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December 16, 1941

Dear Mr. Hicks:

I believe Mr. Packer mentioned the other night that he was going on to Philadelphia and several other cities, to stage a few more parties like the one at the Park Lane. In the meantime I suppose we ought to do all we can to get the Marquis underway, and get things going on the new Mt. Whitney slope.

I am not quite sure just how I can help. But, on Thursday I probably will be in Washington, and I may have a chance to chat with the Attorney General, and get a special dispensation for the Marquis. Even if this doesn't happen I imagine we can arrange it in some other way. Meanwhile, time is flying, and there are a few most important things that should be done within the next five or six days. For instance:-

- (1) Assuming that the tow-line is set up and ready to operate, there will have to be a small structure of some sort at the bottom of it, a hut with a ticket window, and room for a stove so the man who operates the tow-line will not freeze.
- (2) A sloping addition built at the back of the log cabin to house the range on which the coffee, tea and soup are made, together with a counter which should extend back into the addition where the stove is. The main room in the cabin is quite small as it is. All the space in it will be needed for the jam of skiers who are sure to congregate there.
- (3) Transfer of the two toilets to some point back of the log cabin, and connected to the new small addition. This is of tremendous importance.

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Rockefeller Center
New York City

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- (4) Printing of the tickets for use on the tow.
- (5) The printing of a temporary membership card reading somewhat as follows:

This Is To Certify That

REX BARTON

Is A Member Of

THE MT. WHITNEY SKI CLUB

(signed) Harry W. Hicks,
Sec. & Treas.

Marquis d'Albizzi,
Vice-Pres.

My suggestion is that for the time being we arbitrarily designate certain people and permit them to sign Membership cards. For instance, these persons might include the Marquis d'Albizzi, Mr. Packer, yourself, Mr. Coburn, Bruce Fenn, George Carroll, and one or two others.

- (6) Have the Marquis get busy and do anything he can to start the ball rolling -- luring skiers to the slope, and so on.

As for the final organization of our little Mt. Whitney Ski Club, I suggest we postpone that until we are all together, between Christmas and New Year's. I have been talking it over with Eddie Egan, and he mentioned several things that will have to be decided. For the first year we could organize a club on a basis that would make it a non-profit thing, all of the proceeds over and above operating expenses, to go into a fund for use in making it a bigger and better ski development. Then, the second year, if we wanted to change it to a profit-sharing corporation, we could easily do so.

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These are things we can work out during the Christmas holidays. In the meantime it's mighty important that everything should be put in ship-shape, with the Marquis on the job — all details to be worked out later.

Cordially,

*Copies to Eddie Egan
Sam Packer
The Marquis*

Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York City

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LETTER FOLLOWS: GOOD SUGGESTION BUT TOO VOLUMINOUS. HAVE
FOUND PRINTER ORDERED CARD MEMBER AND INTRODUCTION ALSO
ALL TICKETS READY TOMORROW. TRIED TO REACH YOU YESTERDAY
MORNING BY PHONE BUT HAD TO GO TO BORDER FOR IMIGRATION
PERMIT RETURNED LATE. PLEASE SEND ME 1000 TO USE FOR CLUB
EXPENSES WILL PLACE IT IN LAKEPLACID VILLAGE BANK UNDER
MTWHITNEY SKI CLUB. WOULD MR EAGAN CONSENT TO USE HIS NAME
AS TREASURER OF OUR CLUB? AM SENDING A GOOD SKETCH OF BADGE
FOR OUR CLUB HOPE YOU LIKE IT. AM TAKING IN MEMBERS AT ONE
DOLLAR FIFTY AND TYING YELLOW AND BLUE RIBBONS IN THEIR
LAPEL. IF YOU CAN PLEASE PHONE TONIGHT. WEATHER SPLENDID.
NEW SNOW. SITTING AND SWELTERING INSIDE NEED STATION WAGON
BADLY. HAVE INSURED TWO AND MEN. AM OPENING TOMORROW.
REGARDS=

MARQUIS ALBIZZI

December 22, 1941

Dear Marquis:

Your wire of the 20th caught me today -- the 22nd. There's an extremely long letter here from Mr. Hicks -- pages and pages. Also, a very nice short one from Mr. Packer, in which he says: "The Marquis has taken hold of the development in a splendid manner." That's the gist of it.

Enclosed is a check for a hundred bucks which may take care of your immediate problems. Regarding the rest of the fund, I think it ought to be turned over to the man who becomes the regular Treasurer of the Ski Club. This for your own protection, as well as to keep your good friends Frick and Ossorio happy. My advice is the same now as it was a week ago, that you will have a lot more fun with this stunt, and get a lot farther with it, if you shake off every responsibility that concerns money, and let that ball be carried by someone else. Some of your old friends say that financial problems are a little out of your line. And, you say the same thing, only with more emphasis.

All I want to do is see you get this thing going exactly the way you want it. And then, from that moment on I'll be out of the picture.

You mentioned the need of a station wagon. Well, station wagons are very much at a premium now. As you no doubt know, they are no longer building them. But, I should think you would need a small, tough car, of the Ford or Chevy variety, one that hasn't been banged about too much. Perhaps someone up there in that North country can help find one that won't deplete the treasury too much.

As I see it, the big thing is to get by somehow, this year. Also, to make everybody enthusiastic about it so we can do it in style next season.

LOWELL THOMAS

After I read the long letter that
has arrived I'll write you again.

Cordially,

LAKE PLACID CLUB

Open all year

OPERATED BY
LAKE PLACID COMPANY
SAMUEL H. PACKER
PRESIDENT



P. O. ADDRESS
LAKE PLACID CLUB
ESSEX COUNTY, N. Y.

December 19, 1941

Mr. Lowell Thomas
819 A. P. Bldg.
50 Rockefeller Plaza
New York City

Dear Lowell:

Thanks very much for your letter of December 16th containing copy of the letter you sent to Mr. Hicks. I am awfully sorry about the two toilets in the shack at the bottom of the slope. It is just one of those things that apparently should have been studied before jumping into it, and certainly they would not have been installed as they are without the Marquis' approval. Isn't it possible to try out the facility as arranged and if it becomes a nuisance board it up and use the facilities that have been used during the previous season.

Mr. Hicks, the Marquis and I have just adjourned a long discussion and I do feel that the Marquis is taking hold of the development in a splendid manner. We have tried to offer our suggestions on detail and will be only too glad to assist in any way we can to get the organization functioning. We will be thinking about it and discuss it with you when you arrive right after Christmas.

While I am convinced Lowell that there should be some membership committee set up which ties the Club into the Whitney Ski Club yet beyond our ability to promote it in our notices and our talks, I question whether we should take offices. I think Eddie Eagan would be a splendid President but before formulating a slate I think you should have a general discussion with the Marquis on the operation and the officers and Mr. Hicks and I would be glad to join you and give any advice if you want us.

Yours very cordially,

Samuel H. Packer

Vice President and General Manager

SHP:P

LAKE PLACID CLUB

(300)

Founded 1895 by Melvil Dewey

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Samuel H. Packer, Vice-President
George M. Holley, Vice-President
C. T. Newberry, Vice-President
Lorne C. Webster, Vice-President
Harry Wade Hicks, Secretary
Harold T. Edgar, Treasurer

In the Adirondacks

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Post Office Address:
Lake Placid Club,
Essex County, N. Y.

*You should take a long vacation
to read my letter!*

Office of Secretary

December 20, 1941

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I have had a number of extended conversations with the Marquis on practically every phase of the organization and administration of the Mt. Whitney Ski Club and the Mt. Whitney slope. He has left for the border armed only with a letter from me to him saying that I have been informed of the fact that you were inviting him to the Club as your guest for the holiday period and most if not all of the remainder of the winter season. The Marquis conferred with Mr. Packer and apparently both of these gentlemen think that the possession of such a letter from me to the Marquis might aid him at the border in gaining re-admittance, pending the result of your inquiry in Washington.

The Marquis had in mind asking you for a letter which he could show stating that he was being invited to the Club as your guest for the period mentioned in my note. However, the Marquis knew you were in Washington and did not forward the request because he knew no reply could be received, and it was necessary for him to return to the border.

With reference to developments on the slope, Marquis has designed an emblem which he will send you, and which I think is highly excellent. Gemsco, Inc. at 395 Fourth Avenue, New York City, Telephone No. Lexington 2-3060, is one of the large firms making emblems and badges of all kinds; in metal, celluloid, silk embroidery, felt, etc. If your secretary, after receiving the design from the Marquis, will talk over the telephone with the Gemsco people, she may, if you wish, refer to me since I know the firm, and she could then ask for estimates on the making of the arm emblem and could learn what the chance is of early delivery if an order should be placed. The Marquis has left with

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me the text and other specifications for certain signs that he wishes to have painted for direction of people at the slope, and also here at Lake Placid Club to his office. A sign painter lives in Saranac Lake whom we employ for lettering, and I think our carpenter and paint shop can get out the boards, although how soon I do not know.

I stopped our order on this m.

I have prepared the text of a membership card, and a card that may be used by anyone for introduction of a prospective member of the Mt. Whitney Ski Club to be printed at the Currier Press in Saranac Lake. The Marquis has, I believe, written you advising that in his judgment I should not personally be associated with the Mt. Whitney Ski Club as an officer. He will of course need a letterhead when the officers have been chosen. He also will need the name of a treasurer to be printed on the membership card, and he proposed that Mr. Eagan be asked to permit the use of his name as treasurer. There will be no duties for the treasurer since the Marquis will no doubt conduct all correspondence, make the deposits wherever you may indicate of the money collected from dues, etc. I am enclosing a sample of the membership card used by the Sno Birds to indicate the kind of a text that seemed to the Marquis and me **should** be used on the membership card. The dues of \$1.50 for a single member and \$3.00 for a family of two or more will be printed on the back of the membership card.

I advised the Marquis that he should get a small circular, condensed as far as text is concerned, with perhaps the emblem reproduced on it, explaining what the Mt. Whitney Ski Club is, giving the names of its officers, describing the facilities available, and giving any other information that otherwise would need to be written in each letter regarding the Club. This would be a general promotional document.

He has today ordered the tickets in Saranac Lake.

The only other pieces of printed matter required immediately are the tickets, and the Marquis tells me he has sent you information regarding the proposed text and method of attaching the ticket to the lapel of the jacket; these to be in six colors for different days of the week.

I will, of course, be glad to do anything within my power to assist the Marquis and you in getting things started. I am fond of the Marquis, and I think I under-

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stand his nature as well as his need of counsel frequently to check his judgment and particularly aid in outlining his organization. He of course needs editorial assistance on anything that involves printing.

I have charge of the membership records and promotional activities of three or four different organizations involving the collection of dues, and one of these is the Sno Birds of Lake Placid Club. Just what the effect of organizing the Mt. Whitney Ski Club will be on the membership of the Sno Birds remains to be seen. It is plain however that since my name is prominently recognized in connection with the Sno Birds and also the Adirondack Loj Club, it would be unwise for me to appear as a promoter of the Mount Whitney Ski Club since confusion might arise. It is purely on this account that it seemed to the Marquis and me and also Mr. Packer that my name not be used in the manner suggested in your letter in connection with the membership card. Furthermore, it would seem to me that the name of the treasurer only should be printed on the card.

As you have consented to act as president of the Mt. Whitney Ski Club, the Marquis as vice-president, and if Mr. Eagan were to consent to act as treasurer, you would then only need to suggest someone else associated with you as secretary. However, you could for the present omit the office of secretary and leave to the Marquis secretarial duties without designating him as secretary. You could of course print opposite his name "Vice-president and Secretary."

I am offering these suggestions realizing that it is entirely outside the sphere of my duty and possibly privilege. My excuse is that the Marquis has had to rush away without getting his printing started and also without giving any orders for the preparation of his signs which should be up when people begin to go in many numbers to the slope. The rope has been delivered to the slope and I judge therefore that the tow will be ready for use, except possibly the safety device, within a day or two.

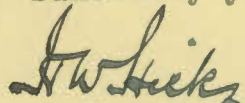
I am very enthusiastic about the future of the Mt. Whitney Ski Club and the slope, and will be glad to talk with you in further detail when you come. It is of course unfortunate that the details that the Marquis has been struggling with in the last few days should have been

not

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disposed of a month ago, but I am sure that gradually things will become settled and the various problems inevitably involved in starting a new organization solved.

Sincerely yours,


H. W. Hicks

Mr. Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York City

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Encl.

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*Please do overlook corrections,
New stenographers!*

Office of Secretary

December 20, 1941

Dear Mr. Thomas:

It will be necessary for the Marquis to come to agreement with Mr. Packer regarding procedure with reference to the construction of the lean-to attached to the present cabin to house the range. I have offered to lend a cast iron barrel stove to the Marquis for the main room of the cabin if he desired to use it. The problem is to get labor to finish any construction before the busy season begins. Whatever the Marquis agrees upon with Mr. Packer I will help to execute.

*The Marquis
will
respond
this*

The two toilets should, of course, never have been attached close to the present cabin. Had a cat walk enclosed behind lattice work been constructed, even though not longer than three feet, the danger of odors would have been avoided. Two separately located toilets, each provided with a shelf and a very small kerosine burner lamp, would have been sufficient to take care of this service adequately. For the busy ten days of the holiday period, the Marquis seems to agree that we will need to get through as best we can with the toilets as they are now.

I also commended to the Marquis a nominal creation of a committee on admissions to be composed of himself and two other members, one of whom might well be the treasurer. There would be no need of publishing the names of this committee. The Marquis would accept as members all persons known to him to be eligible and satisfactory. He would depend upon the reference of an application to the whole committee only in special cases where it might be necessary to decline. This is the plan we use successfully at Adirondack Loj, and I am sure it would be a protection to be able to say to any doubtful

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applicant that the application would be referred to the committee, and if the Marquis should recommend declension, then all he would need to do would be to write a brief note saying:

"Your application for membership was referred to the Committee on Admissions, and I am instructed to advise you that it has been declined. Respectfully yours."

