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**THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON**

January 6, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR

THE PRESIDENT

These are the contracts with  
McMillan. If you find them satis-  
factory, please sign both copies.  
As soon as they are signed, the 1937  
Papers will be set up in print. They  
have them, ready to shoot as soon as  
the contracts are signed.

I have made a few marginal notes  
and corrections which are self-explanatory.  
Please ask Grace to send them to me  
right away.

S. I. R.

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Hyde Park, N. Y.,  
January 11, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR

S. I. R.

I think this proposed contract is satisfactory.

However, we want to be very careful about Section 8, which relates to our paying for cost of alterations in excess of 10%.

Also, in Section 11, should we not inquire what they mean by "quantities" in the first line? For instance, five copies to retail house should not be included.

Section 14 should not include the right to sell selections to magazines or newspaper syndicates as stories under the guise of "publicity purposes".

As I understand Section 17, it means that you and I would have to keep out up to 5% of the net amount received by us by serialization, in order to pay this to the publisher in case he makes a net manufacturing loss.

In view of the fact that I bought a number of sets (I think 100) of the publisher's remainders, unbound, I suggest there be a clause that if in this new series there is any sale of remainders, they will let you and me have 100 sets of sheets at the lowest price they sell remainders at.

In Section 25, it should be made clear that if the President dies after the virtual completion of the editing of the manuscript, but before the final typographic corrections are completed, the contract holds good for my estate as written.

I have signed both these copies and I think the points I have mentioned can be made clear by an interchange of letters.

F. D. R.

Supreme Court  
of the  
State of New York



SAMUEL I. ROSENMAN  
JUSTICE

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JUSTICES CHAMBERS  
NEW YORK COUNTY COURT HOUSE  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

Wednesday.

Dear Grace

George Bye has an offer of  
£ 1200 for publication in the British Isles  
of the Introductions to the Public Papers from  
the London Daily Herald. That is the  
best offer to-date. There have been two  
lower offers. The Herald is a first-class paper and  
is Labors paper.

We think it is OK and should be  
accepted; but I would like to get the President's  
OK. first. Would you please wire me to-morrow  
(Thursday) to my office 60 Center St. as  
early as you can ask him <sup>to OK it,</sup> as I have to  
cable to London to-morrow.

Regards & Thanks  
Yours  
Sam

STANDARD FORM NO. 14A  
APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT  
— MARCH 10, 1925

## TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

MISS GRACE TULLY  
THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON D C

TELL SAM THINK EXCELLENT IDEA SELL RIGHTS FOR GREAT BRITAIN  
AND TO GO AHEAD WITHOUT FURTHER REFERENCE TO ME ALL WELL  
AFFECTIONATELY

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June 5, 1941

MEMORANDUM FOR SAM ROSENMAN:

The price seems high  
but if an individual or a library were  
willing to pay \$6.00 a volume, I feel  
certain they would pay \$7.50.

I am sending the other two  
volumes of notes by Friday night or  
Saturday morning.

Everything all right.

F.D.R.

*Mr. Rosenman*  
*June 1, 1941*  
*Public Papers*  
*Volume 4-41 Golden*

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THE MACMILLAN COMPANY  
60 Fifth Avenue  
New York, N.Y.

June 2, 1941

Dear Judge Rosenman:

We had a talk with Mr. Brett, Jr. today with reference to the price at which the State Papers are to be sold. While it is impossible for us to fix any final price until all of the manuscript is in, we are thinking of \$7.50 per volume as the probable price, that is a price of \$30.00 for the set of four volumes, though of course we do not propose selling the books separately. I thought perhaps you would like to have this information to convey to the President at an appropriate time.

We have had our sales conferences now, and the salesmen all know that we are to have the privilege of publishing these volumes. I am confident that they were duly impressed with their importance, and that everything will be done for them that can be done.

We have reached no decision as to what is to be done about the Limited Edition, though we are in agreement, in principle, that we should, if possible, produce a Limited Edition for those who bought the first volumes, and provided they would like Volumes Six to Ten in the same format. That is a matter which will have to be gone into with some care later on.



Justice Rosenman:  
New York, N.Y.  
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THE FACILITY COMPANY  
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New York, N.Y.  
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THE FACILITY COMPANY  
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We are beginning to suspect that these volumes will not be published this year. With all the developments, we think it unlikely that the President will have time to give attention to the Notes, and after all it is now May 29th.

I am leaving today to be gone for several weeks. Any matters pertaining to this work should be taken up either with Miss Prink or with Mr. Putnam. Mr. Putnam will be in charge of the office during my absence.

Sincerely yours,

H. S. Latham

Honorable Sam. I. Rosenman,  
Justices Chambers,  
New York County Court House  
New York City



SAMUEL I. ROSENMAN  
80 CENTRE STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

June 3, 1941

The President  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

I am enclosing herewith a letter from Macmillan Company, which is self explanatory.

