should see in the Treasury?

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 30, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE SECRETARY OF STATE:

FOR YOUR INFORMATION.

F.D.R.

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Dear Mr. President and Mrs. Roosevelt:

I wish you to know that I gratefully appreciate having had the opportunity of being here at the White House during 1942.

Please accept my most sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and with it my desire that the coming New Year will bring you all good things possible.

Lorenzo D. Winslow

PSF
Gen Corres "W"
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June 17, 1936.

Dear Doctor Wise:-

I am sorry, indeed, that I could not have seen you before you sailed. Do let me know as soon as you get back.

I still hope that Herbert may be drafted -- and I am glad you put it on the broad grounds of the good of the Nation.

When you see Felix and Harold Laski give them my love.

Faithfully,

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
Synagogue House,
40 West 68th Street,
New York, N. Y.

Free Synagogue
NEW YORK

Synagogue House
40 WEST 68 STREET
NEAR CENTRAL PARK

June 14,1936.

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear President Roosevelt:

About ten days ago, F.F. suggested that I write to Herbert Lehman. I did so, in the terms of the enclosure, which he may have sent you. This is Lehman's reply. He avoids dealing with the question which is involved. I am hopeful that that means that his mind is not set and that he may yet change it.

It has been a joy to see how finely the Southern trip went. You evidently had grand receptions everywhere. I cannot feel that Landon is going to be very formidable, excepting from the point of view of those who would vote for anyone who would promise to reduce their taxes. The country will know how to choose.

I wish it might have been possible to run down to Washington and have a glimpse of you before sailing on Wednesday. Unhappily for me, I cannot. I shall meet F.F. in London next Monday.

With heartiest greeting, and hoping you will have a decent rest before the campaign months in which you of course must take the lead in smashing the great conspiracy against the democratic ideal and way of life,

Faithfully yours,

Abel

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June 11, 1936

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman,
Greenbrier Hotel,
White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

Dear Governor Lehman:

I hesitate to write to you because I know that you are a man of definite convictions and decisions, and still as one who knows you for many years, as one who feels that you have made a truly fine record as Governor for two terms of the State of New York, and as one who feels that your action in a certain matter is bound to prove of very great importance not only to the State but to the nation, I feel I must write to you with entire frankness.

I cannot tell what are the motives that have prompted you to reach the decision not to candidate again for the office of Governor. Needless to say, your re-election was assured. I do not urge how great an honor it would be to have been re-elected Governor for the third time of our State, for I think there is a larger issue involved and it is on that ground alone that I rest the case.

I believe that the President will carry the State of New York in the November election despite the united and unprecedentedly bitter opposition of the possessing groups. Your candidacy, however, would make humanly certain that an extra 150,000 to 250,000 thousand votes would be added to the President's majority in this State. You have, as you deserve to have, a very wide following among the men of affairs and substance who, even though they did not approve of your Security Program, know that you are not only a trustworthy and capable executive, but that you are a man of sound and matured economic views. It will be easier to bring the vote that we desire to have for the President, if you should candidate with him.

My appeal to you is not merely that of a New York citizen but that of an American and a Democrat who feels that the re-election of the President transcends all local and ephemeral issues. You know better than I, because you have worked with the President side by side, in one way or another for eight years, that he is neither a dictator nor a demagogue, and that what he has sought to do is to make America safe for democracy and to make life liveable for those who might otherwise be crushed by an economy which takes no regard of human values nor of the right of the least of men in a democracy. While, I repeat, the President will in my judgment carry New York State i the election, your own acceptance of the nomination for the Governorship would make that result in New York State certain beyond all peradventure. It is the future of the Democratic hope which invites you to stand once more firmly and valiantly at the President's side. I know that you are too manly and courageous to be worried about the vaporings of a blatherskite like Cohalhan

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman June 11, 1936

Even in the midst of years of anti-Semitic turbulence throughout the country, I have never heard one word of reflection or doubt touching your integrity as a public servant, and no reference to you as a Jew save in the terms of unfeigned commendation.

If you were not out-of-town at this present moment, and I on the eve of leaving for Europe, I should ask for the opportunity to sit down with you and discuss the problem. I have been asked repeatedly to join with those who entreat you to stand, irrespective of your sincere desire to retire from public office. But, dear Lehman, this is a great hour in American history and you are summoned to make your contribution to the settlement of great issues. The Party and the State have before this twice summoned you to service. Now it is the Democratic hope and the Democratic ideal which insist that, if it be humanly possible for you to stand again, you do so however burdensome the difficulties and sacrifices which may be involved.