I hope when you are here you will look carefully into the problem of transportation including not only conveyances, but regulation of traffic and the ultimate widening of the road so that we can be sure that one car if caught without chains or otherwise put out of commission does not prevent all egress from the slope. It is my judgment that it will be difficult to construct a two-way road between the highway on Mirror Lake and the downhill run which is on the property of the Lake Placid Co. From the downhill run to the Mt. Whitney Ski Club slope the property belongs to the Lake Placid Co., and therefore the road can be made of two-way design whenever the funds are available.

It is also my judgment that the way to solve the transportation as far as roadway is concerned is to maintain one-way traffic, except for occasional turnouts, between Mirror Lake and East Bay Camp at the downhill run. From East Bay Camp to the slope, the road should be widened to make it of two-way width so that cars on the segment can pass at all times. All cars would therefore start from Mirror Lake and go straight through to the slope, and all cars could return over the two-way segment to East Bay Camp without obstruction; at that point I would have the cars turn left downhill over an old log road which would need to be conditioned for motor traffic to Conway Pond and out to Wilmington road and back to Lake Placid via the Wilmington highway. The segment from East Bay Camp to Connelly Pond on the Wilmington road would be one way except for occasional turnouts.

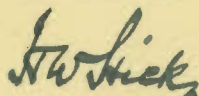
I will show you a sketch of this method of handling transportation when you are here, but it is the only plan of which I know which will prevent blockades on a road either going or coming as long as the entire roadway in use cannot be made two way width.

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Another possible extension of the roadway would be the construction of either a one-way or two-way road from East Bay Camp on Lake Placid to the slope so that during January and February when ice conditions on Lake Placid should permit, approach might be made to the slope via the lake and about 2200 feet on land from East Bay to the slope and out via ~~Connery~~ Pond to the Wilmington road. The land between East Bay and the slope belongs also to Lake Placid Co., so that this segment might be made either of one-way or two-way **width**.

I hope you will pardon me for thus expressing myself on these items, but I wanted you to know the result of my own thinking, which I believe is not in this connection exactly accepted by others here who have been more intimately related to the project than I have. As long as it is possible for one car to block all traffic both ways, the problem of getting conveyances out to the slope, and to make it safe, will be a serious **one**. Either the road throughout must be made two-way or otherwise routings will need to be enforced to avoid blockades on segments of one-way width.

Sincerely yours,



H. W. Hicks

Mr. Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York City

HWH:md

Lake Placid Club
IN THE ADIRONDACKS
Essex County, N.Y.

December 23, 1941

My dear Mr. Thomas,

You wont need any more to sit and guess at my hiero-
glyphics, as now we have an office, typewriter and even
some horrible music next to us, as the orchestra rehearses
in the same room. I meant to thank you by phone for the
suggestions and telegram you have forwarded me, but ^{y were not here} ~~my~~ artistic
and aesthetics senses revolt at the thought, but please do
not stop in this work as your advice is greatly appreciated.

I am laboring under adverse conditions as the time is
short and the proximity of the holidays is eminent. No
workmen and lack of local material hampers me. However,
I have started in a small way.

The first trouble I encountered was in insuring the tow
and slope against accidents, as no insurance company would
insure the slope and tow against accidents unless we had
a safty device at the top of the tow.

I am frightfully disappointed in the road which, to
my modest, mountaineer mind, was very ignorantly built.
The grades for winter motor use were ignored and the result
is that cars have already have been stuck on the way.
This will, no doubt, give the reputation of inaccessibility
to the place and possibly will be the most serious damage
to our success this winter.

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However, I will over-look this situation and find some other access when this shows to be true. There is another serious question about the read which possibly will be ironed out to-day. Yesterday, when going to Mt. Whitney with a party, we were stopped when crossing the Schwartz property and told not to trespass until some papers were signed by the Lake Placid Club Company. This incident was most annoying to me and awkward for the people.

To overcome the insurance trouble, Earnest Williams, our tow operator and manager of the slope, has invented a home-made safety device and is working to-day on it so as to have the insurance and be able to start operating to-morrow.

The present set-up of our club is as follows:

Mt. Whitney Ski Club Office

Secretary-- Mrs. Lucille W. Swayze-- wages \$15.00 a week
Mrs. Swayze is in charge of Club correspondence, gives out information to people regarding the purposes of the Club, gives directions for reaching the slope, files in memberships, receives the money from Earnest Williams every evening and places it in the bank the following morning.
This is the office in the Lake Placid Club and the contact with the world.

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Earnest Williams is the manager of the slope, operator of the tow and cashier. His wages are \$150. a month. He is responsible for the order and the running of the Mt. Whitney Ski Club Slope at the other end in the wilderness. Under him will be a boy trained by him as a mechanic and another one already working on weekends and holidays as his assistant, cashier, or on the slope. Each will receive \$3, a day.

Now, as the link between the world and the wilderness does not exist, we really need a bus or a station wagon which will leave the Lake Placid Club at certain hours in the morning and the return in the evening, free of charge. I couldn't make any satisfactory arrangement with the Club as their minimum rate for transportation in a station wagon to go and return was \$2. For instance, as an example of a poisonous thought to a future member: He pays \$1.50 to become a member,—he pays \$1. for transportation (taking into consideration two people are going), one day ticket on the tow \$1.25,—totaling \$3.75, against the free transportation of the Club to Intervales or driving privately on a good road to Scotts Coble and paying the same tow charges. And as one would say: "I am all sore and black and blue from that skiing. It certainly would have been cheaper to have fallen down stairs at home." All this is only the reasoning to make a success of our place and not a criticism.

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I think some arrangement should be made for free transportation with one experienced driver who would know the road well.

We have to have a name for our treasurer. We need someone prominent of the executive committee of the Club. I wonder if Mr. Egan would consent to have his name used? We also need a descriptive pamphlet to bring out the pink merits of our Club. These we could distribute among the people at the club and send them to different prospects. If Mr. Egan does consent, would you be kind enough to send me a wire as then I will be able to order our stationary with the letter-head?

I am sending you another emblem I have drawn which seems to me better than the two I have sent you previously. The place recommended in New York for badges and emblems is the Gemsco Inc, 395 4th Avenue. Phone, Lexington 2-3060.

Up to date I have four members and I am sending you herewith a few membership cards and introduction cards. Please do not forget to send back the introduction cards to Mrs. Swayze, our secretary, as she is filing them.

Mr. Hicks and Mr. Packer are both of the opinion that the officials of the Lake Placid Club should not be mixed in with our Mt. Whitney Club, thus making our club independent.

Most probably we will open the slopes tomorrow and the tow will be running as I have just received a letter from

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the insurance company stating that our request has been granted and the policy will follow in a week.

This is tomorrow and the road incident has not been ironed out and on the contrary it seems to me more serious than I thought. This morning I asked Mr. Colburn if he had arranged everything and if we would be molested again if we went through the Schwartz property. He said to go right on through and if anyone said anything to just keep going. I had many people asking me to come for the past few days and I told them including a girl that gathers partys to be ready to go in the afternoon. At the Pow Wow this morning she mentioned it and the thought was not received graciously by Mr. De Silva, who said they wouldn't decide this now. When she told me that, I went and asked Mr. De Silva why he didn't want to help me in getting the club started. He replied, that it was not yet decided if one could cross the Schwartz property in cars or not and that one road has been blocked and they are tearing apart the other through the down hill run of the Schwartz property. Then I wondered why Mr. Colburn told me to go, knowing it was impossible to cross. As no one in the club could tell me, I decided to go and see Mr. Schwartz this morning. Going over I was stuck on the road as it was thawing. I was pulled out by a tractor. Mr. Schwartz made quite a good impression on me. He doesn't look like a Jew, was very

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affable, in fact friendly in spite of the fact that I came to find out the reason for the trouble. He explained to me in a few words that Mr. Colburn made a verbal agreement which, later on in writing, he changed entirely and now when he came to him, he was quite rude and was creating an incident to start a law suit and the fact is there is a wood road existing and can be used but the surface cannot be altered, rocks cannot be removed and cinders cannot be put on. At any rate, it is definitely a blow to our success at Christmas. It is lucky that all the material I was sending for the construction of the kitchen had been stopped and sent back, as at the present moment, the picture doesn't seem very rosy and I am inclined to think to make economies until your arrival when we will be able to find our way out.

I am terribly sorry that the rush in which I was thrown in produced the double ration of tickets, but on my passing through the club the first time I inquired from Mr. Carroll if I could get tickets and cards printed here or in Saranac right away and he said it was impossible before the Christmas rush. I asked if it could be done elsewhere and he said there was no other printers. That is the reason I sent you that letter asking you to order the tickets. On my return from Canada, Mr. Hicks told me that he had been able to put through a special rushed order with the Currier Press in Saranac and that everything could be done at once. I hadn't had any work from you

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and so I concluded you were still in Washington and ordered the tickets.

Now it seems to me that I spread myself too much on this paper and this young book will give you a hazy conception on this cloudy situation. Not wishing to ruin your merry Christmas, I will stop right here. Looking forward very much to seeing you, Mrs. Thomas and Sonny

here very soon

Very sincerely

Marquis d'Albizzi

Marquis d'Albizzi

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Incl.

DISTRICT ATTORNEY
ESSEX COUNTY

LAW OFFICES OF
HAROLD R. SODEN
LAKE PLACID, N. Y.

TELEPHONES
OFFICE 311
RESIDENCE 171

December 24, 1941

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Mr. Lowell Thomas
Lake Placid Club
Essex County, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I am informed that you
are the president of the so-called "Mt.
Whitney Corporation."

I represent Timberdoodle
Realty Corp. and Fred Swartz, individually.

You are hereby notified
that any damage caused to my client's pro-
perty by trespass or otherwise will be
punished to the full extent of the law.

Very truly yours,
Harold R. Soden

HRS/em

On Jan. 7th L.T. sent the Marquis
a check on Manufacturers Trust,
dated Jan. 8th for \$73.99, in
payment of the Marquis' bill at
the club.

(Check #1753).

m.

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Essex County, N.Y.

file
Jan. 5.42.

My dear Mr. Thomas!

I must thank you
right now for the most wonderful
day of all winter! It was
really nice and splendid
fun on Pico Peak. And
I am utterly spoiled now
for the Tigny golf links
of L. P. C. do you know
there is still not enough
snow on the Mt Whitney slope!

I hope you will soon be
able to come back and we
may have some fun together
again! -

I am enclosing a sorrowful
note from S.P.C. (with regret)
as soon as snow comes
I hope the funds will roll
in. -

with my best regards
to you and Mrs. Thomas
Very sincerely

Yours Marquis d'Alliff -

LOWELL THOMAS

January 7, 1942

Dear Hubert:

The next time I come to Lake Placid I'll bring the Chemical Bank & Trust Company checkbook along so you can see what the few checks were for that were paid out before you became Treasurer. It was all for miscellaneous expenses for the Marquis, to cover his living and traveling while he was getting this thing organized and while he was raising the money.

I am sending twelve hundred so you can open a special account at Lake Placid. This leaves about two hundred and fifty on hand here in New York to take care of some things that may come up for the Marquis.

Very sincerely,

NEW YORK, Jan. 8 1942 No. 5 ⁷

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WHITEFACE MOUNTAIN HIGHWAY COMMISSION

Lake Placid, N. Y.
Jan. 12, 1942

Mr. Lowell Thomas
R. C. A. Building
Radio City
New York City

Dear Lowell,

Your letter together with the money arrived and I have put it in the Bank of Lake Placid under the name of Mount Whitney Ski Club. The only way it can be drawn out is by check with at least two people signing the check, either Deo Colburn and I, the Marquis and I or the Marquis and Deo Colburn. I thought it best this way because I did not want the responsibility of paying something I shouldn't.

I believe the right-a-way has been settled for a short time at least. Mr. Schwartz applied to the Courts for an injunction. This injunction was not granted but a hearing on the injunction was granted. It is planned to stall this hearing off until sometime next spring.

The past week has been awfully cold up here and no snow. It is, however, snowing right now and it looks like a real good storm coming.

I will keep you informed just how things progress at the new Club.

Very sincerely,

Hubert

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Lake Placid Club
IN THE ADIRONDACKS
Essex County, N.Y.

Jan 13.
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Dear Mr. Thomas!

Thank you very much
for the nice letter and the
earthly goods! - It is wonderful
that you were able to ski at home,
and how is the trail I blessed?
Here, we still sit with no snow
to ski on, and our tow has not
yet started to bring in fruit! -
How ever the good news are that
the jaw and his road are clear
and you are reelected President
by Mr. Frick! No one seems to
want that Presidency. - I think

That Mr. Fitz Gerald will accept
as he is a great enthusiast of our
slope a fanatic skier and has
produced \$2000. to be used on
the developement of our center!
I will write him again tomorrow.

*What would you advise me to do
in regard ~~of~~ to the very kind
gesture of Mr. Hendrix senior?
I had every thing ready for the
trip on horseback, - cook hired,
horses ready food bought and
only one girl of about 35 years
old ready to go. Mr. Hendrix arrived
with his daughter and said that
he and Mrs. Hendrix will not let
their daughter go without shaperon
I am inclosing the circular so you
may have a clear vision of what
my actions should be!

Lake Placid Club
IN THE ADIRONDACKS
Essex County, N.Y.

Do you think I owe him the \$100.
deposit? Or it is entirely his fault
that I could not go; and lost
all the food; a month pay for the
cook; - and $\frac{1}{2}$ of the money spent
on horses, and equipment. - as
Miss. Tunis from Philadelphia could
not very well go on the trip alone
with me. - (unless I had married her
the day before!) my feeling is that
the old blighter has swindled me
out of my trip and helped me to
sink in to a deep slimy slippery
hole!!! - Miss. Lee Tunis is much nicer,
and is waiting until I have a few
coppers to give her back. She knows
I lost my chemise! In the crash!

