

December 15, 1941.

General E. M. Watson,  
Secretary to President Roosevelt,  
The White House,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear General:

It was my intention to be in Washington Saturday, however on account of the Gridiron Dinner having been called off I came direct from New York to Fort Worth.

At the time you returned the President's belt and ash tray I found it would be necessary to send the tray back to the factory for replating. Meanwhile, I had an extra ash tray in my apartment at the Club and had it engraved and sent along with the new belt, since which time the factory has replated the old one and I am mailing it to you today with an extra filler. I shall appreciate having you turn it over to the President - maybe he can use it in his study at the White House.

I am also sending you by prepaid express the special Ermine Beaver hat made by John B. Stetson Company especially for the President. It is supposed to be the finest hat ever made. It is the same style hat he has worn in the past. I hope it will fit him and that he will like it. Incidentally, the Stetson Company insures these hats for a year for \$150.00 and the prepaid policy is enclosed, herewith. In addition, as part of the guaranty and agreement with the Stetson Company they are to take care of the hat for life. In other words, when it needs cleaning, new sweat band, lining, etc., all the President will have to do is to put it in the box and send it to John B. Stetson Company in Philadelphia. They will renovate the hat and return it without cost. Free board and room and upkeep go with the hat.

I've had a plate placed on the hat box, "Franklin D. Roosevelt, Washington, D. C." as I figure that will be his permanent address from now on and I presume many citizens throughout the country who tried to keep him out of there the last time are thanking

their Stars that they were not successful. In this trying era it is a blessing to the people in our country that they have Franklin D. Roosevelt in the saddle.

The disaster at Pearl Harbor as tough as it is may be a blessing in disguise. It certainly unified the country over night. Everyone is on his toes. Production should increase 25%. Strikes should be eliminated and silence these G-- D--- Isolationists and America First S. Bs, Lindbergh, Wheeler, Bennett Clark, Nye and Fish and many other saps throughout the country who have insisted it couldn't happen to us. If they open their mouths again they should be placed in concentration camps. From now on, all sabotage of any nature should be answered with a sharp bayonet or a good old Texas Forty-Five. "hoot them and discuss their cases later on the same as you would a spy in the front lines.

Here I go with almost an editorial, while I merely started out to write and ask if you would be good enough to pass the ashtray and hat along to the President with my best wishes and affectionate regards. May the Lord help him keep his indomitable spirit and strength to carry on to a successful victory, which will only be after we have sunk every Japanese vessel afloat and bomb Tokio until they "holler" for mercy. For every life we lost in Pearl Harbor we should have the scalps of ten thousand Japanese. For fear I may get rash and say something bad I will close with best wishes.

Sincerely,

AGC.KD

P.S: I hope there are no Censors on the White House mail and that this letter does not become inflamed enroutel