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Herbert Bayard Swope

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May 19, 1959

Private

Dear Bayards:

Thanks for that mighty nice note. I wish I could have found some way to get a percentage on those Sonosa bets.

Also, I wish I could find some way to have you "cover" Their Majesties in June in order to write a documentary history of the famous visit. I would guarantee that your manuscript would not be published for fifty years but that I could take a peek at it first.

Sincerely yours,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Honorable Herbert Bayard Swope,
50 Rockefeller Plaza,
New York, N. Y.

HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK

THE WHITE HOUSE
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May 17, 1939.

Dear Boss:-

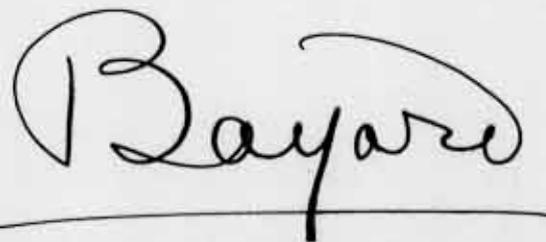
President Somoza wanted to go to the races, so the Mayor asked me to arrange a party for him at Belmont. I took Our Hero there and saw to it that he won some bets, which pleased him enormously. But, quite apart from that reaction, he was so enthusiastic in his talk to me about you that I would be lacking in friendship if I did not report the mad passion you have created in him! In his eyes you are everything that is great. The fact you gave "a little fellow" - as he put it - the same honor you are to give the King and Queen made him feel that all Latin America would be your slave. He is a smart fellow and completely your friend.

I hope to see you soon.

In the spirit of frankness that has always prevailed between us, you will let me say, I hope, that I find myself wishing the King and Queen had not come over here. It seems to me it cannot help our relations with England, and might hurt them.

With affectionate regard,

Faithfully,



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

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NEW YORK

THE WHITE HOUSE
October 3, 1939.
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Dear Boss:-

My sympathy goes to you on the death of Mundelein. I include the country in this expression, for I know how he cooperated with you in what you both regarded as the public good. You depended upon him and, so, his death is a great loss. I hope we get as good a man; otherwise the Catholic hierarchy will suffer. Certainly, the remaining Cardinals are not conspicuous for strength or ability.

With warm regard,

Faithfully,

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

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30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK

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October 28, 1940.

Dear Boss:-

Thanks for the kind words about "Information, Please." It was fun. They want me to go on again. If I do, I shall let you know so you can praise me (which I like) or censure me (which I shall have to stand for). In either case I know it will be well meant.

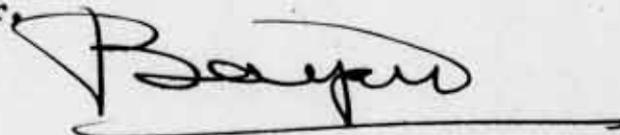
You did not happen to hear my debate on the Washington Forum a week ago Sunday, did you? Senator Gibson of Vermont and I were against Pickett, of the Quakers, and Castle. When I see you I shall tell you a somewhat significant story about the latter.

Marshall Field and I are trying to run the Business Men's League. We are making heavy weather, but I think we'll get somewhere.

My boy is so fanatical about the situation he is going around collecting \$5 and \$10 for what he regards as the common good - your reelection. He certainly is among your most zealous, and unqualified supporters - next to my bride.

I think conditions are promising. I expect that, from here on, the tidal flow will be accelerated in your favor. As I wrote in the memorandum, the other fellows are making the strongest efforts to hang the war badge around our necks. That and the so-called secret commitments. You handled that extraordinarily well in Philadelphia. I suggest that a repetition be made, in not too forced a manner, in every speech you make.

Ever,



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

P.S. Tell Missy I am her debtor again for having listened - and made you listen - to my debut on "Info".

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October 29, 1940.

Dear Boss:-

I thought every word had a punch, and every punch had a knockout last night.

I am glad you had Jim for supper. I am hopeful the news reels got him as he came in with you. I made a point of this and they promised that photographers would be there. It means a great deal in Brooklyn, where, for some unknown*reason, the Catholics are showing a tendency to alienate themselves. I had a four-hour go with Bishop Molloy on Sunday night, which was illuminating.

I am quite sure that things are better than they are painted by the pessimists.

Affectionate regard.

Bayard

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

* I think I know what the cause is.

TELEGRAM

The White House

Washington

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NEW YORK, N. Y., Jan. 4, 1941

THE PRESIDENT:

Lama ask you another. Can you use a sentence with the word meretricious in it? Give up? Meretricious and happy New Year. I'll bet that will hold you.

Herbert BAYARD. *Swope*

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HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE
30 ROCKEFELLER PLAZA
NEW YORK

THE WHITE HOUSE

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May 9, 1941

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F. Roosevelt

Dear Boss:

If you can't make your Little Mary behave, how can we expect you to smack Little Adolph around? I'll bet you are a tough patient! With so much to do, you probably run a fever each time you try to relax.