For the moment there is not
much to tell about our Club
but as soon as snow comes
I will let you know how it
goes!

with all my very best
wishes of health glory and
cheer! to you and Mrs
Thomas

Very sincerely

Marquis d'Albion

Send copies to Packer, Hicks,

Stevens and Colburn

one for file and original

for Marquis & *one carbon*

LOWELL THOMAS

ROCKEFELLER CENTER - NEW YORK

January 26, 1942

Dear Marquis,

I hope things are beginning to boom a little for you on Mt. Whitney.

At any rate, I owe you an apology for not trying to work up a report of some sort on our first meeting when we elected Mr. DeSoto Fitzgerald, honorary president; Mr. Childs Trick, President; you yourself Vice President and Secretary, Mr. H. J. Ossorio, Vice President; J. Hubert Stevens, Treasurer; and Leo B. Colburn, Assistant Treasurer.

At that time we also discussed a Committee on Admissions to be made up of the following:- Mr. Packer and Mr. Hicks of the Lake Placid Club. Also all the above named officers of the Mt. Whitney Ski Club, and Messrs Bob Keogh, Otto Schneibs, William Hovey, President of the Lake Placid Ski Club; William G. Distin, President of the Saranac Lake Ski Club; Edward P. F. Egan, Roger Prescott, and Bruce Fenn.

We also decided that all of the leading ski professionals in the Lake Placid area should be made honorary members and urged to come there with their classes and their followers, that is, those who are acceptable to the Mt. Whitney Ski Club Committee on Admissions.

LOWELL THOMAS

ROCKEFELLER CENTER • NEW YORK

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Among these honorary members here are a few whose names we listed at the time: Rolf Monsen, Birger Torriksen, Inga Gruere, Ronald Mackenzie, and James Littlejohn.

Much of our time at the meeting was spent discussing the road problem. Mr. Packer stated that the Lake Placid Club would be glad to solve that problem and urged that Messrs Stevens and d'Albissi explore all possibilities and report at their earliest convenience.

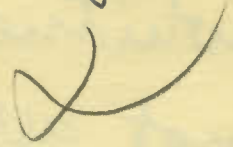
It was the consensus of opinion that the Mt. Whitney Ski Club should proceed slowly and carefully this season in the hope that commencing with late spring it may be possible to increase the size of the slope, take out more stumps and rocks, so that it will be skiable even when there are only a few inches of snow, arrange for trails on either side of the slope, a connecting link with the old Mt. Whitney Ski Trail and make future plans for a large and handsome Swiss type chalet at the bottom, a small one of similar architecture on the summit; also an extension of the present rope tow when feasible, or better still a used or new Alpine type HE-SHE T-bar tow.

In general I believe the above covers nearly everything we discussed at that first meeting.

Mr. Egan and I hope to be up again before long, possibly for the week-end of February 20th.

Very sincerely yours,

Jan 30, 42



My dear Mr. Thomas!

This is a rich salad of
Tilago's and catastrophes in a
sauce of everlasting disaster! —
L.P.C. snow reports! A good
base of frozen mud & stump and
roots, with a $\frac{1}{16}$ of an inch of fresh
^{face} powder! — Any one can ski on
snow! — But this requires skill!
Sweeping down in an exaggerate
"fore-lage" through asparagus and
artichoke patches, - ripping turns
in a cloud of steel edged roots
and hickory splinters! That is

a picture of our season in S.P.C.
Mt Whitney slope. - People come once
do not appreciate the exercise and
the doctor makes all the money!
I think I will close Mt Whitney
club and open a Ski Hospital.
Tomorrow is the 1st of February and
we run the tow once! -

Please excuse this disgusting letter
stuffed with this unmentionable S.P.C.
memorandum emphasising the
sorrowful note! -

As soon as I have some thing inter-
esting on hand I will write you
again! -

with all my very best wishes,
to you and Mrs. Thomas,

Very sincerely
Marquis d'Alliff

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Lake Placid, N. Y.
Feb. 16, 1942

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Mr. Lowell Thomas
R. C. A. Building
New York City

Dear Lowell:

This is the first time this winter I can really write and say that the Mt. Whitney Ski Club is really operating. We have had a great deal of trouble with the tow and only last Thursday noon did we get it operating in a safe and sane manner. We ran it some before this but there was such a twist in the rope that I thought it was dangerous and everybody else seemed to think it was dangerous also. One boy had his sleeve wound up in the rope and it carried him almost through the wheels at the top. I have been out three times since the 12th and I can really say I had the finest skiing I have ever seen. Yesterday the tow did very well and it was hard to get the people to leave.

It is unfortunate that the Marquis has been sick for the past three weeks. He was taken with a bad cold and tried to get up too soon. He got a relapse and I believe he is still in bed.

Are you coming up this week-end? You said while you were up here Christmas time that you expected to be back again around the 22nd. If you do come I am sure you are going to enjoy the Mt. Whitney ski slopes very much. Furthermore, there will not be any telephones ringing during your broadcast. That was a kind of a give-away that you were out of the city.

Hoping to see you this week-end.

Very sincerely,

Hubert



Winter-Sports Bulletin

from Lake Placid Club

In the Adirondacks

February 16, 1942

Snow

Nature is compensating for the disappointing lack of snow earlier in the season. Our present snow conditions are as good as anybody could ask for with depths running anywhere from 12 to 24 inches. We've also been having a spell of those gloriously sunshiny mid-February days that bring joy to the hearts of everybody including color photographers.

Canada vs United States

This year the invitation ski tournament for women for the Kate Smith trophy has taken on the status of international competition. A picked team of skiers from the eastern United States will meet with a similar group from Canada in a downhill race on Friday, February 20 and a slalom on Saturday, February 21. . . The American team has been selected by Mrs. Herman Kiaer, while Mrs. J. S. Houghton of Montreal has chosen the Canadian team. Skiers for the United States will be the Misses Jean Dent, Rebecca Fraser, Joan Hinton, Dorothy Hoyt, Carolyn Landon, Marilyn Shaw and Mrs. Robert Laffin. Representing Canada will be the Misses Dorothy Beauvais, Florence Clifford, Frances McLeod, Elizabeth Snivoly, Phyllis Wright, Phoda Wurtele, Rhona Wurtele and Mrs. J. S. Houghton.

Flying Skiers or Skiing Fliers

The annual Washington's Birthday ski tournament for men which runs concurrently with the women's competitions will have more international color than in many years. Definite assurance has been received that the entry list will include a contingent of former Canadian skiing stars now serving with the Royal Canadian Air Force. The new national ski-jumping champion, Ola, serving with the Norwegian Air Force unit near Toronto, and his comrade Sigurd, will arrive in time to enter the jumping competition. The presence of those two noted rivals Torger Tokle and our own Artie Devlin means that this year's ski-jumping competition will be one of the most exciting in years. This event, by the way, has been set for the afternoon of Monday, February 23, part of the holiday week-end.

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Mt. Whitney Slope in Excellent Condition

The new open slope on Mt. Whitney is getting the attention it deserves from skiing visitors. Snow conditions have been as good as could be desired. The new tow runs daily under the expert eye of Ernie Williams and transportation each day from the Club ski-room to and from the foot of the slope. The operation of the new center is being supervised by the Marquis d'Albizzi, as vice-president of the Mt. Whitney Ski Club.

Going to Ski School?

Bruce Fenn and Birger Torrisson will have a very busy time at the Ski School this week. . . If you are coming why not sign up for instructions in advance when making your Club reservation.

Added Attractions

The holiday week-end program is crowded with star attractions. On the evenings of Saturday, February 21 and Sunday, February 22, visitors may attend the annual Mid-Winter Figure-Skating Operetta in the Olympic Arena in Lake Placid Village. The roster of star performers is headed by Mary Rose Thacker, Barbara Ann Scott and Fred Tomlins. Add to this the chorus from the Minto Skating Club of Toronto and the combination is bound to make a colorful spectacle. . . Two of the most important races on the seasons bobsled schedule are set for the same week-end: Saturday, February 21, Lowell Thomas International Trophy race for 2-man sleds, Sunday, February 22, National A. A. U. 4-man race, and Monday, February 23, National A. A. U. 2-man race.

Transportation

Word has been received from the New York Central Railroad that arrangements are being made to supplement the available pullman cars out of New York for the coming week-end with a special type of sleeping car which has proven popular on their streamlined trains between Chicago and New York. Every effort is being made to provide adequate space for the expected holiday crowd. Nevertheless, early reservations are recommended.

In New York Call Plaza 3-7933

Remember if you live in or near New York you can secure last minute information on snow conditions and guest requirements, or make Club reservations by phoning our New York office at the Park-Lane, 299 Park Avenue. The phone is PLAZA 3-7933!

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March 4, 1942

Dear Mr. MacJannet:

Someone in the West sent me a clipping from a Denver paper, telling about the institution you expect to establish in Idaho. I am enormously interested, for several reasons:-

First, because years ago I thought of getting a group of friends together and starting a similar one high up on Mt. Mansfield, in the Green Mountains. My idea was to copy it, more or less, after L'Honnau College at Hajeve which, as you perhaps know, is connected with the University of Grenoble. So, I heartily approve of what you are doing.

Second, because I have two men in mind who might be ideal for your faculty -- if they can be gotten. One is Rolf Monsen, three times Captain of the American Olympic Ski Team. He is a stalwart and remarkably able Horseman. And, he has had vast experience with young people.

The second man, if you could land him, would be a real find. He is an almost incredible person, with a fascinating background, and an altogether remarkable human being. I first ran into him on the Adamello, high up in the Italian Alps, in mid-winter, during the first World War. There he was with an Italian ski regiment -- "Arditi" shock troops. During the war he himself performed prodigies and received every conceivable decoration. Afterward, he married an American girl, from Denver. After a short time in the Italian diplomatic service in the Middle East, he came to America to look up his wife's people.

She, in the meantime, had lost her life. Since then he has been in this part of the world, and has played a huge part in the whole ski movement -- first, in opening up the ski country around Banff for the C.P.R., afterward at the Lake Placid Club in the Adirondacks, and then at a place in the Laurentians.

His name is the Marquis d'Albizzi. He is one eighth Italian, one-eighth English and six-eighths Russian -- related to the royal families both in Italy and Russia.

As a boy he was trained at the Czar's cavalry school. Later he joined the Italian cavalry. He is a glorious skier, and as a horseman, second to no man I have ever seen. By instinct he is more adapted to exploration and life out-of-doors than almost anything else. He has a delightful disposition, and gets along famously with young people.

Physically he is a magnificent specimen. Although in his early fifties, he gives a better account of himself as a horseman and skier than most experts who are in their thirties.

So far as business and financial affairs are concerned, he is not the least bit interested. Perhaps another reason why he would be a good man in an educational institution.

At any rate, I have the highest regard for the Marquis. He is one of the people I had in mind when I began thinking about Mt. Mansfield as an ideal location for a preparatory school. The Marquis at present can be reached in care of the Lake Placid Club, Lake Placid, New York.

Very sincerely yours,

Donald R. MacJannet
Sun Valley, Idaho

LT

March 5, 1942

Dear Commander Cranford:

I have another man in mind who would be marvelous for the work you mentioned the other day -- if you could manage to get him. There are one or two problems that would have to be solved. But, with this world cyclone raging over us, I suppose there are ways that such things can be done. He isn't exactly a man without a country; but, that almost expresses it. His name is the Marquis d'Albizzi, and he is one-eighth Italian, one-eighth English and six-eighth Russian. His grandmother was Anne of Georgia, the last independent queen of that part of Russia.

The reason I am telling you about the Marquis is that he is really an almost incredible human being, a tremendous athlete, a natural leader of men, and the sort who would glorify any service or any organization that he happened to be with.

Although he happens to be a citizen of Canada, he is living here in the States at the Lake Placid Club, in the Adirondacks. He is one of the world's greatest skiers and greatest horsemen, but his talents in the physical line are so wide and his ability so unusual that he would be magnificent in any plan such as the one you describe.

I have known him for many years, in fact since the first World War. The first time I encountered him was high up in the Alps in mid-winter, in the war against the Austrians. He was with an Italian regiment of shock troops, on skis. Prior to that he was in the Italian cavalry, and before that in the Russian cavalry. That sounds like a one hundred percent land experience. But, the Marquis has been in this country for the past twenty years -- the United States and Canada.

Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York City

LT

In spirit he is now one hundred percent North American.

In physical appearance he is tall, powerful and handsome, with a most unusual personality.

Although he is in his early fifties he can handle himself better than the average athlete in his thirties. In addition to which he is accustomed to commanding men.

One obvious difficulty is that if the Navy could solve the other problems, they might not want to give him a rank commensurate with his age and general all-round qualifications.

However, I thought you might want to hear about him.

Cordially yours,

Commander C. B. Cranford
U. S. Naval Headquarters
Morale + Recreation Division
90 Church St.
New York, N. Y.

Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York City

LT

March 5, 1942

Dear General Jarman:

I know of a remarkable man in this country, a man with vast military experience, who unquestionably would be useful to Uncle Sam, if a way could be found to get him into our forces. He could be used either as a cavalry officer or in command of a ski regiment. His name is the Marquis d'Albizzi. I knew him during the World War when he was a Major in charge of Italian shock troops, the "Arditi."

He is one-eighth Italian, one-eighth English, and six-eighths Russian. Although he is in his early fifties, he is one of the most magnificent physical specimens that I know of, and can handle himself better than most athletes in their thirties. He has a most unusual personality, is gallant and daring, and born to lead men.

Born Russian, he became an officer in the Imperial Russian Cavalry. In 1913 he went on leave to the Italo-Turkish War in Tripoli (Banda Bianca); was wounded, shipped to Italy, and had to change nationality in order to join the regular Italian Cavalry.

In 1915, with a slight wound, he was sent from the Carso front to the back. Cavalry was dismounted and he joined the Ski Corps. He made a good name through night raids and was given the command of shock troops "Arditi."

