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DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIVISION OF PROTOCOL

August 15, 1941.

~~STRICTLY CONFIDENTIAL~~

Mr. Forster:

A telegram has been received from the American Minister at Ottawa in which it is stated that the Prince of Luxenbourg and the Grand Duchess are planning to fly to England next week, but will return before mid-September. The Prince asked that the President be informed.

Yesterday the Minister of Luxembourg called at my office to inform me that Her Royal Highness and Prince Felix would arrive in Baltimore Sunday evening, August 17th. at 8:46 P.M. and that they would register at the Belvedere Hotel as Mr. and Mrs. de Clarvaux. They will be accompanied by Mr. Budson, the Minister of Justice and by Mr. Schommer, Secretary General of the Government.

The party will leave early the following morning (Mon. Aug. 18th.) on a British seaplane for England. The plane will, however, make a stop in Ireland before proceeding to England.

H. Charles Spruks

H. Charles Spruks.

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THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

12-31-41

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

I have been informed over the phone by the Minister of the Netherlands and the Minister of Luxembourg, that they have by cable today been authorized by their governments to sign the joint declaration, the details of which were discussed with the President.

They said they were also giving this information to the State Department.

E.M.W.

London Febr. 10th 1942

My dear President,

I just learnt that you have had the great kindness to send me through Mrs. Moffat a portrait of yourself. I am writing to thank you and to say how much I appreciate this very kind thought.

Your picture will be for me a constant reminder of the warm friendship you have shown to my family and me.

During my stay in England I have seen the growth of the great hopes and now, unlimited confidence that is centred on your person and your great people.

I hope that we may soon be able to fly over to the United States and am very much looking forward to the pleasure of seeing you and Mrs. Roosevelt again.

Meanwhile, I need hardly tell you, that I think of you both also in my prayers and Elise joins me in sending you and Mrs Roosevelt

our very best wishes
and affectionate greetings.

Very sincerely yours

Charlotte

To the President

White House

Washington

ADDRESS OFFICIAL COMMUNICATIONS TO
THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 11, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR MISS TULLY:

I am enclosing herewith a sealed letter addressed to the President by Her Royal Highness the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, which was handed to me today by the Minister of Luxembourg.

G. T. Summerlin.
George T. Summerlin.

Enclosure:
Sealed letter to
the President
from the Grand Duchess
of Luxembourg.

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March 17, 1942.

My dear Grand Duchess Charlotte:-

It has taken your letter more than a month to get here but I am very glad to hear that everything goes well with you and Felix. These have been difficult times, as you know, but I am still confident that all will come out well in the end. I am happy, indeed, that the uncertainty of the position of the United States is terminated in the fact of the United Nations.

I hope much that both of you will be back on this side of the ocean soon and that you will come down as soon as you can to visit us either here or at Hyde Park.

Be sure to let me know if there is any possible thing I can do for the children.

With all good wishes and my affectionate greetings,

Always sincerely,

H. R. H.
The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg,
London.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

March 25. 1942

My dear Mr. President:

The Minister of Luxembourg has handed me a memorandum relating to the situation in unoccupied France, which I believe you will find of interest.

I attach a translation thereof.

Faithfully yours,

Acting Secretary.

Enclosure:
Translation of
memorandum as
stated above.

The President

The White House.

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ENCLOSURE

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Letter drafted 3/25/42

ADDRESSED TO

The President

The White House

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[TRANSLATION]

LEGATION OF THE GRAND DUCHY
OF LUXEMBURG
WASHINGTON, D. C.

Notes on the situation in unoccupied France, as ascertained by Mr. René Blum, former Minister of Justice of the Grand Duchy of Luxemburg

After a sojourn in unoccupied France from May 10, 1940 to January 25, 1942, as a refugee from a neutral country, I take the liberty of summing up my observations as follows:

1.