In the forty years of my manhood I have never felt that a presidential election is fraught with consequences as grave and far-reaching as the present election. You are privileged to be one of the captains who are to continue to stand at his side. May you reach the decision to hold up the hands of the Leader, whose continuance in office alone can ensure the preservation of those ideals of the democratic life in which we believe.

I am, dear Governor Lehman, with warmest greetings,

Faithfully yours,

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White Sulphur Springs, W.Va.
June 15th, 1936

Dr. Stephen S. Wise,
Free Synagogue House,
40 West 68th Street,
New York, N. Y.

My dear Doctor Wise:

I am just in receipt of your letter of June eleventh, which I have read with very great interest and appreciation. I need not tell you, I am certain, that I am deeply grateful to you for the very kind expressions contained in your letter. I hope that I will always merit your confidence and that of my other friends.

Mrs. Lehman and I are down here for a brief rest and will not return to New York for a few days. I have taken note that you are sailing for Europe on Wednesday. Under the circumstances, it is, of course, not possible for me to sit down and have a talk with you for the present. On your return from Europe, however, I will be very glad indeed to meet you and tell you how I feel about the matter which you have been good enough to write to me.

In the meantime, may I express the hope that you and Mrs. Wise will have a very good trip, and, after your very arduous duties abroad are completed, that you will have an opportunity of getting some rest and relaxation from work.

With kindest regards to you and Mrs.Wise in which Edith joins me, I am

Very Sincerely yours,

SIGNED HERBERT H. LEHMAN

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Col. George A. Taylor

Hadley, Mass

To Kid Wynkyn,Jr.,(F.D.S.B.213055)
From Wynkyn's Countess Walewska,(F.D.S.B.204780)
alias "The Wink"

My master has hold of my paws. The other gentleman in the picture is Lake Ridge Dictator,(F.D.S.B.142126)alias "Rusty",who is my Napoleon.

My mother is Wynkyn's Blue Bess;I ran in the field trials when I was seven months old;won my first ribbon before I was a year old this February;and last Fall I brought in plenty of pheasants and woodcock. I retrieve them but Rusty won't.He finds them and points them for me.

By

(Colonel,U.S.A.,Ret.)

R.S.V.P.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT is now the proud owner of a hunting dog and the handsome English setter, Kid Wynkyn, Jr. (F.DS.B.213055), is a proud occupant of the White House Kennels. The dog, sired by Kid Wynkyn and out of Pheasant Mill, was bred by C. B. Davison, Jr., Millbrook, New York.

BURRS

One day last Fall as sank the sun
  Behind the Berkshire Hills,
We loaded up the Chevrolet
  And left the woods and rills.
Pheasants and woodcock in our coats,
  The dogs climbed in behind,
Monsieur Parent and I in front,
  That day the fates were kind.

The setters curled up tired and spent,
  Old Cappy, Rust and the Wink,
With coats and ears all full of burrs
  And wet's a swimming mink.
The pup, still fresh and full of pep,
  Said, "You lie still, old dears,
I'll tend to you my lover true,
  But first my papa's ears."

She pulled the burrs from Cappy's coat
  And soothed and licked his head;
Before she turned to Rusty's locks,
  "Lie still, you brute," she said.
A muffled brrrr—hurt dignity,
  "I'll fix my own," he growled,
"You're too damn fresh, you little minx!"
  Rebuffed she sat and howled.

L'ENVOI

Human, you say? Well, maybe so;
  We'd rather keep our burrs
Than have a woman fussin' 'round—
  We're not just common curs.

—Col. G. A. Taylor, U. S. A., Retired

Old Hadley, Jan. 9, 1934.

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The President,
Washington
D.C.

My dear Mr President:-

Your thoughtfulness in sending us such a gorgeous bird to grace our Christmas table was appreciated more than we can tell you. It is our hope the other fifty nine families were as fortunate.

Trusting the New Year will bring to you

that same measure of
health and security which
through your untiring
efforts you are striving
to make possible for
us all.

We are,
Most Sincerely,
Bernard and Irene

Jan. 1, 1938

Office of the Attorney General
Washington, D.C. 25

December 27, 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

I have been advised that an attempt is being made to bring Axel F. Wenner-Green into this country for a conference with you in connection with his desire to be removed from the black list.