In the World War he commanded shock troops on skis and, for three years, took active part in all major engagements and night raids in the glacial sectors of the "Trentino." His experience and practical knowledge of military ski tactics in high altitudes would prove useful in organizing and training a ski corps.

Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York City

LT

He also served in the Inter-Allied Expeditionary Forces in Northern Russia, and commanded a ski detachment in the Arctic region, under General Maynard. His military career has been varied.

In October 1918, he went with the Expeditionary Forces to North Russia, and later, passed into the Foreign Service. He has been military and political representative in Armenia, and in 1920 was Military Attache to the Italian Minister, Cherutti (latterly, Ambassador to France).

Wounded four times, he was decorated with three silver military valor medals conferred on field, the War Cross with Palm, the Cross of St. Anne with Ribbon and Swords, for gallant service in field, and the Order of the Crown of Italy.

In July 1921 his wife was drowned while sailing on Lake Garda. The Marquis resigned, and has since lived in America.

He can be reached through the Lake Placid Club at Lake Placid, New York.

Again many thanks for your courtesy the other day. I greatly enjoyed my visit to your headquarters, your home, and the battery.

Cordially yours,

Major-General Sanderford Jarman
U. S. Army, Commanding,
Fort Totten, New York

Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York City

March 9, 1942

file

Dear Marquis:

How are your plans progressing for that Western jaunt? We expect to leave Chicago by train next Thursday night, March 19th. Then, on Friday, I'll broadcast either from Denver or Cheyenne. And, we expect to reach Sun Valley either before or shortly after noon on Saturday. Our stay there will be rather brief, just three days. Wednesday, the 25th, we will leave for Salt Lake, where I expect to broadcast that afternoon, and then drive on to Alta in time for dinner. Thursday and Friday, the 26th and 27th we hope to ski at Alta. Saturday and Sunday, the 28th and 29th we probably will be at Aspen or Berthoud Pass, or somewhere else in Colorado. Monday evening we start East so Sonny can be back in school on Wednesday, April 1st. It would be great if our trails could cross out there, and if your party happened to be at Sun Valley and Alta at the same time.

Cordially,

The Marquis d'Albizzi
Lake Placid Club
Lake Placid, New York

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March 12, 1942

Dear Marquis,

What a rotten shame. I am tremendously disappointed. In fact, I wish there were some way of arranging for you to come along on our flying trip to the West.

Now that you have made up your mind that things are not turning out exactly as you want them to at Mt. Whitney, I wonder if you could use a Hundred or so of that fund, to pay for your transportation to Sun Valley and back? If so, I would be glad to advance an equal amount. The trip might enable you to locate a better opportunity either at Sun Valley, Alta or in those glorious Colorado mountains. What do you think of the idea? If you decide to do it, just send us a wire and we will make train reservations for you so we can all leave together next Tuesday evening.

Oh yes, and it would be perfect if Hubert Stevens came along.

Cordially,

March 15 1942

The Marquis N D'Albizzi
c/o The Ritz-Carlton
Montreal, Canada

Dear Marquis

Enclosed is a copy of my letter of today to Mr Lowell Thomas. He will receive a copy of this letter to you.

Mrs Coleman and I felt much downcast as we drove back to Placid, regretting that we could not have brought you with us, and with all your troubles packed in our kitbags.

Will you please advise me just what money you now have, where you wish letters addressed, where you will sleep and eat, and what if any new developments of your thought have occurred since we left you. May I suggest also that you advise Mr Thomas in like manner. You need not hesitate to do this for only thus can your friends consider how to assist you in making your plans.

against I assume Mr Thomas will tell you what steps he may take to facilitate your application to the U S Attorney General for a waiver of the usual visa for 29 days in favor of a visa for one year. While a technical offense or violation of the immigration rules apparently has been committed, it must be obvious that it was inadvertant, and that your many contacts with the Immigration authorities prove that you have been honest and straightforward, desiring to conform and so conduct yourself as to give no cause of doubt regarding your conscientious position.

Let us here know from time to time how things are maturing. I pray God that you may soon find relief from all anxiety.

Sincerely yours

H W Hicks

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Mr Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Plaza
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Dear Mr Thomas

After conference with the Marquis last evening at the border near Rouses Point I have the foloing report to make in his interest:

The Marquis left the Club on Thursday morning last expecting to have returned that evening.

On Friday evening he reported to Mrs Coleman by fone certain difficulties encountered in renewing his visa to enter the U S.

On Saturday morning I received a fone call from him and also a telegram giving details of his problem.

On Saturday evening at 6 p m I met him at the U S Immigration station at Rouses Point by appointment, being accompanied by Mrs Coleman. We took all his baggage except 2 trunks which he did not at present need.

The essential facts are these:

The Marquis applied for a visa for a year to the U S Immigration authorities in Montreal. He found, apparently in ignorance of what he had done, that he had over-stayed his former visa by 5 or 6 days. On this account he not only was debarred as far as a one year visa is concerned but also from re-entering the U S at any time within a year. The U S agent with whom he had his dealings was adamant, and apparently conducted a thoro examination of his history from his birth down to the present time. No explanation made by the Marquis that he had been in ignorance of his over-stay proved acceptable to the U S agent.

Our transfer of his baggage which was delivered to him in his own car at the border resulted.

The trip to Alta is of course off. Mrs Coleman had expected to go but has been forced to withdraw. Miss Delroy was to have decided last night over the phone with Mrs Coleman whether she would substitute a trip to Jasper instead. If this has matured he will be cared for for a month or thereabouts. If not, I do not at present know what his next step will be.

The Marquis phoned his cousin in St Sauveur but found no refuge there. He is staying temporarily at the Ritz Carlton in Montreal for rooming, but probably will get his meals wherever it can be arranged most economically. I know nothing of his financial status, but assume it is bad. All his friends are on this side the line.

The American Consul in Montreal was most friendly to him, but could not influence the Immigration authorities, naturally. However, the Immigration officer gave him a long blank of appeal to Washington to fill out, about 4 ft long, printed on both sides, with which the Marquis was wrestling when we saw him.

The Marquis thinks that if appropriate testimony that he will not become a dependent while in the U S can be assured by his friends Washington might be induced to reverse the department order of the Montreal Immigration office and matters be straightened out for him to come into the country for 1 year. He asked me to lay this suggestion before you, mentioned Mr Frick and you as two who might intervene on his behalf, and thought you might know another who would be willing to testify in like manner by letter to the proper department in Washington, which he thought would be the U S Attorney General.

I am sending a copy of this letter to the Marquis at the Ritz in Montreal, advising him to tell you exactly what his financial condition is, how he thinks he can live for even the next week or two, and any thing else he thinks would be helpful to you to give him whatever aid can be given.

I assured him, and now assure you, that anything I could possibly do to aid him gain entry to the U S would gladly be done. It would seem to hinge upon the usual assurance of independent financial condition, and the clearing away from the mind of the U S official in Montreal who questioned him, of serious question.

PS This

spells serious trouble for the Marquis out of which I hope he can be speedily rescued.

Sincerely yours,
H W Hicks

PS. if there #100 are still
lying around the Hampden
near today! I would not return them

% The Ritz Carlton Hotel
Montreal Que Canada
15-3-42.

My dear Mr. Thomas, -

The Friday 13th is as bad for me as the rest of 1940 & 41. In fact 1942 is starting definitely in the same path! - Unintentionally of course, but by pure distraction I over drew my visa permit by 6 days, and noticed it only when those gentlemen became so very - very angry and muddled the things quite thickly! - Now as you know through my phoning & wiring to Mrs Davis that my visas to the U.S. are too-too! and in consequence food, shelter and friends too-too, - too! - To avoid this quick end, I implore my very best friends in this hemisphere, to aid me to soften, those other wise big hearts, in Washington, and especially the Attorney Generals, - telling him that I will not be a burden but a great asset in the horse world of the U. S. A. - And in the present times auto -

Motobikes will be followed eminently and
will be replaced by Horses! So I earnestly
would like to start raising horses
training them and selling them! -

I have 2 friends you do not know yet
who will provide the Ranch or farm
I was supposed to motor with one of
them ^{in April}, crisscrossing Vermont & Maine
to find a suitable spot ^{during April} - Give off the
land, - and on the side raise horses, Hell!
and skiing! - Do not think I am joking
It just slipped (you do not mind?-) I really
am very sad as I wanted so much to
ski with you in the Rockies, and there
is no possibility of life left as I have
a very few pennies in the pocket and I
will not be able to come in May to ride
and the horizon is black like led!
So, ^{probably} for the last few pennies I will buy
myself a coffin and lie down in it and
some one may bury me or let me
float down the St Lawrence river! -
This Visa is taken away from me for
one year! and try to live through one

year with \$150. can. dollars? and a few vague promises from Andre' for July! - No, the navigation down the St Lawrence ^{in a coffin} seems to be prescribed! - The V. Consul for U.S. here tells me to apply for a permanent visa admission into the states and asks two respectable U.S. citizens to vouch for me! Who wants to do that for a potty gentleman? I mean for a gent. gone to Pots! and from Pots to coffin now! Well I may play a few tunes on the accordion under the windows and have some pots emptied on my head in sign of appreciation! - Well my dear Mr Thomas apart all those jokes I do not seem to be so cheery! - Do you think you could ask the stout hearted Attorney General to soften towards my ending life, and inject a golden ray of hope? And do you think you would like to sign those 5 sheets and ever after have the burden of my potty presence

I seriously think that I am able to start
a very good business, with horses and my
~~two~~ ^{two} ~~swiss~~ friends; - as the time is ripe now.
I wrote a similar letter (in an other key
omitting the jokes) to Mr. Frick asking
him to sign! - If he will, he will wire
me, and then I will wire you, and
you perhaps can tell Miss Davis to
forward him the 5 sheets to sign?
as I have more faith in you I attack
you^I with much shame and profound
distress, to be driven to inflict this on
my best American friend! - But I hope
time will come when I may be
useful to you! In case Mr. Frick does
not agree I will try Mr. Fitz Gerald
or do you know some one better? -
It really is a frightfully ticklish thing!
Well, with envy gnawing me, I wish
you Mrs. Thomas & Sunny a glorious
time in the Rockies - and brake a few
holes for me too^{in deep snow}. - My very best^{wishes} of
luck! Yours Marquis d'Allep.

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Therfile

March 17, 1942

Dear Marquis:

Your letter with the formidable-looking official papers in it arrived a moment ago just as I am about to dash for a train, for Detroit. I haven't had time to read your letter. But, I have glanced through it hurriedly and can see that you are in a most melancholy frame of mind. What's the big idea? Even if everything goes to pot, isn't life always worth living? Who knows what glorious adventures are just over the hill? Miss Davis chimes in with a suggestion that has often been made to you, that you find a wealthy American bride. I believe Eddie Egan also proposed this. Be that as it may, I hope you will brush aside all unpleasant thoughts, be of good cheer, and start things all over again. Just think of the fun you can still have!

I am signing a check and leaving it with Miss Davis, who will rush it to you.

As for the legal papers, well, they are all Greek to me, just as they are to you. Furthermore, I have no idea whether such things can be rushed. In fact, I have always found that it is exceedingly difficult to make any Government move fast, unless you happen to be in contact with a corrupt one where officials can be bribed.

It seems to me that this requires the work of an expert, and that the lawyer who tackles it should be paid for his services. I know that Mr. Egan would be glad to do it for you, just for you, and at no cost. But, I don't think you would want to have it that way.

At any rate, I am sending the papers to him with the suggestion that he handle it just as he would any similar matter. Fortunately, he happens to be an authority on immigration problems. And, I am inclined to agree with you, or whoever it was that gave you the suggestion, that you might be

Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York City

LT

a great deal freer if you were a citizen of the U.S.A. Just now, to be a Canadian seems to present certain complications.

Oh yes, one thing more, Miss Davis is going to the hospital to have her appendix out. So, if you write to the office, I suggest you address your letter to Miss Electra Ward at the same address. Then, if there is anything in your letter that she fails to understand, she can get in touch with Mr. Egan.

As for me, it will be rather difficult to overtake me on my short Western journey. But if you were to write to me during the next few days, the best address would be in care of Mrs. Myron Smith, 340 Vine Street, Denver, Colorado.

What a shame you are not coming along! But, my prediction is that the most glorious years of your life are just ahead of you. You have the health, the personality, and all the things that are needed, everything but the mazuma. And, before long all of us are going to be broke anyhow!

Warmest regards,

Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
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Ritz Montreal Can.
March 19. 42.

My dear Mr. Thomas,-

I know you are in a
midst of a wonderful vacation and
I will not spoil it by a long
lamentable letter! - I have received
your very charming and consoling
letter with mirages of pink future
for which I wanted to thank you!
You are a splendid friend and
I wanted only to tell you how
very grateful I am! -

Wishing you a wonderful time,
in the best part of the skiing
world, & my very best regard to
Mrs. Thomas and Sonny. -

John T. Butler
Grain Elev.
Hickman,
La.
Very sincerely,
Bob Warrick
Palmer House

Marquis d'Albion

P.S. I have just noticed in the papers, - a friend of my mother, a Baroness Korff, hang her coat in a closet and forgot herself in it! it does not pay to be distracted and vague I wonder what manilla grade A rope she used? Generally ropes crack and one gets an other chance to think it over! -

April 1, 1948

Dear Marquis,

Your note of the 19th greeted me upon my return from the West. Sure wish you could have been along. Although you might have been vastly disturbed by the speed with which we were obliged to gallop through the West: three days in the Saw Tooth Mountains of Idaho; two days high up in the Wasatch at Alta, and two final days at Aspen, Colorado. It was a case of going from excellent to superb to magnificent. The weather was glorious at all three places, except for occasional snow flurries. Although the skiing at Sun Valley was perfect, especially down Baldy where they run the big races, When we got to Alta we found the snow conditions perfect-plus, and the mountains still more spectacular. Then, at Aspen the snow fields were on an even larger scale, and that ghost town of the Rockies topped them all.