The hatred of the French people toward Hitlerian Germany has not decreased. On the contrary, resentment has grown, the public holding Germany responsible for the present famine and scarcity of all goods in general. The manifestations and comments are repeated more or less daily in the public markets, in queues in the stores, before grade crossings where trains loaded with livestock, early vegetables, wines, etc., pass en route to Germany. Except for the press, no one dreams of placing the responsibility in this connection on the blockade, the justification of which is very logically recognized for military reasons and with a view to liberation in the end.

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The animosity against the invader has increased because of the fact that all the stores have been emptied at absurdly low prices as a result of mass purchases of the so-called "German armistice commissions" (whose presence should be energetically condemned).

German newsreels are regularly booed at motion picture performances. Unending emphasis should be placed on the German rôle as starvers.

With respect to Italy, the predominating feeling is one of contempt and it is expressed in an imposing manner. It might, for example, be said that with a victorious Germany France would remain under the tutelage of an Italy despised for its cowardice and treachery.

2.

Collaboration is preached only by the press. In no class of the population - I had daily contact with various circles - is this idea common. Quite on the contrary, the collaborationists are booed everywhere. I estimate the percentage of partisans of that policy at a maximum of 10 per cent made up of self-seeking people and public officials. From the viewpoint of public opinion, this movement amounts to nothing. All the posters profusely pasted up and all manifestations of this kind are sabotaged.

3.

Darlan's unpopularity increases daily; he is considered as a pretender to the post of Chief of State and, from this point of view, the competitor,--while at the same time the evil genius in matters of international policy - of Marshal Pétain who, on the rebound, enjoys a sort of pity on this account. Despite propagandistic efforts, no real enthusiasm is aroused (a fact observed at the time of the showing of French newsreels when the indifference is almost general). It might be well to emphasize this difference between the two individuals. It is needless to add that the Lavals and Doriots have foundered under the weight of general contempt and that they are without any political influence.

4.

The press is generally suspected of partiality; it is to be feared however that little by little - since every other source of spreading the truth except the radio is lacking - it will succeed in contaminating spirits weakened by privations and by intellectual isolation.

The Free France radio must more than ever put

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the public on guard against this insidious press, particularly the illustrated magazines of exclusively German inspiration.

The "illegal" press lacks circulation. It should be subsidized by all possible means.

The free radio's power of spreading information has partially decreased as a result of the prohibition against listening, although the decree with regard thereto seems to be enforced very liberally, in view of the few judicial sentences which have been handed down on the basis of such violations.

5.

Among the most relentless adversaries of the regime I list, first of all, the French working class, which has been thoroughly persecuted by this regime and which unfortunately suffers most severely from a standard of living which has dropped to a point so low as to pass conception.

Here are the latest ration rates for my region (Hérault): 270 grams of bread a day, 90 grams of meat a week, fats, 15 grams a day - a theoretic rate, however, and never attained - potatoes, 2 kilos a month - irregularly - 120 grams of cheese a month. Complete absence

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of fresh vegetables during the last three months. It is almost impossible to buy clothing, linen, shoes, etc. Extreme shortage of fuel during this winter. As for wine, the ration is one-third of a liter a day.

The Catholics, although benefiting from the regime, are opposed to collaboration with Hitlerian Germany. They enjoy a limited degree of freedom of assembly and speech and are skillfully trying to recover their privileges in cultural, scholastic and other matters.

Refugees from Alsace and Lorraine, as well as those from the north, deserve every praise. They constitute the soundest and most active part of the population. They never cease openly to demand the complete reintegration of the occupied areas. They deserve special attention from the free radio as well as all solicitude.

The peasantry has kept the old French spirit, which has increased on account of requisitions for German needs.

The majority of the intellectuals and students, very much intimidated, for that matter, by the suppression and political spying which I was able to ascertain, as well as the middle classes, recognize the mortal

danger

danger for France of a Hitler victory and while not being Anglophile, or declaring their wish not to be such is the true sense of the word; (as a result of the contamination of the French press, the public's only intellectual nourishment), hate Germany and are opposed to all those who work for collaboration.

6.