Our meeting here Wednesday night was quite the largest ever in the history of the City - 110,000 tried to get in the Garden; 25,000 did get in, and there were 15,000 in the overflow on 49th Street and a few more in the overflow on 50th Street.

I was touched deeply by the sense of pride and gratitude the people felt in being Americans, and I was touched, too, by the depth of the applause at every mention of your name.

I staged a March of the Flags showing the nineteen (including America and Britain) affected by the wars of the Dictators, and Stalin, too. The yells for each of the flags were great, but one thing I noticed:

Ethiopia, which, I said, was the first to lose its freedom and the first to regain it, got a Hell of a big hand.

It seemed to me that carried with it a connotation of resentment toward the present discrimination against the Negro.

affectionate regard.

Bayard

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

Wielkie was very good, especially in the passages pledging support to you. So was the fifth Flanner. We made him chair man and he done noble.
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Farellio (as all calls him) is
causing - very effectively I think -
today's story of the Americans being
led by a madman. The answer is
to be directed to the Italian population
here thro' Il Progresso. Good ideas

Proprietor's report

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~~Jan Lavis~~
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January 5, 1942³

Dear Herbert Bayard:

Thank you for your note. As far as I know, I have not received any letter from you in regard to the World Almanac, which you are sending to me. However, I shall be delighted to have a copy and much appreciate your thought of me.

I do not know what you told Mr. Rosenstahl but I had a very nice letter from him saying that you had several mutual friends -- you being one of them -- and after talking with you, he just couldn't resist sending me a case of "Angel's Drink from Scotland." This was indeed most kind of him and I have written him a note of thanks. This really is a most welcome gift.

The President asks me to say that with great regret he is withdrawing from the Senate your nomination as Minister to Albania. He has just realized how much older you are than the three Zog sisters! He further says, "It was my mistake".

With all good wishes to you and Mrs. Swope for the New Year, believe me

Gratefully,

GRACE G. TULLY

Hon. Herbert Bayard Swope,
Carlton Hotel,
Washington, D. C.

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WAR DEPARTMENT
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

WASHINGTON

December 19, 1942

December 31, 1942.

MEMORANDUM FOR

GRACE

Dear Grace:-

Thanks for your note Missy, but it raises a question:

Did you not receive a note from me about the World Almanac I am sending you? Please let me know, because you are on my most favored list.

Also, did you ever receive a case of Angel's Drink from Scotland?

Happy New Year, dear Grace.

Faithfully,

~~HERBERT BALABO SVOPE~~
Consultant.

Miss Grace Tully,
The White House,
Washington, D.C.



MINISTER OF
MVS DEBYLLWENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WASHINGTON

December 19, 1942

MEMORANDUM FOR

GRACE

Tell Herbert Bayard that, with great regret, I am withdrawing from the Senate my nomination of him as Minister to Albania. Of course, I should have remembered how much older Herbert has become than the three Zog sisters! It was my mistake.

F. D. R.

WASHINGTON
THE WHITE HOUSE

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HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE
745 FIFTH AVENUE
NEW YORK

December 16, 1942

My dear Grace:-

I can see through the Albanian ruse, as outlined by The Great White Father. That's just a deep laid stratagem to make me the sacrificial goat!

You remember that from Albania came those beautiful; those frisky; those gorgeous; those ~~sex~~ compelling specimens of pulchritude of the Albanian Mountain Maid! (to quote your letter to me) -- the three immortal sisters of King Zog. They were guests of the White House - God Help them! - - - Now I am to be sent to their country to make honest women of them - all three of them! The job's too tough. I decline. What have I got to do with anybody else's amours? Anyway, the Zoginess of the present assignment is not very conducive to action. So, of course, I shan't have to go to the Berlitz School, which wouldn't do me any good anyhow, since it doesn't teach the Language of Love.

O tempora! O mores! O nux vomica! The bitterest blow I got in your letter was that it should have been addressed to New York. I thought everybody knew I was winning the war in Washington!

My affectionate regard to you and my obeisance to The Boss.

Bayard

Miss Grace Tully,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

July 13, 1944

MEMORANDUM FOR
HERBERT BAYARD SWOPE

Dear Bayard:

I think the soldiers
need two bottles and no bucket!

F. D. R.

WASHINGTON
THE WHITE HOUSE

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The White House
Washington

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TELL THE CHAMPION THAT THE AMBASSADOR TO ALBANIA AND TO THE
TWO Z SISTERS IS EARLY IN HIS CORNER WITH A BOTTLE IN ONE HAND
AND A BUCKET IN THE OTHER THE ANNOUNCEMENT WAS DIGNIFIED KINDLY
AND EFFECTIVE THE OUTCOME IS ASSURED RENEW YOUR LEASE
HERBERT BAYARD.