I had to work part of the time. But the Governors of Colorado, Utah and Idaho were on the air with me and did a little of the work.

At Sun Valley Otto Lang took time off from his classes and skied quite a lot with us. Sepp Buechp head of the Mt. Mansfield Ski School joined us on the jaunt around to all three places, and added much to the fun of the trip. At Sun Valley Sonny succeeded in winning his golden skis in the weekend Time Trials, over a two mile course down Mt. Baldy where the Harriman Cup Races were run last Saturday and Sunday. He not only did a first rate job, but he won his gold skis with 42 seconds to spare.

I hope Lady Luck has been smiling on you since you wrote your letter. At any rate, if there is anything I can do please let me know. I probably will be going to Washington within the next week or two, and I might be able to help you in case you decide to apply for American citizenship. After which I would do my best to get you a commission in the ski

troops. However, I have no special influence,
and I am not sure just what I can accomplish.

From now on, for the next one hundred
years at least, I am sure Uncle Sam will be obliged
to maintain a division or two of special ski troops,
men capable of defending Alaska. I should think
you would be an ideal man for such an organization.
Also, that you might enjoy it more than anything
else. Shall I explore the matter?

Best regards.

Cordially,

LOWELL THOMAS

ROCKEFELLER CENTER · NEW YORK

April 1, 1942

Dear Mr. Hicks,

There are no more funds in the New York account with which to take care of the enclosed. I haven't any suggestion to make. As we all know the Marquis is in Canada, finding it difficult to get back across the border. So perhaps the Lake Placid Club will want to absorb this and charge it to promotion in connection with Mt. Whitney, or hold it up pending further developments.

I may be in Washington within the next few days. If so, I will do everything I can to get the Marquis back so that he can help Mr. Packer with Mt. Whitney.

Best regards.

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April 8, 1942

Dear Marquis,

I have written to Washington, urging them to hurry up with your visa. But, I suppose Washington is in a state of chaos.

By the way, you are not the only one who is having plenty of trouble. Rolf Monsen has just arrived in town. He tells me that his place at Placid has gone under and I am trying to help him get into the Navy, Army or Secret Service.

What I am wondering is, just where your papers are, and what particular man I could talk to. Could you find this out in Montreal and let me know? How about discussing it there with the American Consul General? If we can find out exactly where your papers are at the present moment perhaps I can get some action.

Cordially,

2 Montreal Apr. 11.

My dear Mr. Thomas,

All the hopes of the world are on you! - Thank you for the kind letter. - I went immediately to the consul General and he very kindly gave me the name of Mr. Elliott Coulter as being the acting Chief of the Visa division in the Department of State and apparently making Sunshine or rain in that Sphere! I greatly hope for early sunshine!!

fail a young Mr. Edward Eagan who, by the claims of an
american jeweler in Italy, had stolen a few millions of lire a
brace from some! - It was frightfully amusing the way
he told it, - and I believe that it would be very wise to
keep in the good graces of that folly consul who may
yet be well disposed towards me too, in spite of my not
having yet landed a few millions of jewelry! -
I will soon have to study those natural resources of
Canada. - There is greatly hoping for an early reunion
with all my best wishes to you and kindest regards
to Mrs. Thomas. -

Very sincerely

Marquise d'Allij

2.

I am very sorry to hear that Rolf Mowser has lost his shop in Lake Placid, and greatly hope for him that he will be able to pick up some thing in the Navy! The Consul General of the U. S. here, is a jolly sort of a man, and has been 20 years in Naples as a Consul, and one of those years there, he had to pull out of

For the Marquis

LOWELL THOMAS

ROCKEFELLER CENTER - NEW YORK

April 15, 1942

Dear Mr. Elliott Coulter,

The enclosed letter tells about my old friend the Marquis d'Albizzi. His wife was an American. He himself has lived in this country and Canada ever since the first World War, and he ought to be an asset to us at this time. The Marquis, although no longer a youngster, is a man of great physical prowess, a gallant gentleman, and he would be most valuable to us either in the cavalry or in organizing the new ski troops that we are getting ready to use in the West and Alaska.

Any cooperation you can give him will be greatly appreciated.

Very sincerely yours,

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April 20, 1942

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Mr. Lowell Thomas
Hampshire House
59th Street
New York City

Dear Lowell,

When I returned from Albany late the night of the 16th, I was glad to receive your letter of the 15th. I left home that morning, drove to Albany, worked there all day and drove home that night. I did intend to go on to Montreal but after reading your letter I went to bed. I will leave here, however, Friday morning, the 24th, arriving at Joe Dodge's place Friday night.

I understand the skiing is very good in the ravine. I received a letter from Bruce Fenn saying that he had been down there skiing and found the conditions perfect. He may join us Saturday morning. Gesine will not come along. She is not feeling too well and does not care for automobile travel anyway.

Rolf Munson called me up wanting to know if I was going over and after telling him I was he said he might want to ride with me if it was alright. He told me he had talked with you in New York and it was alright with you.

Your letter to Dea Colburn was very interesting and very much to the point. This is what I have been preaching for quite some time. We have between eight and nine hundred dollars left in the Mount Whitney Ski Club treasury and I am at a loss to know just what to do with it. I will hold on to it and perhaps this week-end you can tell me what to do.

Hoping to see you Saturday morning.

Very sincerely,

Hubert

LT

April 23, 1942

Dear Marquis,

Believe me you still have a staunch friend at the Lake Placid Club in Mr. Hicks. He seems to spend a good deal of time thinking about you and what might be done.

As I believe I mentioned to you, I have long had a rather absurd ambition to "do the Headwall" on my fiftieth birthday. Well, the time has arrived, and if conditions are okay I hope to take a shot at it this Saturday.

Hubert Stevens and Rolf Monsen are driving over from Placid to meet me at Pinkham Notch -- Joe Dodge's Camp at the foot of the Sherburne Trail -- Mt. Washington. There is a chance that Sepp Rueschp and Erling Strom will also drive up from Stowe. And, I wouldn't be surprised if Hannes Schneider and some of his lads would drop over from North Conway. Eddie Eagan is going up with me. And, if the weather is okay and snow conditions are not too bad, we may have some fun. Why don't you ask the American Consul in Montreal to give you a special dispensation just for the weekend? It is only a short run from Montreal down to Gorham or Intervale. And, if you can borrow a few dollars, we can make it up from the Treasury of the Mt. Whitney Ski Club. This surely could be considered as one of our meetings! And, Hubert tells me there is a little money left in the treasury. Perhaps not much, but enough to cover your trip to Mt. Washington.

Best wishes.

Cordially yours,

Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York City

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LT

April 27, 1942

Dear Marquis:

Enclosed is a draft. Miss Davis tells me this leaves about twenty dollars in the Mt. Whitney account.

However, there is some left in the account that we opened at Lake Placid. Hubert Stevens has charge of that. The only thing I am wondering is whether he can check it out without the signature of one of the Lake Placid Club officers. I would suggest that you not bother to write Lake Placid concerning this. You raised the money and it ought to be disposed of according to your wishes. I suppose you will have to give an accounting to your friends who gave it to you for the Mt. Whitney development. And, I am wondering if they will give their consent to it now being transferred to you to tide you over during this difficult period.

I wish you could have been with us at Mt. Washington this weekend. The snow was magnificent, and we had a lot of fun. It wasn't a birthday celebration. But, in one of my letters I probably mentioned that I had hoped to be able to go over the famous Tuckerman Headwall on my fiftieth birthday. This jaunt to the Ravine was made several weeks after my birthday. However, that was the general idea.

The Headwall was in fair shape. But, great crevasses had already begun to appear, making it somewhat risky. Also, small avalanches had corrugated the wall so that it was like a gigantic washboard. Some day I'll tell you more about it. At any rate, I went over the Headwall and fell most of the thousand feet to the bottom of that famous Bowl.

Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York City

LT

April 27, 1945

I hope this check and letter will cheer you up a bit. I am sure Lady Luck has lots of good fortune awaiting you just around the corner.

Warmest regards from all of us,

Enclosed is a draft. Miss Davis tells me this leaves about twenty dollars in the Mr. Whitney account.

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I wish you could have been with us at Mr. Washington's wedding. The other was magnificent, and we had a lot of fun. It was a birthday celebration. But, as one of my letters I probably mentioned that I had hoped to be able to go over the summer. Thomas and Beardsall as my little birthday. This Janet to the Baving and made several weeks after my birthday. However, that was the general idea.

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Love, Thomas
Beardsall, Carter
New York City

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Lake Placid Club
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May 5, 1942

Dear Mr Thomas

On April 25th the Marquis wrote me a very pathetic and terribly disturbing letter. He is fast approaching the expenditure of his last penny left in his possession when he returned to Canada. He has written to his friends in Canada in search of renumerative employment with no result. He has advertised in a Montreal newspaper as a teacher of French "Private Lessons by a European Nobleman in Exile." He reported on April 25th that no replies had come from this advertisement.

He questions whether the amount advanced by him for his living expenses at the Lake Placid Club might not be returned to him, and he gives the figure \$180.66 which he says might be deducted, and that the balance might be returned to him. I am unable to understand what he has in mind as a balance, but infer that whatever he may have paid from funds in his personal possession for his maintenance at the Club should be returned to him.

I am not in a position to suggest such a matter, and I know he would not have suggested it if he had not been desperately situated.

The Marquis then suggests that I write to an individual whom he names, and who has not hitherto interested himself in the Mt Whitney Ski Club, to ask for a loan of \$500 on the basis of which he can subsist through July. That part of his letter reads:

"Bad luck has struck me hard. I have lost everything. At the present time I am stuck here in deep misery with not enough to live through to July."

It has been necessary for me to reply that in view of my official position I cannot write the letter requesting this loan, which he requests me to write.

I am actually fearful of what may happen if he finds himself completely destitute of funds with no possibility of earning. He is unquestionably desperate, and I do not wonder. If I were in a position personally to aid him financially by a loan, which might turn out to be a gift, I would do so, but I am absolutely unable to befriend him in this manner much as I would like to do so.

The purpose of this confidential letter to you is to ask whether you think it would be possible to approach a group of people who know him to advance collectively the sum of \$500 to him, with no other assurance of return than his thoroughly sincere desires and intentions.

I have suggested the possibility that he might discover an opportunity to teach in some school, but I fear his knowledge of teaching is not adequate. What I really have in mind is the discovery of some school post where his living might be guaranteed, so that even though he only earned his living he would at least be saved from starvation. I have also expressed the hope that Andre's effort to organize a pack train trip might be extended to include several such trips in each year in the hope that earnings might be sufficient to support him. No doubt he has thought seriously of all such proposals.

If you have any counsel to give me in view of what he has written and in view of his desperate situation, I shall be glad to cooperate in any effort that will bring him relief. I only wish it were possible to provide relief in a manner which would give some reasonable guarantee that a loan could be paid off in reasonable time.

You are really the only person to whom I can write in this purely personal and confidential manner, and I hope in so doing I am not imposing upon your goodwill.

Sincerely yours


H W Hicks

Mr Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York City

File Marquis

May 8, 1942

Dear Mr. Hicks:

I think the Marquis already has a little money -- some that he received a day or two ago. And, I'll get busy on your suggestion immediately.

Last night I was talking to a Canadian official, suggesting that they make use of the Marquis and his great talents. His reply was that they are reluctant to take any chances, at a time like this, with any person who has an Italian background. But, there ought to be a way of getting around that. And after all, the Marquis is only one-eighth Italian.

As things develop, I will keep in touch with you.

Cordially yours,

File Marquis

May 8, 1942

Dear Mr. Campbell Smart:

I have been thinking over what you said about the Marquis d'Albizzi and his foreign background. But, it has just occurred to me that his background is so overwhelmingly a part of the whole United Nations picture that his talents should be made use of.

First, he is only one-eighth Italian. To offset that he is one-eighth English and six-eighths Russian.

Second, he is a Canadian citizen.

Third, he is a professional soldier, a great athlete, a leader of men, and a remarkable human being in many ways.

With a World War sweeping over the planet it seems too bad that the Marquis isn't in the middle of it. He's a born soldier, and a gallant and dashing figure.

The reason I am extolling him in this way is just this: I first crossed his trail during the last war. I know a little about his record, and of his deeds of valor. Men of his experience and physique are few and far between. At present I believe he is in Montreal. At any rate, he picks up his mail there at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel.

Cordially yours,

(Lives at Park Lane Hotel)
Office: Circle 6-6300

LOWELL THOMAS

ROCKEFELLER CENTER · NEW YORK

May 7, 1942

Dear Marquis:

Hubert Stevens is trying to straighten out the financial situation at Placid. Apparently there will be a balance of over Four Hundred Dollars. And, if we can get hold of this it should be enough to tide you over for some time.

I am writing to Hubert today, and, as soon as the money is redeposited here in New York we will let you know.

Concerning the horse situation on Quaker Hill, well, everything seems to change from week to week. At present, people are thinking only of the war. But, if anything turns up, of course I will let you know immediately. Right now our neighbors don't even know whether they are going to be able to use their country places. It all depends on the gasoline situation. If they are cut down as completely as Washington has suggested, most people will be obliged to live as near their city work as they possibly can. For the moment we simply don't know what's going to happen. But, I am confident that it will all work out okay.

Anyhow, I am sure that all your problems will be solved. If you had as many of them, and if they were as complex, as the problems facing me, then I could understand how disturbed you might feel. But, we all have our own curious way of looking at life. And all I hope is that you will cheer up, find yourself a jolly wife, and laugh at the storms of life.

Best regards,

LOWELL THOMAS

ROCKEFELLER CENTER - NEW YORK

May 20, 1942

Dear Marquis:

Lake Champlain sounds awfully good -- especially from where I sit this morning. A murky cloud hangs over New York City, and it's getting sticky and hot.

