

PSF: GEORGE VAN HORN MOSELEY (Maj Gen.)

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May 21, 1934.

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My dear General:

The rumor is baseless, the many attractions of Georgia and its celebrated peach crop to the contrary notwithstanding.

Steve joins me in thanks for your thoughtfulness.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely yours,

M. H. McIntyre,
Assistant Secretary
to the President.

Major General George Van Horn Moseley,
Headquarters Fourth Corps Area,
Fort McPherson,
Atlanta, Georgia.

HEADQUARTERS FOURTH CORPS AREA
OFFICE OF THE CORPS AREA COMMANDER
FORT McPHERSON, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

May 17, 1934.

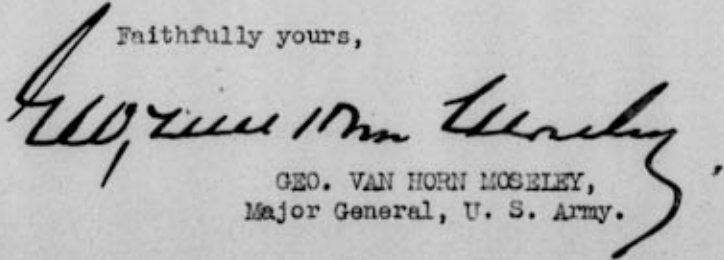
Colonel Marvin H. McIntyre,
Secretary to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear McIntyre:

Recently I heard a rumor that you might be down this way in the near future. Atlanta is having its yearly horse show on the 24th, 25th and 26th, and it would be a great pleasure to take care of you if you could drop in. Of course, this includes Steve Early and anyone who may be with you. I hope the strain of Washington is not taxing you too heavily for you must take care of your good health.

With kindest remembrances
and best wishes always, believe me

Faithfully yours,

A large, stylized handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Geo. Van Horn Moseley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style with a long, sweeping tail that extends to the right.

GEO. VAN HORN MOSELEY,
Major General, U. S. Army.

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MEMORANDUM

To: Official in charge of President's Movements
From: Colonel C. B. Stone, U. S. Army
Date: November 14, 1934
Subject: Conference with President at Southern Railway Station

Major General George Van Horn Moseley, Commanding General Fourth Corps Area United States Army, desires to have a few minutes conference with President Roosevelt on Friday afternoon, November 16, at the Southern Railway Station, Knoxville, Tennessee.

C. B. Stone
Colonel C. B. Stone

Mr. John M. ...
Capt. 22 Aug.

CBS:jm

November 14, 1934

My dear General:

Thanks for your letter of November
twelfth.

I shall look forward to seeing you.

Sincerely yours,

M. H. McINTYRE
Assistant Secretary
to the President

Major General George Van Horn Moseley,
Headquarters Fourth Corps Area,
Post Office Building,
Atlanta,
Georgia.

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OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
POST OFFICE BUILDING
ATLANTA, GEORGIA

November 12, 1934.

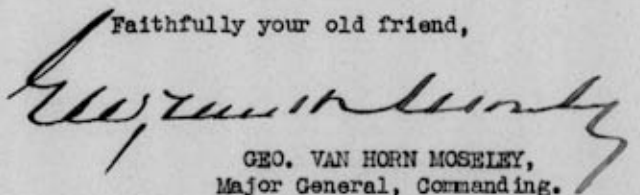
Colonel Marvin H. McIntyre,
Secretary to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mack:

Press reports give the information that the President will arrive at Knoxville on the 15th, being next Thursday. I plan to be there to welcome the President into the Fourth Corps Area and to receive his instructions in the event I can be of any service to him or to his party during his visit in this Corps Area. You may know of something I can do in advance and I shall appreciate it if you can give me any suggestions to guide my actions.

With best wishes always, believe
me

Faithfully your old friend,



GEO. VAN HORN MOSELEY,
Major General, Commanding.

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OFFICE OF THE CORPS AREA COMMANDER
FORT MCPHERSON, ATLANTA, GEORGIA

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October 6, 1934.

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Mr. Stephen Early,
Assistant Secretary to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Steve:

The bearer of this letter,
Captain Louis H. Thompson, Coast Artillery Corps,
is making an appeal to the President, in regard to
his Class B case. There is much merit in it.

I am not writing to ask that
you help the Captain in any way. On the contrary,
Captain Thompson is determined to have his case
settled on its merits without political influence.
He does want to feel certain, however, that his appeal
reaches the hands of the President. You can reassure
him in this, and I ask you to do so.))

I think of you often and I wish
you every success.

Faithfully yours,

GEO. VAN HORN MOSELEY

< GEO. VAN HORN MOSELEY,
Major General, Commanding.