The "French Legion" seems to be composed of incongruous elements. The most diverse opinions are represented in it. All demand reintegration of the occupied departments and on its latest published slogan, officially affixed to the cocardes, there is this inscription: The Legion - a single means - a single end: France (with a miniature reproduction of France, a geographic map of France in its entirety, including Alsace and Lorraine). Perhaps this matter should be emphasized in radio broadcasts?

7.

A curious fact to be noted: the continuation of the existence of the former "Deuxième Bureau" [Intelligence] organization which, as previously, exercises active surveillance in connection with German infiltration and

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the presence of Nazi agents on unoccupied territory. According to my positive information, this organization--still recognized and paid by Vichy--collaborates with the English services.

Well informed and dependable individuals have concluded that, despite appearances, there are pro-English tendencies at Vichy and that the rumor of "double-dealing" by Vichy is not well founded.

New York, early March 1942.

RENE BLUM

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The White House
Washington

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MR ROOSEVELT

THE WHITE HOUSE

BEFORE LEAVING WASHINGTON I WOULD LIKE TO EXPRESS TO YOU ONCE MORE MY MOST HEARTFELT THANKS FOR ALL YOUR KINDNESS WHICH I DEEPLY APPRECIATE

CHARLOTTE OF LUXEMBOURG.

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THE PRESIDENT

WHITE HOUSE

VERY TOUCHED SO KIND THOUGHTS AND WISHES I EXPRESS TO YOU MY MOST HEARTFELT THANKS

CHARLOTTE LUXEMBOURG

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Luxemburg. 1943

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May 16th 1943

THE WHITE HOUSE
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Dear Mrs. President,

As you have always been so kind to interest yourself in our cause, telling me to keep you informed of our plans, I would like to let you know that I have the intention to rent a house in Long Island where the children could stay after their holidays. I found some excellent schools in New York. Like that I shall be able to see more of the children and will not be obliged to travel so often between here and Canada.

I am maintaining our official residence in Canada to avoid any trouble or difficulties to your services, as their our status is entirely clear.

I am going back to Fuchsia now where I will stay till the end of June.

Looking forward to have the pleasure of seeing you again when the days will be a little calmer for you

I am, with all my very best wishes

sincerely and gratefully yours

Charlotte of Luxembourg

The President
The White House
Washington D. C.

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LÉGATION DU GRAND-DUCHÉ
DE LUXEMBOURG
WASHINGTON, D. C.

August 10,1943

My dear Mr. President:

On this tenth day of August 1943 the Postal Department of the United States is honoring the people of Luxembourg by the issue of a stamp bearing Luxembourg's flag.

In the name of the downtrodden Luxembourg people I wish to express to you my deep appreciation for this noble and comforting gesture.

The symbol of Luxembourg's independence and freedom, temporarily banished from its own land during this time of trial and slavery, thus finds a home in the United States, the land of the free.

Fighting Luxembourgers on the homefront as well as those in the ranks of the armies of the United Nations will be encouraged to continue the unflinching struggle against the enemy of liberty and decency. They will welcome the Luxembourg stamp released by the American Post Office as the herald of their coming liberation. Gratefully they will always remember this token of generous friendship from the President and the people of the United States towards their smallest ally, Luxembourg.

Very sincerely yours,

Charlotte Grand Duchess
of Luxembourg

The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Grand Duchess leaving by plane
Oct 15/43

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

10/9/43

Miss Tully:

Grand Dutchess Charlotte and party hold a #3 class priority for the 15th. The Navy Air Transport Command believe this classification should take them thru to London without again being removed from Pan American Clipper flight on the 15th. However, NATC will watch developments closely and advise us immediately should conditions arise necessitating removal of the Luxemburg party. This will enable changing to a higher priority rating if deemed advisable.

Mr. Nash in Mr. Summerlin's office has the above information.

D.E.L. (C)

Luxembourg folder 1-44

(2425) Signed original of this letter sent to Mr. Summerlin, State Dept., for delivery.

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February 8, 1944.