Regarding Quaker Hill, here is the problem: So far this Spring I have only spent a few hours there. And, I understand that many of my neighbors have been in the same predicament. None of us has any real idea what life on the Hill will be like this summer. Of course, we do know that Many of the young people will be away because the colleges and universities are going right on through the summer, speeding up their courses, rushing young men through as fast as possible, and then sending them on into various branches of military service. Usually the young people do most of the riding. Whether we can get their parents to take it up or not is entirely in the lap of the gods -- or, if you were with us it would be in your lap.

The only thing I had in mind was this: that if we got your permit to re-enter, and if you had nothing to do for a month or two, we would provide you with a comfortable room somewhere in the vicinity where you could be on your own and do as you wish. Another skier and mountaineer is going to spend the summer with us, handling a stop-gap job, in charge of a construction gang. He is a grand chap and I thought the two of you could batch together, making your own arrangements regarding meals, except on the many occasions when you would be visiting us, or out with other people. The thought I had was that you could

start a cavalry school, just as an experiment, charge for lessons, and take all of the proceeds from that. So far as the actual rental of horses is concerned, the payments for that would have to go to the boys at the barn; otherwise we couldn't hold them. And even so, there is always a deficit.

Some fifteen miles from us there is another organization called the Carmel Country Club. I have hopes that we might be able to steer things up there, and get them to have you as their riding adviser one day a week. And, we might find another locality in nearby Connecticut.

At any rate, I am sure the whole stunt could be built up into a fine thing -- if it were possible to start it this summer and then keep at it for several seasons. Anyway, if you had nothing else of any importance to do I thought you might like to give it a trial.

Cordially,

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LAKE PLACID, N. Y.

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Lake Placid, N. Y.
May 21, 1942

Miss Mary Davis
c/o Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York

Dear Miss Davis:

Thanks for the delayed letter of Lowell Thomas. It is probably a good thing that this letter was delayed as I have been busy on the road and had completely forgotten about the check.

Please find enclosed check to Lowell for \$533.06. This is a little more than I thought but that is a good thing. This completely closes the account and all bills are paid.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "J. Hubert Stevens".

J. Hubert Stevens

LOWELL THOMAS File

May 25, 1942

Dear Hubert:

Your letter and the final check in connection with the Mt. Whitney Ski Tow has just come. Miss Davis will deposit it at the Chemical Bank & Trust Company. And then, if necessary, we will post five hundred as a bond for the Marquis, who has now been given permission to re-enter for a 29-day period, pending further manœuvres that probably will get him in on a more permanent basis.

Hope to see you before long.

Best regards.

Cordially,

Mr. Hubert Stevens
Lake Placid New York

LOWELL THOMAS

ROCKEFELLER CENTER · NEW YORK

Marguerite

May 25, 1942

Dear Betty,

You are absolutely right, but I haven't yet figured out yet how we can pull it off. Here is my present program:- to go to Washington some time during the next two weeks, and try and get the ear of General Marshall or the top-ranking General under him who seems to have the final say. I am going to start a campaign (or help any such thing that is already under way) for the increase of our Mountain forces to a full Army Corps. If this were done Uncle Sam would need a large number of experienced officers, as well as nearly all the young men in the country who are skiers of the Class A and B variety.

After my visit to Washington I will get in touch with you about this. It may be necessary for us to organize a civilian committee, including Alec Bright and lots of others, to start prodding Washington along.

Best regards to yourself and all the Dumaines.

Cordially,

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May 28, 1942.

Lowell Thomas Esq.
Radio City.
New York City.
N.Y.

Dear Mr Thomas:

Thank you for your nice long letter.

I will be glad to hear of your trip to Washington.

If you need any help on your Citizen's Committee I
will be delighted to help in any way that I can be
of use to you.

*We are but you can bring
the right pressure. I agree Washington
needs to be stirred up about all these
Guistars and Navy men have spoken of it and how
necessary to guard and protect Pacific coast to Alaska*
Yours sincerely,
Betty Dumaine.
Vice Chairman Volunteer Services.

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In the summer of 1935, it was felt by the Trustees of the M.G.H. that it would be worth while to try to formulate a group of volunteer workers on the wards.

This was discussed by Miss Betty Dumaine and Dr Faxon who with learning that the help of the Boston Metropolitan Chapter of the American Red Cross, a group of Hospital Aides or (Health Aides as they were called) could be formed.

In the fall of 1935, with the help of a committee formed to guide and advise, the first Nurses Aides class was started. The committee consisted of
^ Miss Harriet Robeson, Chairman of the volunteer services of the Boston Chapter, Miss Betty Dumaine, Mrs Edwin Cave, and Miss Sally M. Johnson.

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Marquis file
June 2, 1942.

Mr. Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York, N. Y.

Attention: Miss Mary Davis.

Dear Sir:

Re: Marquis d'Albizzi,
Alien Bond.

In compliance with your letter of June 2nd,
we have today authorized our Montreal, Canada office to
execute Alien Bond in the amount of \$500.00 on behalf
of the Marquis d'Albizzi.

As soon as we are advised that the bond has
been executed we will forward you our receipt for the
security you placed with us on this bond.

Very truly yours,

W. S. HERING, Supt.,
Fidelity Department.

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June 2, 1942

Dear Mr. Ellin:

I am enclosing Mr. Thomas' check for \$510. to cover bond for the Marquis d'Albizzi, who has already been in touch with your branch office in Montreal in the Royal Bank Building, 360 St. James Street. The Marquis will greatly appreciate your wiring them.

The Marquis can be reached, by mail, in care of the Ritz-Carlton Hotel, Montreal, but he is not staying there. Evidently your Montreal branch advised the Marquis to have us get in touch with you. He is most anxious to re-enter this country, and Mr. Thomas expects him to be his guest while here.

Thanks so much for your courtesy on the telephone. If you need to reach us, our unlisted telephone is Columbus 5-2132.

Sincerely yours,

Secretary to Mr. Thomas

Mr. C. B. Ellin
U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co.
75 William Street
New York City

June 15, 1942

Dear General McNair:

You may recall my mentioning an officer whom I met in the High Alps during the First World War, the Marquis d'Albizzi. He is now a Canadian citizen, and arrived in this country several days ago. After a weekend with us in the country, he is on his way to Washington, and probably will be staying with Congressman Gale of Minnesota, who has skied with him.

If you happen to have a little time to spare, I am sure both you and your wife would enjoy chatting with the Marquis. In all my travels up and down the globe, he is one of the most remarkable men I have met. As you would expect a soldier and mountaineer of his type to be, he is jolly, free and easy, and a man of rather incredible physical ability. Racially, he is one-eighth Italian, one-eighth English, and six-eighths Russian, is now a Canadian citizen, and would be more than glad to become an American citizen if he could get into this war and be of some use to the mountain force you are building up. And, I am sure he would be only too happy to serve in a civilian capacity, at any rate until he had proven himself, and until you and your colleagues became a little tired of seeing a man of his ability around in civilian garb. He is just about the most remarkable horseman I have ever encountered. In addition, he is a great skier, a mountain climber, an expert on packing, and everything under the sun that goes with life in the mountains.

I had hoped that your wife might have the fun of riding with him when he came to Washington. A doctor at McGill University with whom he has often skied, told him he might have to have his appendix taken out within the next few weeks, and that he should stay out of the saddle until that detail is out of the way.

Since the day that I had that very pleasant luncheon with you and your wife, I have been on a wild merry-go-round, but, I intend to summarize some of those thoughts that I presented to you and send

them along, hoping that my ideas will encourage some of your associates, even if they are of no direct help. The fact is that I revised some of my original ideas as a result of what you and Colonel Nelson Walker told me. Also, I have done a little additional thinking, and my memorandum may be a little more coherent than my conversation.

Cordially yours,

Lieut-General Leslie J. McHair
Army War College
Washington, D. C.,

June 15, 1942

Dear Colonel Walker:

On the day when I spent several interesting hours with you, I spoke of my friend, the Marquis d'Albizzi. He was the first commanding-officer of ski troops I had ever encountered. That was some twenty-four years ago, at ten thousand feet in the High Alps. Since then I have seen a great deal of him because he is one of the foremost authorities on mountaineering and skiing in North America. He has been here now for some twenty years, and is a Canadian citizen. The Marquis has just come down from Canada, and expects to spend a few days in Washington, probably with one of his ski friends, Congressman Gale of Minnesota.

He really is a terrific fellow, and I am sure you will enjoy meeting him. He has been vastly interested in the little I have told him about the mountain force you are building up. And, if you could get his citizenship transferred from Canada to the United States, or merely get a visa for him that would make it possible for him to stay here, you might be able to use him as a civilian adviser -- until such time as you wanted him as an officer.

Although he is around fifty years old, he is physically a more superb specimen than any of my thirty-five year old friends that I can think of.

At any rate, I think you will find him an interesting and stimulating man to know.

Racially, he is six-eighths Russian, one-eighth Italian, and one-eighth English. But, his wife was an American, and since the first World War he has spent all the time in the United States and Canada.

Cordially,

Col. Nelson M. Walker
Army Ground Forces
Army War College
Washington, D.C.

HEADQUARTERS
ARMY GROUND FORCES
ARMY WAR COLLEGE
WASHINGTON, D. C.

June 17, 1942.

Mr. Lowell Thomas,
Rockefeller Center,
New York, N. Y.

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Since writing you a note this morning I have received your letter of May 25 in regard to the Marquis d'Albizzi, which was delayed in reaching me having been sent to another officer named Walker in the War Department.

On the heels of your letter, as it were, the Marquis arrived in person with your note of introduction. I understand that he saw General McNair, and I had a most pleasant and interesting visit with him. As you say, he is a fascinating chap and has had a colorful career. While we have little to talk about at the present time, the Marquis might be helpful to us later on if our mountain project grows.

With kindest regards,

Sincerely,

Nelson M Walker

NELSON M. WALKER
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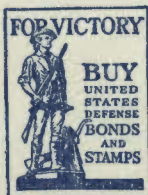
My dear Mr. Thomas:

With reference to your interest in the visa case of the Marquis d'Albizzi, I take pleasure in informing you that after careful consideration of the documents submitted the Department has given advisory approval to the American Consul General at Montreal, Canada, for the issuance of an immigration visa. Notification of this action has been transmitted to the Consul General by mail and you are assured that he will accord the Marquis d'Albizzi's case every consideration at such time as he makes his formal application for a visa.

Sincerely yours,


H. K. Travers
Chief, Visa Division

Mr. Lowell Thomas,
Rockefeller Center,
New York, New York.



WALDORF-ASTORIA

NEW YORK CITY

Mr. Lowell Thomas
Room 722- RCA Building
New York, New York

Thanks very much for your note about the Marquis. I missed you at the Studio but will try again. Is there anyone on your Staff who could help on this writing question?

Cordially,

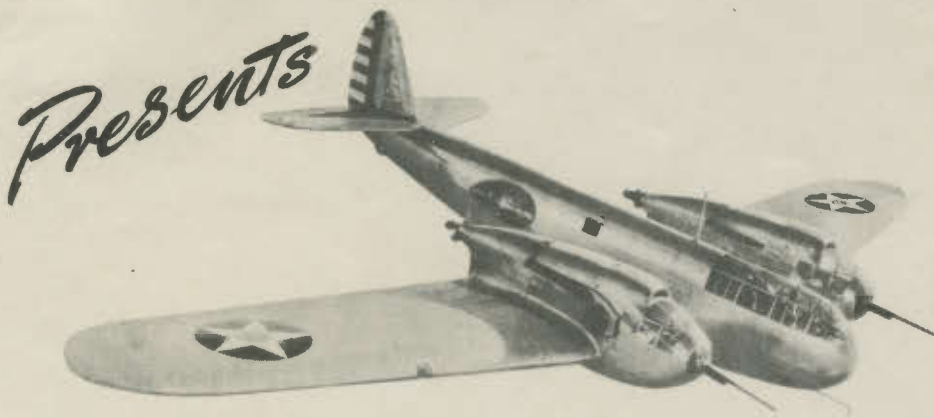
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MAJOR ALEXANDER P. DE SEVERSKY

MAJOR ALEXANDER P. DE SEVERSKY was born in Russia in 1894. At the age of ten he went to military school and subsequently to the Russian Naval Academy where, in 1914, he was graduated a lieutenant of the Russian Navy. After seeing some service with a Russian destroyer flotilla in the Baltic Sea through the winter of 1914-15, he was selected for duty with naval aviation and sent to the Military School of Aeronautics at Sebastopol, Crimea, where he was graduated as a military aviator. He then returned to the Baltic Sea and completed a Naval postgraduate course in aeronautics and received a degree as a naval aviator. Thereupon he was attached to the naval aviation forces of the Baltic Sea. During the following three years he saw active combat service, first in bombardment aviation and then pursuit; in 1917 he was appointed Chief of Pursuit Aviation of the Baltic Sea. Despite the fact that he lost his right leg in 1915 while on a bombardment mission, he returned to active duty with an artificial limb. Through his daring military exploits he became the leading Russian ace of the Naval Air Force and received all the honors that his native land could bestow on him, including the Gold Sword and the Order of St. George, the highest military award.

In 1918, as a result of his technical contributions to the progress of aviation, he was selected as a member of the Russian Naval Aviation Mission to the United States. After Russia dropped out of the war, he offered his services to the United States Government and was appointed aeronautical engineer and test pilot for the government, in which capacity he served until the Armistice. In 1921 he acted in an advisory capacity to the late General William E. Mitchell during the latter's demonstration of the ability of aircraft to sink battleships. As a result of this work, he was appointed consulting engineer to the War Department by the Secretary of War, a great

honor for a young man not yet an American citizen. In 1927 he became an American citizen and was commissioned a major in the U.S. Air Corps Specialist Reserve the following year.