MOSELEY, MAJOR GENERAL GEORGE

Atlanta, Ga.

May 23, 1935.

Congratulates the President on his bonus veto message.

See P.P.F.200-Bonus Veto -M-

June 17, 1935.

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- R.E. Robertson, Jr., 600 Lincoln Pl., Brooklyn, N.Y., 6/11 - requests that Yates Stirling, Jr., be court martialed by the President, as Commander-in Chief of the Nation's forces. State
- McQuaid Warfmaster, Kansas City, Mo., 6/13 telegram. "Delisip and France in the glory of the Suez Canal Gotalls and our own Panama both shortened the ~~it~~ oceans routes but only your vision and progressive energy today complete a link in a shain of low cost transportation to commodities and farm products that rail rates had killed. Agri.
- Nicolina Piccolo fu Vincenzo, Feroleto della Chiesa Reggio, Calabria, Italy. 4/6/34 Wants husband Fortunato Misiani, who is imprisoned at Norwich, Conn. paroled. Justice.
- William Carace, 55 Garson Ave., Rochester, N.Y. 6/12 Demands full court-martial and instant dismissal of this Fascist Admiral Yates Sterling, Jr. Sent to State
- H. R. Denton, Treas., Blount County, Oneonta, Ala. 6/1 Asks that his son, John Roe Denton, be appointed to a place as officer in one of the CCC camps, altho his son evidently has employment now. He has written Major Gen. Geo. Van Horn Moseley and has been told that there is a long list of Lieutenants waiting. Sent to CCC
- Mrs. Sadie Kropfgans, 18 North Rivenia St., St. Augustine, Fla., 5/30 Asks that her son, Walter E. Holloway, be allowed to re-enroll in the CCC. States he was honorably discharged. CCC
- Mike Yurick, 183 Cross St., Akron, O. Letter also signed by Gudy Reita, 185 Cross St., Akron, both wish to enroll in CCC - rejected because they are not on relief. CCC
- Mrs. Mulcahy, 3124 W. 45 pl., Cleveland, O. Desires enrollment for her son, Otto Milhahn, altho they are not on relief. CCC
- Chas. Carroll, 234 Ward St., Wallingford, Conn., 6/3 writes in behalf of himself and friend, Louis Conti, who wish to enroll in the CCC. they both appear to be physically disabled. sent to CCC
- Mrs. A. Lawrence, 3131 Jasper St., Phila., Pa., 6/5 Asks that her grandson, Willie Wolstenholme, be permitted to enroll in the CCC. It does not appear they are on relief. Sent to CCC

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September 26, 1935

~~CONFIDENTIAL~~ MEMO FOR

MR. J. EDGAR HOOVER *x 10 B*

I think, of course, there is nothing to
this but I am inclined to think there is some-
thin that you should look into for the lady.

F. D. R.

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Enclosures

Letter from Mrs. Marian Tetreau, 23 Aborn Street, Providence, R. I. to
~~xxxx~~ Mrs. Roosevelt, Sept. 4, 1935 and memo for R. F. 9/9/35
"Will you look up in the Army Register for the General who was born
September 28, 1874 in Evansville, Illinois, and let me know his name?
F. D. R."

"Major General George VanHorn Moseley, (Born September 28, 1874, Evanstille,
Illinois) Headquarters, Fourth Corps, Area, Atlanta, Ga."

Copy of Mrs. Tetreau's letter attached.

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By W. J. Stewart Date FEB 20 1973

COPY

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Erum Elbow, Hyde Park,
New York.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The following information came to me through the wife of the man referred to below. He is a high ranking Army man, and a candidate for the office now ~~occupied~~ occupied by Gen. Douglass Mac Arthur. The story is this, Should this man receive the promotion desired, making him chief of staff, he is to be backed by a group of prominent financiers whose object is to depose your husband our beloved President and he is to be made dictator.

How this information came to me I will divulge by letter if you desire it or I will give it to any accredited agent of yours.

I have just left a conference with Mr. Metcalf Walling, Director of Labor for Rhode Island.

After relating the story, he advised me to write directly to you. The man in question is known as Van, can give name on request. He was born in Evansville, Illinois Sept. 28, 1874. No doubt you can learn his identity from the birth data. Has been twice married, once divorced, two sons by a former wife and one son five years old by present wife. Has a brother a professor at Mass. I. Tech.

This I know sounds like a wierd fairy tale, but these are wierd times. Please give credence to this letter and pass it on to the proper authority that will protect your husband. When you know all the details it will not sound so improbable.

My desire is to get this information to the proper source before any appointment is made.

May I also say that I wish to be entirely unknown in this matter as I am betraying a sacred confidence.