Dear Lottie:-

One of those unexpected delays in transportation kept me from getting those delightful photographs of you and the family until yesterday. I am awfully glad to have them and I think that they are excellent. How all the children have grown since they first came over here! Give my best to Felix. I hear he and also John are doing a splendid job.

I hope that you are in comfortable quarters in England though I cannot but admit privately that I am not enamored of the English winter climate or of the English food!

I do hope that you will be coming back here soon unless we get even better news from across the Channel this coming summer.

Do not forget that if there is anything I can do for the other children, you must let me know.

Always sincerely,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

H. R. H.
The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg,
London,
England.

Book of photographs of the Grand Duchess and her family sent to Series "B", Hyde Park. Inscription on flyleaf: "To President F.D. Roosevelt In grateful remembrance for all his kindness towards us. Charlotte of Luxembourg Oct. 5th, 1943."

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIVISION OF PROTOCOL

LWB

January 27, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WATSON:

I am transmitting herewith a package for the President, which was left at the Department for delivery by the Minister of Luxembourg.

G. T. Summerlin

George T. Summerlin
Chief of Protocol

Enclosure:

Package.

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May 29, 1944.

Dear Lottie:-

Your awfully nice letter took an unconscionable time in coming and I did not get it until the beginning of this month when I was in the South trying to get over what I believe to have been a sort of bronchial pneumonia, which apparently I kept with me for several months after the "flu" early in the year.

Now I am all right again and I am glad indeed to know that all goes well with you and Felix and Jean.

I have heard from time to time about your three youngest, and Mr. Summerlin reports now that they are still all well on Long Island and are leaving soon for your summer place.

Margrethe, as you know, unfortunately lost her job because the shop was closed. She has found another one but it is, I think, not as good. Almost all her children have gone to the other side, as you probably know. Marthe and all of her family are going to a place on Long Island Sound. Summer houses have been extremely hard to get and the rents are awful.

I do hope if there is any chance of your coming over at any time you will let me know beforehand.

Give my best regards to Felix and to Jean. I do hope to see you soon.

Always sincerely,

H. R. H.
The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg,
London,
England.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 26, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT:

I talked with Mr. Summerlin and he tells me the Grand Duchess of Luxembourg's three youngest children are on Long Island and are going to school in New York. They are fine and will be leaving Long Island to go to their summer place in Pennsylvania very soon.

G.G.T.

Respectfully forwarded to the President:

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E.M.W.

28, WILTON CRESCENT,
SLOANE 6231. S.W.I.

15th March.

How very kind of you my dear President, to have found the time inspite of the tremendous burden of your responsibilities to write to me! Many heartfelt thanks, also for the message you sent me through Col. Biddle. Knowing the nature of the bearer of your greetings, you can imagine with what cordiality they were transmitted.

From my peaceful cottage in the country I am watching with the keenest and most affectionate interest

"vos paroles et gestes" and reaching with anger when your opponents are worrying you. Your popularity and the confidence in your statesmanship are the highest possible here. May this year crown the invaluable work you are doing for your country and all of us.

The winter has been mild. As for the english food consisting for a good part of cabbages, I am sharing to Mrs. Roosevelt's publicly expressed and widely approved dislike for the above useful vegetables.

I hope to be able to fly over in late spring or summer to the States. I am longing to see my children and also the country where I and

28, WILTON CRESCENT,
SLOANE 6231. S.W.1.

my family have enjoyed such a cordial hospitality, beginning with the President himself.

Every day, I am reminded of America by the sight in the streets of London and in the country of your magnificent boys. Looking at them, one trembles at the thought of the coming invasion.

Felix and the children join me in sending you and Mrs. Roosevelt our most grateful remembrances

Yours very sincerely

Charlotte (Lothie)

P. S. Would it be too much to ask the President, when Biddle's successor will be accredited to the allied governments in London, not to forget little Luxembourg.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

May 17, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR GENERAL WATSON

Her Royal Highness Charlotte, Grand Duchess of Luxembourg, has forwarded to the President through the Luxembourg Legation at Washington, the enclosed envelop containing, I believe, a photograph.