Major Seversky designed the world's first fully automatic bombsight. In 1931 he founded the Seversky Aircraft Corporation, now Republic Aviation Corporation, of which he was President and Director for more than seven years. This company has been engaged in building some of America's best pursuit airplanes. He designed and built the fastest amphibian plane in the world, the first low-wing basic training airplane for the U. S. Army Air Corps, and is responsible for the development of American pursuit airplanes in their present form. He also pioneered in high-altitude combat tactics by developing and building the first turbo-supercharged, air-cool-engined fighter. He has made numerous other contributions to our air defense. His advanced ideas and long-range views in connection with the technical development of aeronautical equipment have been fully substantiated by the events of the present war.

Major Seversky holds numerous world's speed records and in December of 1940 he was presented with the coveted Harmon Trophy by President Roosevelt for his outstanding achievements in the field of aviation.

He is considered one of our greatest experts on the tactics and strategy of aerial warfare. His ability in that respect has been demonstrated by the accuracy of his forecasts in the course of the current war. In particular his public predictions as to the time the war would begin, the ability of Great Britain to resist invasion, the events at Crete, the Russian-German conflict, and, finally, his analysis of the Pacific theater of war have been truly remarkable.

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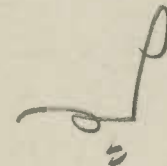
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August 12, 1942

6/11/5
Dear Clark,

Yes, I have a colleague who could work on the Marquis story, provided you could get a big enough advance to supply him with an income during the weeks when he is assembling the material.

As for a few notes concerning the Marquis, to use in a circular, perhaps I had better hurriedly dictate a paragraph or two, so you will not have to lose any more time. Anyhow, here goes:-

Some twenty-four years ago, in mid-winter, I decided to scale the Alps and spend a little time with the Italian Mountain Troops. So many things have happened since then that my memory of the experience is rather sketchy -- just flashes of crossing canyons in a little basket, on a wire cableway, visiting the first troops I ever encountered who were dressed all in white, to make them invisible against the snow, guns firing from mountain top to mountain top, the first troops I ever saw on skis, and a picturesque and dashing officer named the Marquis d'Albizzi.

The Marquis had performed some prodigious feats in the mountains, and was a legendary figure among the Italian Alpini. Almost single handed he had scaled a sheer wall, and captured an Austrian stronghold.

Since then I have crossed the Marquis' trail many times. And, here are a few highlights of his life story:-

He is one-eighth English, one-eighth Italian, and six-eighths Russian. His Grandmother, I believe was Anne of Georgia, last independent ruler

Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York City

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of that part of the old Russian empire. From his Italian father he gets his title. He himself was born in Madeira, was educated in various European countries, and finally at the Czar's Cavalry School.

After serving with the Russian Cavalry for a time, he went to Italy and took part in the Italo-Turkish War.

After the World War in which he gained considerable renown for his daring and prowess, he married an American nurse, a girl from Denver, Colorado. For a short time he was on an Italian diplomatic mission in the Near East, and upon the death of his wife he came to America.

Since then, he has lived mainly in the Colorado Rockies, the Adirondacks, the Laurentians and in Western Canada. The Marquis is one of those who has played a great part in introducing skiing to several million Americans. And, in so doing he has become a legendary figure on this continent.

D'Albizzi has a racey and fascinating personality, and a story of high adventure to tell.

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Will the above be of any help? And, do you think you will be able to book him for enough dates to make it worthwhile for you and for the Marquis?

He is the sort of chap whom you might be able to build up into a valuable property.

Best wishes to Osa and yourself.

Cordially,

Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York City

LOWELL THOMAS

ROCKEFELLER CENTER - NEW YORK

September 3, 1942

Mary
#150.

Dear Marquis,

not
Enclosed is the check you asked for. I am on the train where I can consult Miss Davis. But, I will send her a copy of this so she can straighten out the figures. In your letter you say you have three hundred left out of that remaining five hundred. I believe you are right. And, this would mean you now have a final one-fifty to draw from.

I mailed Burton Rascoe that book SAVAGE SQUADRONS, which had been loaned to me by Bob Keogh. When you gentlemen are through with it I would like to return it to Bob.

I also have gone over your suggested letter to General McNair and have made one or two slight changes. I think you are right about this being the psychological moment. Furthermore, I understand Colonel Walker is no longer at headquarters in Washington. Beyond that I have no information concerning the progress made by the mountain troops. Two or three weeks from now I may know a little more. I expect to spend a day or two in Washington, and hope to see something of one of my friends who is now with General McNair at the War College, a young Captain who knows considerable about skiing and winter equipment.

I sure hope you get a book out of your work at Montauk. Burton Rascoe is an exceedingly able writer, who is widely known in his own right and be no means a ghost writer in the usual sense.

Cordially,

November 20, 1942

Dear Mr. Kaiser:

I want to tell you about an unusual man in whom you may be interested. But, before I do, congratulations on that forthright speech you made at the Waldorf the other night at the Herald-Tribune Forum. I thought it was much to the point and effectively presented. Also, I would like to thank you again for the big block of stone you sent me from the Grand Coulee Dam two years ago, the stone that is now part of our rather colossal "History of Civilization" fireplace in a community building on Quaker Hill, in southeast Dutchess County, where Tom Dewey and some of the rest of us spend a few of our leisure hours. I would like to lure you there some day to have a look at it. I think, as an engineer, and as a maker of history, you might be interested. I know the stone that former President Hoover installed would appeal to your imagination.

Now about the man: Don't be alarmed because he happens to have a title. His name is the Marquis d'Albizzi, and I have known him for some twenty-five years, since I encountered him in the High Alps during the First World War. Although he is a Canadian citizen, he has been unable to get into the war, with the Canadians, merely because he was with the Italian forces during the last war, and because he happens to be one-eighth Italian. He really is a terrific fellow--an outdoor man in every sense of the term. He has an unusual capacity for leading men, and arousing them. Physically he is a magnificent specimen. And, it occurred to me that with the sort of thing you are doing on the West Coast, the Marquis might be invaluable, say at handling a few thousand men in your shipyards.

I am sure you would enjoy knowing him. And, if you had a chance to get acquainted with him I believe you would agree with me that he ought to fit into a picture of that type. If you do use him, I would suggest that you put him on one of your enterprises that is out-of-doors, rather than in a chemical plant, or a mine. In brief, here is the story of his career:-

He is one-eighth English, one-eighth Italian, and six-eighths Russian. His Grandmother, I believe, was Anne of Georgia, last independent ruler of that part of the old Russian empire. From his Italian father he gets his title. He himself was born in Madeira, was educated in various European countries, and finally at the Czar's Cavalry School.

After serving with the Russian Cavalry for a time, he went to Italy and took part in the Italo-Turkish War.

After the World War, in which he gained considerable renown for his daring and prowess, he married an American nurse, a girl from Denver, Colorado. For a short time he was on an Italian diplomatic mission in the Near East, and upon the death of his wife he came to America.

Since then, he has lived mainly in the Colorado Rockies, the Adirondacks, the Laurentians, and in Western Canada. The Marquis is one of those who has played a great part in introducing skiing on this continent.

I have seen a good deal of him during the past twenty-odd years, and can vouch for him in every way. However, I wouldn't attempt to make a financier out of him. He just wouldn't fit. But at handling large numbers of men, perhaps on a big shipbuilding project, he might be of real help to you.

LOWELL THOMAS

I have often given you a boost on the radio, none of which you probably have ever heard. But, I think you are doing a magnificent thing, and I wish you the greatest success.

Cordially yours,

Henry J. Kaiser

(Courtesy of Stanley Swenberg)

MR. LOWELL THOMAS
MT. WHITNEY SKI TOW ACCOUNT
HAMPSHIRE HOUSE
150 WEST 59TH STREET
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New York
Dec. 28. 42.
904 Park Ave

My dear Mr. Thomas,

Min Ward just
phoned and gave me
your very kind message,
to come and join you
at Lake Placid! There
would be nothing I
would like best, but
unfortunately I got a

teach, take parties
around and be useful.
well, thank you again
my dear Mr. Thomas
I miss a lot your nice
company, and please
give my regards to Mrs.
Thomas and sonny.

with all my very best
wishes to you all for a
happy 1943. - as ever
yours
Marcelle d'Albion

set back the time
I got out to soon,
I started coughing and
my right lung ached
again. - So I am
back to where I started
from, but without that
horrid fever. -

I thought it would be
nice if I could go to

California if that combi-
nation with Mr. Keiser
worked, - did he ever answer
you? - I am writing to
Mr. Laughlin to Alta and
I am telling him about
my pneumonia and that
I would like to come and
reconvalesce there for a
month or two if I could

HENRY J. KAISER COMPANY

OFFICE OF THE
PRESIDENT

December 31, 1942

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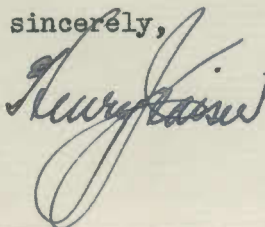
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Dear Mr. Thomas:

Acknowledging your letter of November 20 which has just reached me through Mr. Swanberg, I shall be in New York the early part of January, at which time I shall be glad to talk with the Marquis d'Albizzi. I shall be at the Waldorf Astoria Hotel.

Thank you for the kind remarks which you have made about me.

Very sincerely,



Henry J. Kaiser/c

Mr. Lowell Thomas
Rockefeller Center
New York, N. Y.

Rh 4-9412

HENRY J. TAYLOR COMPANY

Ph 4-9412

Reference is made to your letter of November 1st which has just received and regarding Mr. Campbell, I shall be in the best position to advise you of the same. I shall be in the best position to advise you of the same.

I am, Sir, very respectfully,
Your obedient servant,

Wm. J. Taylor
President
New York, N. Y.

Ph 4-9412

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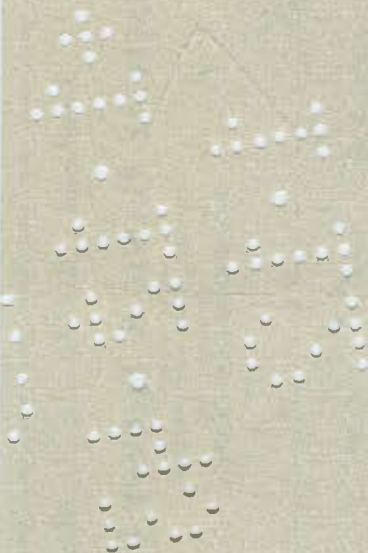
DOLLARS

Lowell Thomas

MT. WHITNEY SKI TOW ACCOUNT

Mary Davis

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Feb. 20. 48.
White Plains

My Dear Mr. Thomas!

Our letters have
crossed! - Your nice
one with my horrid
one! -

You are very kind to
invite me to lunch
on Tuesday and I
am very grateful to you

but for some quite
miraculous reasons
the Getts affair has
come to a ripe pimple
and I am actually
leaving for Niagara
falls on Monday
night and will be
back on Wednesday
morning. The start

may be good there
but the total income
ridiculous. They pay \$100
Mr. Getts, gets 40 - my
ticket costs 41 my
hotel 4 my breakfast
\$1. - tips e.t.c \$1. -
and I earn \$13. - for
sweetening in front of
a crowd of surprised

hungry mooners at
Niagara falls! —

But as you said one
has to start! —

I hope to see you
on Wednesday perhaps

I will phone any
how. — Best of luck
and excuse my pencil

Yours as ever

Margaret D'Aliff

March 3, 1943.

Dear Mr. Wilson:

Many thanks for your gracious letter. Both Mr. Buranelli and I thoroughly enjoyed cooperating with you and your colleagues.

By the way, do you need men who speak a number of foreign languages? I have a particular friend, a man whom I have known for the past twenty odd years, who might in some way fit into the Secret Service picture.

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He is a magnificent fellow, and I am sure you would enjoy meeting him.

Cordially yours,

HEADQUARTERS SECOND SERVICE COMMAND

SERVICES OF SUPPLY

GOVERNORS ISLAND, NEW YORK

In reply refer to:
New York Officer
Procurement District,
50 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

Dear Sir:

The Officer Procurement Service is receiving applications for a limited number of appointments direct from civil life to commissioned status in the Army of the United States, as Tropic, Desert, or Arctic Field Research Officer.

The duties and principal qualifications of these officers are summarized on the information sheet on the reverse side of this letter. If you are interested in making application, it is suggested that you sign and complete the information sheet, fill out the inclosed Personnel Placement Questionnaires, and return them to this office.

You are particularly requested merely to furnish the information asked for and not to make inquiry later concerning any action taken thereon. Upon the basis of the information furnished, notice of interview will be sent to selected applicants who appear best qualified.

Your cooperation is also requested in recommending other qualified persons to whom it might be desirable to send similar letters. Complete names and mailing addresses are desired.

Very truly yours,

JOHN B. MARSH

Lt. Col., A.G.D.

Incl:

~~DD AGO Forms No. 0250~~
~~and 0250a.~~

INFORMATION SHEET

TO: New York Officer Procurement District, 50 Broadway, New York, N. Y.

I believe that I can perform the duties and meet the principal qualifications of Field Research Officer as set forth below, and inclose herewith a Personnel Placement Questionnaire in duplicate, and two pass-port size photographs.

DUTIES

Circle Answers
Below

- | | | | |
|--|-----|---|----|
| a. To make continuing geographical studies of a specific area, -
Tropic, Desert or Arctic. (Indicate areas experienced in.) | T | D | A |
| b. To assist in organizing and conducting research projects in
that area. | Yes | | No |
| c. To assist in classifying geographic and map information
concerning that area. | Yes | | No |
| d. To assist in preparing charts, diagrams, and material
required for publication. | Yes | | No |
| e. To gather information about the area pertinent to the
operations of air force units in those regions. | Yes | | No |

PRINCIPAL QUALIFICATIONS

- | | | |
|--|-----|----|
| a. Maximum age, 55 years; minimum, 35 in most cases. (State age) | AGE | |
| b. Physical fitness for at least limited service. | Yes | No |
| c. (1) College graduation (desirable but not required.) | Yes | No |
| (2) College training in geography and allied sciences
(highly desirable but not required.) | Yes | No |
| d. Specific training in one or more of the following: | | |
| (1) Cartography, including field experience in ground
surveying or aerial mapping; | Yes | No |
| (2) Climatology and climatography; | Yes | No |
| (3) Meteorology; | Yes | No |
| (4) Geology; | Yes | No |
| e. Experience since 1933 in a tropic or desert area outside the
western hemisphere, which is or probably will be a theatre of
operation, or in an arctic area. This experience must have
resulted in an intimate knowledge of the topography, climate,
population centers, waterways, and all other geographic
features which might affect air force operations in that area.
(State areas, dates, and extent of knowledge under "Remarks".) | Yes | No |

REMARKS

Name Address

Telephone No. Date

2/19/43

Lake Placid Club
IN THE ADIRONDACKS
Essex County, N.Y.