However, after consulting Mr. Judge Swan of the well known and highly estimable firm of Swan, Keeny and Smith of Prov. R. I. as well as Mr. Metcalf Walling, I feel justified in my act. Both said my country came first. May I ask that whatever inquiries you may make that my name will be excluded. Though I am perfectly willing to give you all the details by letter or otherwise.

Thanking you, I am,

Faithfully yours,

(Mrs.) Marian Tetreau
23 Aborn Street, Providence, R. I.

Sept. 4, 1935

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

October 28, 1935.

MEMO FOR S. T. E.

Tell Edgar Hoover to drop
it. She was evidently some silly
person.

F. D. R.

Telephoned above
to Justice Dept -
10-28-35
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JOHN EDGAR HOOVER
DIRECTOR

Federal Bureau of Investigation

U. S. Department of Justice

Washington, D. C.

October 17, 1935

Honorable Stephen Early,
Assistant Secretary to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mr. Early:

The President, by informal memorandum dated September 26, 1935, transmitted to me a letter received under date of September 4, 1935 from Mrs. Marian Tetreau, of Providence, Rhode Island, in which Mrs. Tetreau alleged that a certain army officer, a candidate for the position then occupied by General Douglas MacArthur, was backed by a group of prominent financiers whose object was to depose the President and install the army official as dictator.

Mrs. Marian Tetreau, 23 Aborn Street, Providence, Rhode Island, who is approximately 65 years of age and an astrologer, was interviewed by Special Agents of this Bureau, at which time she stated that a Miss Louise F. Lee, who is a friend of Mrs. Florence Van Horn Moseley, the wife of Major General George Van Horn Moseley of the United States Army, had consulted her for readings, at which time Miss Lee had advised her that in the event General Moseley was promoted to the position then held by General Douglas MacArthur, strong financial interests which were promoting General Moseley would depose the President and install Moseley as dictator.

Miss Louise F. Lee, who is at present Executive Secretary of the Providence Plantations Club, #8 Abbott Park Place, Providence, Rhode Island, a well known women's club of that city, admitted that she had gone to Mrs. Tetreau for readings and that she had endeavored to ascertain whether General Moseley would obtain a promotion and whether Mrs. Moseley would take an intended trip to California, upon which Miss Lee expected to accompany her as a companion. Miss Lee was interested in this information as Mrs. Moseley did not contemplate taking the trip to California should General Moseley receive the promotion and, consequently, Miss Lee would not have been employed by Mrs. Moseley. Miss Lee denied making the statements alleged by Mrs. Tetreau relative to deposing the President and installing General Moseley as dictator, and claimed that her questions were misinterpreted by Mrs. Tetreau, who was obsessed with thoughts of domestic dissension.

Honorable Stephen Early.

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October 17, 1935

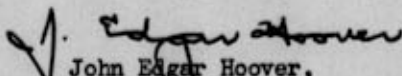
Mrs. Tetreau was again interviewed and still insisted that Miss Lee had made the statements to her, claiming that Miss Lee said, "It is not generally known that a position has been created for General MacArthur in the Philippines and this man is supposed to get his place." Following this statement Mrs. Tetreau claims Miss Lee said, "Would you be surprised if I tell you that in the event he receives this Douglas MacArthur's position there is a strong financial interest that would depose the President and make this man dictator, and I want to know, would that man be dictator?" This conversation is alleged to have taken place between Miss Lee and Mrs. Tetreau on August 23, 1935.

After re-interviewing Mrs. Tetreau, Miss Lee was again contacted by the Special Agents, at which time she stated that, after thinking over the situation, she felt that she needed the support of counsel and that if any further interview was to be had with her in this matter it should be in the office of her counsel, Attorney W. Louis Frost, 1016 Union Trust Building, Providence, Rhode Island. However, Miss Lee insisted that she could add nothing further to the information which she had previously furnished and still denied that General or Mrs. Moseley or anyone else had said anything to her along the lines indicated, or that she ever said anything to anyone about a plot by financial interests to depose the President. She stated that the only explanation she could offer is that she had a rather lengthy conversation with Mrs. Tetreau and that she may thoughtlessly have asked such a question, but that, if so, it was an injudicious question on her part, without any foundation whatever and was caused by the fact that Mrs. Tetreau had on a number of occasions commented about a dictatorship in the United States. Miss Lee, who has been studying astrology under Mrs. Tetreau, positively denies that Mrs. Moseley ever said anything to her about this matter and states that Mrs. Moseley never intimated in any way that, should her husband become Chief of Staff, the President would be deposed. Miss Lee stated that she is now very much afraid that her study in astrology may work an injustice to General Moseley.