G. T. Summerlin
George T. Summerlin
Chief of Protocol

Enclosure:

Sealed envelop.

From the Luxembourg underground paper: The free Luxembourger

Unfortunately we have no machinery to print pictures. This picture however is the result of our typists skill.

Mir hun ongleckicherweis net d'Waschinerie vun' der "Illustration" zu onser Verfdgung,fir onse Journal ze bebilleren, md ons Dactylo huet Könstlerblut an de Fangerspotzen, we' de Fooseveltporträt hei beweist.

again 90 of our brave underground men have been shot by the German last week.

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THE SECRETARY OF STATE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

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DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

July 25, 1944

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MEMORANDUM FOR THE PRESIDENT

As you know, it has been customary in the past for our Ambassador to Belgium to be also accredited to Luxembourg in the capacity of Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary. At the present time the Government of Luxembourg is established in London and I would therefore recommend that former Governor Murphy, in addition to being Ambassador to Belgium, be also nominated as Envoy Extraordinary and Minister Plenipotentiary to Luxembourg.

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STANDARD FORM No. 14A
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT
MARCH 10, 1926

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FROM The White House
Washington

September 8, 1944.

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H.R.H.
The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg
London, England.

I am thinking of you at this time when our troops are so close to ~~the duchy~~ Luxembourg and we can be confident that its day of liberation is not far off. Give my warm regards to Felix. I wish I could be present when you return to your own.

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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ETAT PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT

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YOUR VERY CORDIAL CABLE OF THE 9TH REACHED ME AFTER THE DESPATCH OF MY OFFICIAL CABLE OF THANKS TO YOU FOR THE LIBERATION OF MY COUNTRY BY AMERICAN TROOPS STOP THE ACHIEVEMENTS OF YOUR TROOPS ARE SO TREMENDOUS THAT EVEN CABLES CANNOT KEEP PACE WITH THEIR ADVANCE

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CANADIAN PACIFIC TELEGRAPHS

World Wide Communications

W. D. NEIL, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS, MONTREAL

2ND EX LN TO PRT ROOSEVELT QUEBEC

STOP A THOUSAND THANKS FOR YOUR GOOD WISHES AND FOR ALL YOU HAVE BEEN FOR MYSELF AND MY FAMILY AND MY COUNTRY DURING THESE FOUR YEARS STOP FELIX IS WITH THE ALLIED TROOPS AND IS PROBABLY IN LUXEMBOURG NOW STOP JOHN IS WITH THE BRITISH ARMY STOP I LISTENED WITH

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CANADIAN PACIFIC TELEGRAPHS

World Wide Communications

W.D NEIL, GENERAL MANAGER OF COMMUNICATIONS, MONTREAL

3RD EX LDN TO PRT ROOSEVELT QUEBEC

EMOTION TO THE BROADCAST OF YOUR VERY KIND DECLARATION ABOUT LUXEMBOURG STOP MY FIRST THOUGHT ON REENTERING LUXEMBOURG WILL BE FOR YOU STOP MY WARMEST REGARDS TO MRS ROOSEVELT

CHARLOTTE

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PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT.,

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ONCE AGAIN THE VICTORIOUS ARMIES OF THE UNITED STATES HAVE ENTERED THE CAPITAL OF LUXEMBOURG AND FOR THE SECOND TIME IN ONE GENERATION ARE LIBERATING MY COUNTRY FROM THE GERMAN YOKE STOP AT THIS HOUR I EXPRESS TO YOU IN MY NAME AND THE NAME OF MY PEOPLE OUR MOST HEARTFELT GRATITUDE FOR THE DELIVERANCE OF OUR HOMELAND AND ADMIRATION FOR THE IMMENSE ACHIEMENTS OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE GLORIOUS VICTORIES OF THE AMERICAN FORCES IN DEFENCE OF THE CAUSE OF MEN STOP I WILL NEVER FORGET THE FRIENDSHIP AND SUPPORT YOU EXTENDED TO ME THROUGH THESE DARK YEARS STOP WITH THE CONTINUED FRIENDSHIP OF THE GREAT AMERICAN PEOPLE LUXEMBOURG LOOKS FORWARD CONFIDENTLY TO A NEW WORLD ORDER OF PEACE AND LIBERTY FOR ALL SUSTAINED BY THE POWER AND IDEALS OF THE UNITED STATES STOP.