What do you think of the price? It seems awfully high to me but I do not know what we can do about it. You will remember that Mr. Brett spoke along these same lines when we were up at Hyde Park.

With respect to the first paragraph on the second page, I have written them that I am sure that it will be possible to publish in the Fall, calling their attention to the fact that I have given them two volumes of notes and that you have the other two volumes ready to deliver.

Please write me whether you want me to do anything about the price.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,



(Enclosure)

P.S. Please return Macmillan's letter.

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SAMUEL I. ROSENMAN  
80 CENTRE STREET  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

June 6, 1941

The President  
White House  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

The attached is a copy of a letter  
which I have sent to Macmillan Company.

I do not know that this will change  
their mind about it, but I cannot help but  
feel the thoughts as expressed in my letter.

With kindest regards,

Cordially yours,

*Sam*

Encl.



THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 12, 1941.

MEMORANDUM FOR

S. I. R.

I would take out this Note to Item 106. I have no recollection of delivering a short talk to the Dutchess County Democratic Committee since 1912.

F. D. R.

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MEMORANDUM FOR

S. I. R.

The Note to Item 55 of 1939 utterly fails to stress the important phase of this whole controversy -- that the opponents of the importation deliberately and successfully confused people on the article itself.

Corned beef is a wholly different article from fresh or frozen beef. They do not compete with each other; one is raw and carries hoof-and-mouth disease, and the other is cooked and in a tin.

NOTE TO ITEM 55 OF 1939

ARGENTINE ~~MEAT~~ CANNED CORNED BEEF

On January 5, 1939, the Navy Department called for bids for 48,000 pounds of canned corned beef for the use of Navy personnel.

The bid of the Argentine Meat Producers' Cooperative was 9¢ as against 23¢ a pound. Then adding a duty of 6¢ a pound to the imported product (which would, of course, go into the United States Treasury), the Argentine bid was 8¢ a pound lower than the lowest bid of an American producer.

Because this saving was far more than the legal margin of 25 per cent in favor of domestic bids, the award to the Argentine bidder was wholly legal.

There was, of course, deep concern in this award on the part of the Argentine Government. In the interest of our relations with Argentina, as well as in the interest of a large saving to our own taxpayers, the award was approved.

There then broke out a torrent of protest which was in large part based on an outrageous attempt to deceive the public, especially in the cattle producing States. American packers and the American National Live Stock Association demanded that the much lower foreign bid be disregarded and the far more costly domestic bid be







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MEMORANDUM FOR

S. I. R.

I think the following note to go with the rest of the notes about the trip to the Galapagos would be about right:

The President was accompanied on this trip by Dr. Waldo S. Schmitt of the United States National Museum, with the objective of making a survey of the fishes, marine invertebrates, algae and flora, and other biological specimens in the many out-of-the-way places visited. To assist him in this work, Dr. Schmitt received the enthusiastic aid of a large number of the crew of the USS HOUSTON. At almost every remote island a collecting expedition proceeded to the beach and, as a result, Dr. Schmitt was greatly aided in the collecting and preserving of a very large amount of natural history specimens.

On our return to Washington these specimens were distributed among members of the Smithsonian staff and others for detailed study.

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As a result, the Smithsonian Institution has already published, up to February 4, 1941, nineteen separate pamphlets in a field not hitherto adequately covered. Many new species and sub-species have been listed including, for example, a new palm from Cocos Island, which is not only a new species but constitutes a new genus. It has been given the name of "Rooseveltia Frankliniana".

Dear Grace

The President said that  
some scientific publications were  
published by the Smithsonian Institute  
as a result of scientific discoveries made  
by Dr. Wald Schmidt on the President's  
cruise to Cocoa Island etc in 1938.  
He told me to get ~~them~~ the titles of  
these & include them in a note.

Would you please ask  
Dr. Schmidt of the Schmidtsonian  
Institute for the titles.

Thanks.

JMK

(I think he  
said 18 of  
them)

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July 31, 1941.

Dear George:-

Don't worry about Fulton Oursler.

He has not written to me and I doubt if he will. I think the Collier contract is excellent -- and I think your hearing is good!

As ever yours,

George T. Bye, Esq.,  
535 Fifth Avenue,  
New York, N. Y.

Telephone: MUrray Hill 2-8775

Cable Address:Byanbye

## GEORGE T. BYE

AND COMPANY

535 FIFTH AVENUE

New York

July 29, 1941.

Dear Mr. President:

I am sorry to report that Fulton Oursler, editor of Liberty, is angry with me because I accepted Colliers offer of last Friday for your four introductions and possibly one Note. The offer is twice what Liberty paid in 1938. I had understood Mr. Oursler to say he would not pay a penny more than he had in 1938, and I remember hearing this on several occasions. Mr. Oursler vehemently denies this. He says he offered to go up to \$50,000 for an acceptable series. I take full blame for any defect in hearing but I am sure \$50,000 is a sum I do not often hear wrongly.