Inasmuch as Mrs. Tetreau and Miss Lee both emphatically deny responsibility for the rumor concerning Major General George Van Horn Moseley, and inasmuch as the rumor originated through their interest in the study of astrology, I am having no further inquiry made with reference thereto, unless requested by you.

This information is being furnished to you in order that you may have it available should the President inquire concerning the matter.

Sincerely yours,


John Edgar Hoover,
Director.

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Mrs Franklin D. Roosevelt
Krum Elbow, Hyde Park,
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Has been a professor at
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of Prov. R. I. as well as Mr. Nestor
Halling. I feel justified in my
act. Both said my country
came first. May I ask that
what ever inquiries you may make
that my name need be excluded.
I thought I am perfectly willing to
give you all the details by letter
or other wise. I thank you
I am faithfully yours
4th Sept 1936 (Mrs) Harriet T. T. T.
23 A CORN ST. PROV. R. I.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

September 9, 1935.

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~~MEMO FOR MR. MAC~~

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his name?

F. D. R.

Major General George VanHorn Moseley,
(Born September 28, 1874, Evansville, Illinois)
Headquarters, Fourth Corps Area, Atlanta, Ga.

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November 16, 1934.

My dear Sergeant Harrison:

The President has asked me to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of November thirteenth. He appreciates the thoughtfulness which prompted you to write him regarding Major General George Van Horn Moseley.

Very sincerely yours,

STEPHEN EARLY
Assistant Secretary to the
President

Sergeant John E. Harrison,
Army Medical Center,
Army Dental School,
Washington, D.C.

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WAR -- States that all of the enlisted personnel from 4th, 5th and 6th Corps Areas are anxious to see Major Gen. Moseley appointed as Chief of Staff of U.S.A.

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH CORPS AREA
OFFICE OF THE COMMANDING GENERAL
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December 4, 1934.

Honorable Stephen Early,
Assistant Secretary to the President,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Steve:

The morning mail brings me a letter from an old friend, Sergeant John E. Harrison, inclosing an acknowledgment from you of a letter Sergeant Harrison evidently wrote the President in my behalf.

You can understand how deeply I appreciate such loyalty on the part of an enlisted man who has served under me and knows me well, but his action embarrasses me extremely. I have been very careful not to allow communications of any kind to reach the Secretary of War or the President. I know my record is clear in the War Department and I hope it is equally clear at the White House. However, sometimes friends interject themselves into one's personal affairs without the knowledge of the individual involved. This was the case of my good friend, Harrison and I hope you will commend his loyalty which led him to take the action he did, and overlook his poor judgment in writing direct to the President.

With best wishes always, believe
me

Faithfully yours,

GEO. VAN HORN MOSELEY

GEO. VAN HORN MOSELEY,
Major General, U. S. Army.

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HEADQUARTERS FOURTH CORPS AREA
Office of the Corps Area Commander
Post Office Building
Atlanta, Georgia
December 4, 1934.

Sergeant John E. Harrison,
Army Medical Center,
Army Dental School,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Harrison:

Your letter of the 2nd inst.
with its inclosure reached me this morning.

I deeply appreciate the loyal feelings which led you to write the President of the United States as you did, but knowing me as you do, you can understand that I have attempted to keep my record absolutely clear of any outside influences, basing everything on the official record itself. Friendships that I have among the enlisted men of the Army are very dear to me, and expressions of loyalty such as yours are gems in my military life. I am sure the President is big enough and generous enough not to hold it up against either you or me that you wrote him in the way you did.

believe me

With best wishes to you always,

Very sincerely yours,

CHAS. VAN HORN MOSELEY,
Major General, U. S. Army.

WAR DEPARTMENT

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OFFICE OF THE JUDGE ADVOCATE GENERAL

May 22, 1939

Memorandum: for General Watson.

Herewith returned are the White House files relating to General Moseley which you sent me by special messenger this morning.

I have read the papers carefully and they contain nothing relevant to the instant Moseley question.

Allen W. Gullion
Allen W. Gullion,
Major General,
The Judge Advocate General.

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Moseley

MOSELEY, George Van Horn, Major General, U.S.Army,
Atlanta, Georgia
August 20, 1935

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Writes Mr. Early re the matter they discussed, saying he has the very definite feeling that considerations of the Whole Army should come first rather than the feelings of a few old gentlemen who happen to be Major Generals at the present time. Says the Army quickly adjusted itself to the promotion and leadership of MacArthur, their youngest General, and the Army will always adjust itself to the leadership of a younger man provided he is wholly competent. Encloses a clipping re the dismissal of Gen. Alexander E. Williams, saying he approves of President's action in this matter, as it was for the best interest of the service.