CHARLOTTE.

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The White House
Washington

The White House
Washington

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LONDON 6 PM Nov 13,1944.

THE PRESIDENT:

I ASK YOU TO ACCEPT ALSO ON BEHALF OF THE LUXEMBOURG PEOPLE MY HEARTFELT CONGRATULATIONS UPON YOUR RE-ELECTION AS PRESIDENT FOR A FOURTH TERM A STRIKING TESTIMONY OF THE BROAD CONFIDENCE OF THE AMERICAN PEOPLE IN THEIR GREAT LEADER AND THE TRUSTED FRIEND OF THE UNITED NATIONS STOP THE DETERMINATION OF YOUR PEOPLE UNDER YOUR LEADERSHIP TO PURSUE THE WAR TO ITS VICTORIOUS CONCLUSION AND TO LAY THE FOUNDATIONS OF PEACE IS A HAPPY AUGURY FOR THE FUTURE OF THE WORLD.

CHARLOTTE,LUXEMBOURG.

Luxembourg folder 1-44

December 20, 1944.

Dear Lottie:

I have been thinking much of you and yours and it looks from here as if Luxembourg is finally almost rid of the Huns. I hope you will not actually make your return until the Germans are definitely on the north bank of the Rhine. I wish I could stand on the street corner to welcome you back to the city.

The enclosed is from the mother of several boys who are in the Service and I seem to be lucky in that the DeLannoy Chateau seems to be still in tact, though I was much disturbed to hear that at your country place they have cut down all the lovely trees and that in the Palace itself everything has been stolen. As for these stolen things, I, for one, will do my best to recover all we can find in Germany.

It is going to be a long process but we seem to be advancing slowly and painfully. A little more patience is necessary.

Give my warm regards to Felix and the children and be sure to let me know if there is anything I can do for the other children over here.

Always sincerely yours,

H.R.H.
The Grand Duchess of Luxembourg,
London.

(Enclosed - memo from Mrs. R. re de Lannoy Chateau.)

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file personally

28, WILTON CRESCENT,
SLOANE 6231. S.W.1.

8th February, 1945.

My dear President and kind friend,

I should like you to know how much I appreciated and how much I was comforted in the anxious days following the German thrust in the Ardennes, by your very kind letter, so full of sympathy and understanding for us. I am glad I took your advice - proved so wise by the events- that I did not return prematurely to my country. Now over a third of it has been ravaged and pillaged; over a tenth of the population has lost all it possessed; some forty thousand refugees from the northern area - mainly small producers - are evacuated to the south; a third of our livestock has been driven away by the invaders.

It seems impossible that the Germans can ever make good the havoc they have wrought in the occupied countries; and yet I hope that some means can be found to compensate also our people for their losses and their sufferings.

I need not say how happy I was at the news of your re-election. Nowhere could it have

inspired more confidence than in Luxembourg where my people look to you, as I do, as a great and proved friend.

Of the Castle de Lannoy, I have no direct news and I can only hope that in the fighting around Clairvaux, it has been spared.

The children have all arrived safely and I should like to thank you very heartily again for your kind interest in them. We now await the moment when we may return together.

With my best regards and warmest good wishes to you and Mrs. Roosevelt,

Always sincerely
and gratefully yours

Lottie

DEPARTMENT OF STATE

DIVISION OF PROTOCOL

February 14, 1945.

MEMORANDUM FOR MISS TULLY:

I am transmitting herewith a sealed communication addressed to the President, which has been received in the Department by diplomatic pouch from the American Embassy near the Government of Poland, London, England.

George T. Summerlin
Chief of Protocol

Enclosure:

Sealed communication.