Feb. 4. -

My dear Mr. Thomas!

Thank you for the nice letter! And I am rejoicing at the thought of seeing you again here! -

You know I have been sick for 5 days a vigorous sneeze in my neck at a moving and I got that flu or what ever is floating around this bug hatchery! However I must say it

was a lovely sickness... flowers
and beautiful nurses phone calls
and more charming entertainment
than when at large! -

So possibly I am making a
mistake to be healthy? -

Thank you very much for the
picture of our group at "Pico". -

It is nice to look at it and
remember the nice time we had
there! - I will be frightened to
skis with you after all all those
academic touches of "~~Acher-Reg~~
"Acher-Reybizka C^o" It will make
me look childish! -

Hoping the snow will last and
I will see you soon!

Best of luck to you & Mrs Thomas

sincerely
Margrida

U//
% The Ritz Carlton Hotel
Montreal Que April 4.th

My dear Mr. Thomas! -

It was nice of you to send me that nice letter! - I see that you really enjoyed your short vacation: - Short or long I would have had a splendid time with you, and I am still mourning about it! My compliments to Sonny, for having distinguished him self at Sun Valley! It is a good start, and it is remarkable, as he really had no training this winter! As you see I am sliding in to the slimy gutter, deeper and deeper as my exile continues indefinitely; - from glamorous Hotels to rooms, from rooms to attic and as summer will advance, ... ~~out~~ in a tent! and there is no way to tell how long it will drag in Washington!?! - It is really quite distressing, as I have a very

unique and important engagement
on the 20th of April in Vermont to look
for a farm, to raise horses! It is a most
wonderful proposition for me; - and the
most outstanding opportunity since I landed
on this continent. - I would have nothing
to pour out as capital concerns, and yet
would become "Partner" in the business and
share the revenue! - My friends of course are
vastly mistaking; - as they think I know
some thing about horses! - But bluff is a
great asset! - If I only can land this on
April 20th I am solidly established for
a lovely life. - Then, once I am there, we
can make "démarches" for Shi Toop, Alaska
and all the beautiful dreamlands! -
If it is not asking too much and if you can,
would you be so good and put in a
good word for me in the "Department of State,
Visa division" to give me the visa by the
12th of April. - Greatly hoping to see you soon!

Yours very sincerely Marquis d'Alvy.

May 4th
In exile!

Ha! my dear Mr. Thomas,

The Spanish flu?

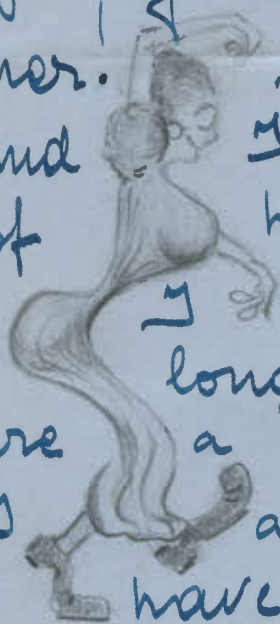
How horrid! I am sorry that
you, of all people had to catch
her.

and
of

She is a tough customer
I hardly could get rid
her! - and after! ? -

I felt very weak for a
long time. - I hope you
are a better christian than

I am and you will
have an earlier deliverance



from that cruel seniorita!

I am very much touched
by your thought of my
disasters in a moment
when you are in agonies
lying there vamped by that
cruel Spaniard! - Really
it is very kind of you to
think to go to Washington
and inflict an electric shock
to the Visa division dep of state!

and deliver me from this, agonizing,
distressing, catastrophical exile!
It is already 2 month that I am
decomposing here in gloom! Yes
rapidly getting off the mark! In
fact getting decidedly Coo coo! from
that long expectation! — I hope that
this thought of my suffering here will
make you feel better, it really is

a bit of a comfort to be suffering
different diseases in company !? -
Oh ! in regard to the 25000 ! here
I am passed the mark ! - I may be
an example to you ! - As 23 years ago
I have collapsed and became a tramp
de lux ! - Never mind the mint, keep
up the spirit ! and life will smile
with out the twenty-five !¹⁰⁰⁰⁰⁰ - The Colorado
thought is very alluring, and as soon

as I get over we may work on it. - Vermont also is very attractive or maybe in the vicinity of Pico Peak. -

I could combine horses and skis on the same farm! -

I am so sorry you have to close the stable at Quaker Hill, but what about the horse-owning people living around there? wouldn't they like to have some

sort of a riding Club started.
Because: I really had only
those two mines left which
I exploited this winter rather
catastrophically! - And I could
not re-touche them. - Mr. Frick
is a very large hearted, large
minded, and large pocketed
friend! But, I am on the
verge of overdoing, and that
should not really happen, as
he is a life-tower to grab

each time I sink in the soup!
Don't you think? - I have a few
other proposal on hand, you know
that horse ranch partnerships, if it
did not peter out, or, ^{possibly} they found
some one else. - I could combine
a good proposition in Vermont
or Colorado. - Any how the 1st thing

To to get over this border may 20.
and then I am sure every thing
will float on the waves. - So long
I am here I rot and deteriorate
in to a wormy corpse! -

That ought to cheer you up! -

Best wishes for prompt recovery
and regards to Mrs. Thomas

as ever yours Marquis d'Alli! //

May 11.

My dear Mr. Thomas!

What News!

What a hero, that Mr.
Stevens, saving from
those L. P. C. poisonous
claws \$400! — It is
really nice of him; and
no one appreciates it more

then I, in those moments of profound misery! -
And thank you, also for really being the tool behind
the seal, with out your stout support, I would be worn
eaten by now! - I am enclosing an article in regard
to the border crossing troubles, and it seems to me
that they are perfectly right. - How is the cold?
Are you well now? - I have just received the copy of your
letter to Mr. Campbell Smart. - Thank you so much, it
is very very kind of you and I know it will be hard
to live up to that standard! I read the letter and
blushed right through my hipopotamus hide! -

By the way who is Mr.
Campbell Smart ? -

I greatly hope that we
will have a few gallons
left to travel to Quakers
Hill and meet there
next month if my visa
ever comes ! -

with my very best wishes
to you & Mrs Thomas
very sincerely Mario d'Almeida

Montreal May 17.

My dear Mr. Thomas,

Betty Dumaire phoned last night and said that: Colonel John Walker from the Army Head Quarter of the Ground forces in Washington is looking for a specialist in mountain warfare, or some such animal!—

Min Durnane of course, with her usual enthusiasm screamed
 in to the phone: "You are the only man in this country
 who really knows mountain war!" - Well, this of course is
 an exaggeration! - But, at that, I think I may be ~~of~~ excep-
 tionally useful because of my practical knowledge. -
 Having, for over 2 years commanded shock troops in high
 mountain warfare under fire continuously, - and you know some
 times in tight pinches one learns some very practical things.
 In fact every thing I know is learned on the battle field.
 Tactics of small units; - night raids, surprises, general patrol
 work, - Types and composition of units, their weapons etc.
 fortification, artillery and machine gun nests. Links and communication
 Large high mountain battle schemes & organisation of it concerning every
 detail: from destructive fire of heavy artillery ^{up} to the charge of the 1st wave of shock troops.

If Col. Waker wishes to interview me I can jump in a plane and be in Washington in a day. But he must give orders to the immigration authority to let me by. - And I am positive that I am quite able to organise and train a High mountain fighting unit which will give a base to the organisation of a Mountain Division! - What do You think? Would you like to phone him and send him a copy of the letter you wrote General Jernigan?

I promised Miss Dumaine that I would write you, - as I told her that you have already written to Gen. Mc Nair and others, but apparently they had better men already. -

She said that all my friends should write Col. Walker e.t.c.

But if you do phone him please do not forget what I spoke about, you know? to have prestige and be respected

from the very start on: flourish
 a bit of a Colonel here a Major
 there Russian Cavalry, Africa
 world war, wounds, valor medals
 50 years old. — So at least even
 if civilian adviser I could be
 called Colonel. — It is most
 important. Because respect helps
 discipline and that brings quick
 result! — Probably nothing will
 come of it but I may be helpful
 too. I hope you are well!
 with all my best wishes to you
 and Mrs. Thomas. very sincerely
 —Marquand Allip—

May 17 pm

My dear Mr. Thomas ! -

Our letters crossed!

I have just sent you, a
phone screen, of Miss
Dunmaine about Col. J.
Walker ! - And I have
in this minute received
your kind note with

The extract from your Monday Broadcast, - it was very nice of you, to have mentioned me, thank you! what pleased me most, was that you thought that in a couple of weeks I may be riding with you on Quacker Hill! - That will be lovely! - I wrote Mr. Frick a crazy letter, telling him that I am putrifying here and to push some button in Wash. but I suppose the impression that letter made was all negative and probably is lying in disgrace

at the bottom of a paper
garbage can! -

If Colonel J. Walker is
also frightened by my ^{past} career,
I will follow your suggestion
and go at it again in
Ottawa! who knows? -

They may reconsider now!

With all my best wishes

Yours Marjorie d'Almeida

if they do! -

Any how, I am looking forward
very much to see you very
soon in New York! -

Very sincerely yours

Marquis d'Albion -

May 19.

My dear Mr. Thomas,

I have just received a
wonderful invitation to
spend a few months on
lake Champlain! -

But before accepting
I wanted to know what

Your plans were, - so I would arrange accordingly.
What about Quaker Hill? - Do you plan to have
the cavalry school? - are there any enthusiastic
people? - or is it problematic, or compleatly off.
If it is off, I would plan (as soon as I get my
permit) to come and see you for a day or two
^{in N.Y.} and then, go on the lake. If it is on, ~~then~~ I
will come over with my riding outfit. -
and also could you tell me for how long the
people on Quaker Hill would like me to teach?

if they do! -

Any how, I am looking forward
very much to see you very
soon in New York! -

Very sincerely yours

Marquis d'Albion

May 20th

file

My dear Mr. Thomas,

I seem to bombard you with letters! - Now this permit came in for 29 days for \$500. - Expensive land you are living in. - I have inquired at the U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co. here. - They said that if a friend of mine deposited for those

Which will be returned

29 days The sum of \$500, with them in N.Y. city
75 Williams Sts N.Y. and I would promise to return B.4.
29 days, - I will get the permit. - I do not see why
they give me 29 days instead of the permanent visa.
I asked Mr. Grégoire and he said it was just in the
mean time and probably by the end of those 29 days
I will get my papers in order. - Well let's hope for the
best. And do not doubt I will cross the border in
due time! - You can open season on me if I don't!
I am sorry those people are so mercenary! -
But such is this perfidious world! -

do please let me know
what is happening. -
until then au revoir
and my best regards
to Mrs. Thomas.

Very sincerely yours

Marquis d'Alli .

May 22.

My dear Mr. Thomas,

Thank you very much
for your kind letter and I
was sorry to hear that Quaker
Hill riding proposition is
off. But after your last
letter I was expecting it.-
So I will accept the cool
invitation on the lake if

I will get my visa. - But if possible later With your permission I will try to arrange what you were speaking about a community Cavalry school, - Possibly it would be wise to write them first to see if they are willing to cooperate in different parts of the country once a week? - How about the Mountain troops? Have you spoken to Colonel Walker? He really needed some one like me for the formation of his Mountain Division. I am sorry I can not see him and talk to him, because I know I could help enormously in this organisation and also fortification of the mountains on

the coast. - I wrote again
to Mr. Frick and told him
also about Colonel Walker!
He has friends in the army
and may be he will help.

well an - revoir and I
hope I will see you soon.
with all my very best
regard to you and Mrs.
Thomas

Very sincerely Marquis d'Albion

June 24th.

My dear Mr. Thomas,

I am very late I know, to thank you for the very nice week end at Quaker Hill and all your kindness in regard of fishing me out of turbid waters.—

I have not yet received the call from Washington to appear before that grand jury.

but probably it will happen very soon. - I was very busy writing all my memories for Mr. Gets and taking pictures of my black face. Now, I have sent the first lot to him and hope it will be the right thing. I think it is better for him not to know that I am in a chronicall soup since last year, dont you think? It is better for him to think that I am still in the old easy waters. -
with thanks and very best wishes
Yours Marquis d'Alliff.

Wednesday

My dear Mr. Thomas,

This is wonderful!

Your letter, with the glad tidings just arrived. It is splendid to have saved those 500! -

I will prepare to come if you will be kind enough to depon't it as a hostage for me with Mr. C. B. Ellin 75 William Str. in New York he is the head man I was told here of the

U.S. Fidelity and Guaranty Co. When you do so please tell him to wire at once to his branch office here in the Royal Bank building 360 St James Street. — And then I can get my departure papers arranged. — Hurrah! Next week I will see you! — I won't be able to come by car and probably will only take a pair of feather weight pyjamas! I have lost, the first application letter, to train Canadian Ski troops and also the answer from the government, it was a valuable pair of letters and if you could have Miss Davis look through the files possibly she may find it. Thank you so very much for having sent that beautifully flourished letter to Colonel Walker! If it is not all lost

I may be able to have an
inter~~view~~ with him next
week? -

Well if all goes well
I will finally be able
to see you very soon
with, all my very
best wishes to you
and Mrs Thomas.

Yours

Mary Ann d'Almeida