There may have been a moral lapse on my part in not showing Mr. Oursler first the introductions in manuscript when I received them. But it would have been no more than a courtesy to Mr. Oursler at the cost of much valuable time since my definite and clear understanding was that \$30,000 was his final limit. And to deal with Mr. Oursler on that speculative basis it was necessary that I find if we had another weekly market.

I reported the difficulty yesterday to Colliers. They of course will not yield in favor of Liberty. They are happy to have the introductions (and possibly the Labor Note).

This is being reported to you a little in my favor in that I have not yet said that Mr. Oursler telephoned me at least three times to find out when the manuscript might be expected from you. I reported truthfully each time I did not know.

Mr. Oursler said yesterday he was going to write you that if treaties between supposedly decent friends were not to be respected, what hope was there for treaties between nations.

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GEORGE L. B.

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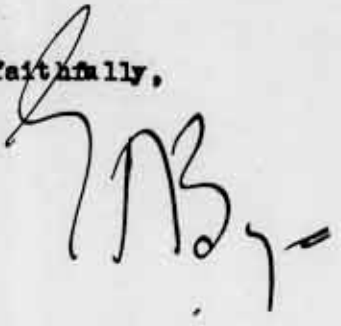
There was no more of a treaty between us than with Random House excepting that with terms ~~were~~ acceptable (and the material) Liberty would again have the feature. Mr. Oursler could not have planned on the feature since neither he nor I knew when the manuscript would be ready. The Introductions were delayed and it began to look as if there would be no serial publication if the books were to come out on Macmillan's original October schedule. I do not blame Mr. Oursler for being disappointed. The disappointment, however, should be in his voice's not carrying when he said \$50,000.

Mr. Chenery himself made the price for the four Introductions (and possibly the Labor Note). He said other Presidents had received \$15,000 each for articles and that Mr. Coolidge had once received \$35,000 for three. On this basis we are very fair with Colliers. From the newspaper serialisation I am trying to get enough to bring the total returns to \$100,000. Colliers is allowing us to sell the Introductions to the newspapers after Colliers publication.

I am deeply distressed that Mr. Oursler's disappointment should take this ugly turn. I am going to do my best to temper his feelings when he gives me a chance.

With great respect, I am,

Yours faithfully,



Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt.

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August 19, 1941.

Dear Sam:-

I am enclosing herewith my check for \$25,650, representing half of the purchase price paid by Collier's for the advance publication of the four Introductions to the second set of "Public Papers", together with one Note therefrom, after deducting the following:

1. 10% commission for George T. Bye.
2. 5% to be held by me in accordance with our contract with McMillan Company, to be paid to them to reimburse them for any loss sustained by them on the publication of the books up to the said 5%.

\$60,000  
← 6,000  
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2) 51,300  
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25,650

With affectionate regards,

As ever yours,

Honorable Samuel I. Rosenman,  
135 Central Park West,  
New York City,  
New York.

(Enclosure)



Telephone: MUrray Hill 2-8775

Cable Address:Byanbye

GEORGE T. BYE  
AND COMPANY  
535 FIFTH AVENUE  
New York

August 14, 1941

Dear Mr. President:

I have just telephoned Arlene up in the country and she relayed to me the radio broadcast of the wonderful news of this morning. I am sure that the sound world will get down on its knees to you today.

Collier's sent us a check for \$60,000 for the five articles, and I am delighted to send you herewith our check for \$54,000. We retained a ten per cent selling commission to which you didn't seem to object in 1938. We are going to invest this \$6,000 in defense bonds -- and income tax.

Faithfully yours,

Hon. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
The White House  
Washington, D.C.

G. T. Bye

234 N. 5th St  
234 N. 5th Avenue  
GEORGE T. BYE

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August 21, 1941.

Dear George:

Thank you ever so much for your nice note, enclosing check for the Collier's articles. It is quite a thrill to open a letter and gaze upon a check of that size!

I am very grateful to you for all that you have done and I do hope that I shall see you very soon.

My best wishes to you.

As ever yours,  
FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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August 30, 1941

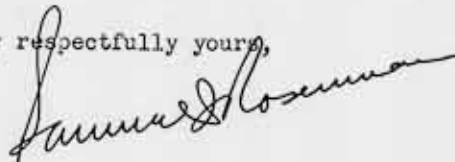
Dear Mr. President:

Thanks very much for your letter of August nineteenth, enclosing check.

I still think that the division is over generous to me and assure you of my appreciation.

It has been a great privilege and honor to have a part in this historic undertaking.

Very respectfully yours,



The Honorable,  
The President of the United States,  
Washington, D. C.