In this connection I think you should know that the FBI reports, on information from a reliable confidential source, that Wenner-Green has been requested by a District of Columbia attorney to contribute $100,000 to the Democratic National Committee to secure his entry into the United States and his removal from the black list. It is said that $25,000 of this money has already been paid to an unnamed person.

You, of course, know Wenner-Green's background.

I strongly recommend that you do not see him, and that he be not permitted to enter the country.

Respectfully yours,

Francis Biddle

Attorney General

Copy to the Secretary of State

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

January 9, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

Subject: Axel L. Wenner-Gren

You will find attached a self-explanatory note from Edgar Hoover relative to Wenner-Gren.

Needless to say, the matter is being investigated at once and, with your approval, I will advise Ed Flynn that it will be impossible to take action relative to Wenner-Gren immediately as we had planned.

Enclosure:

Copy of letter of December 27, 1944, to the Secretary from Mr. J. Edgar Hoover on Axel L. Wenner-Gren.

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FEDERAL BUREAU OF INVESTIGATION
UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

December 27, 1944

PERSONAL AND [redacted]

Honorable Edward R. Stettinius
Secretary of State
Washington, D. C.

Dear Ed:

You will recall that Axel L. Wenner-Gren, the Swedish industrialist and financier who is presently on the United States Proclaimed List of Blocked Nationals, is residing in Mexico, D. F. Wenner-Gren for a considerable period of time has been endeavoring to have his name removed from the Proclaimed List and to secure an entrance visa for the United States.

As of possible interest to you, information has been received from a reliable confidential source to the effect that Wenner-Gren has stated that he was recently contacted by David Olson, an associate of Warren W. Grimes, an attorney in Washington, D. C. Olson requested Wenner-Gren to contribute $100,000 to the Democratic National Committee, indicating to Wenner-Gren that even though he was removed from the Proclaimed List and secured a visa for entry into the United States, the Department of Justice might refuse to grant entry unless this payment was made. Olson suggested to Wenner-Gren that he deposit $100,000 in United States currency in a safe deposit box in Mexico City, and that he deliver the key to an unnamed individual at the time he is permitted to enter the United States. Olson told Wenner-Gren that he had already paid $25,000 to an unnamed United States official in anticipation of Wenner-Gren's acceptance of this proposal.

Olson is apparently identical with one David A. Olson, who is involved in an investigation in connection with possible frauds against the Government in association with one Benjamin Franklin Fields. Fields was alleged to have been operating in Washington on a large scale as a "fixer" in obtaining Government contracts. Warren W. Grimes is a Washington, D. C. attorney who registered with the Department of Justice under the Foreign Agents Registration Act, naming Axel Wenner-Gren as his principal. In his registration statement he set out that he was not paid by Wenner-Gren for his services, but by David A. Olson.

Any further information received will be promptly furnished to you.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ Edgar

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

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MARCH 29, 1945

MEMORANDUM FOR

HONORABLE E. R. STETTINIUS, JR.:

TO READ AND RETURN FOR MY FILES.

F.D.R.

Strictly Confidential memo, 3-24-45, to the President from the Attorney General, re Axel L. Wenner-Gren; attached is copy of confid. memo, 12-27-44, from the Attorney General to the Pres. re Wenner-Gren.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

4/14/41

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

The Treasurer of the U. S. Mr. William Julian phoned me several days ago, frothing at the mouth over the new appointment for Charlie West.

Confidentially, I shoved him off on Steve but do not know whether you have heard any protest or not.

I was much amused the next day to see where he sued Charlie for a $4,700 unpaid note.

MAC

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Goldsboro, Md.
Sept. 6, 1937
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My dear Mr. Roosevelt:-

I do appreciate more than I can ever tell you, the walking stick which you sent to me. I shall cherish it always and value it as one of my choicest possessions, for when I think of the many persons you must meet each day, it makes me very proud to think that you remember me.

I still have many pleasant memories of my visit with you, and I want you to know that I am grateful to you for taking so much time with me. My foot and leg are much better since my operation and I am able to do many things that I couldn't do before. I have worked this summer, packing cantaloupes, and have made enough money to buy my clothes for school, so you see, my operation was quite successful, but if it had not been for your interest I probably should