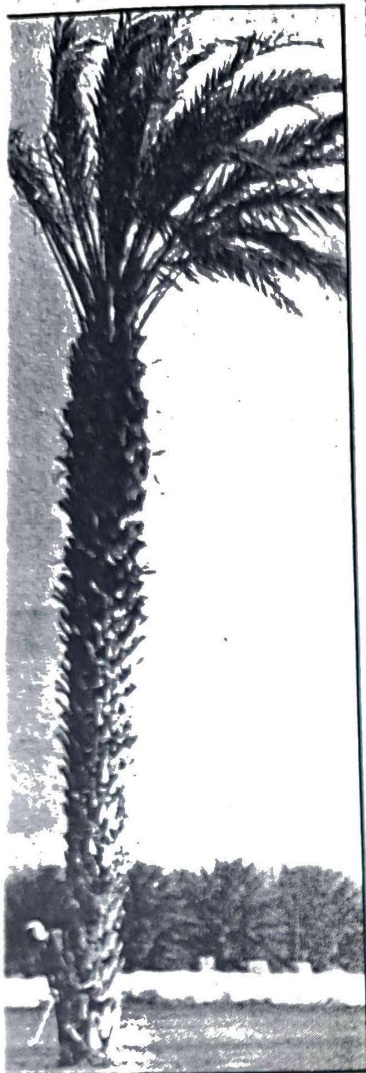




International



Gloria McGough went to Palm Springs to see Ike, read about it instead



Duke Healy Photos

had a bad lie: Joseph Manning and his pheasant came to see the President; caddy Sanders liked Ike's game

ican" who "refuses to clean house."

Commerce Department and the Information Agency added their s this week to the total of firings sloyalty. Out of 132 dismissals, Com- said, 23 had been due to ques- ble loyalty. Information reported ssal of 31 but "no Communists." r "disloyalty" firings counted so far: surv, 4; Justice, 1; Agriculture, 1 (ficial); State, 11 or 12 (disputed).

IFORNIA:

Visitor to the Desert

stream of motorists drove slowly the gates of the Smoke Tree Ranch Palm Springs, Calif., curious heads ug out for a glimpse of President hower. All they got was an occa- al quick look, as when he emerged ttend Sunday services at the Com- mity Church.

ie President had said that he wanted mplete vacation during his visit to Palm Springs home of Paul Helms,

with none of the pomp and protocol of parties and reception lines. At the request of Mayor Florian Boyd, there was no display of bunting or flags. Some cars bore "I Still Like Ike" stickers.

Disappointed Republican: The social leaders and the local politicos remained on the alert, just in case Mr. Eisenhower changed his mind, but he remained in seclusion. **Gloria McGough, who said she was a "young Republican,"** was disappointed: "I came down here hoping to see him, but they're keeping him under lock and key."

The President's one official appearance was at the Tamarisk Country Club, where he joined with champion **Ben Hogan, Studebaker board chairman Paul Hoffman, and Helms for golf.** Press and public were permitted to watch the President at his favorite sport. "I liked him," said Roy Sanders, Mr. Eisenhower's caddy. "He's a fast and serious player."

Although a special six-line switchboard was set up on the "ranch"—an expensive development of some 50 homes—the President tried to stay as far away from

White House routine as possible. He signed some minor bills, issued the statement defending Chief Justice Earl Warren (see page 19), read dispatches flown from Washington, and relaxed.

At night, there was bridge with old friend George Allen.

No Political Talk: "We haven't discussed politics," said Hoffman, who was responsible for the President's California trip, "and there's no political significance. I love the desert and I've wanted the President to come out here for a long time. You don't have to test the President's convictions."

Nevertheless, the President's California friends were identified with the liberal wing of the GOP and some of them were known to be eager for a chance to argue with Mr. Eisenhower about some of his policies. They particularly wanted to urge bolder antirecession measures.

Vacation or not, the 50 sunburned correspondents covering the President took note of host Helms' prominence as a millionaire baker. "This," they punned, "is the Eisenhower loaf."

PAUL GRAY HOFFMAN

Mamie Eisenhower
Personal File
Box 19.

File

1500 El Mirador Drive
Pasadena 3, California
September 11, 1952

STRICTLY PERSONAL

Dear Ike:

Come November 5th you should be en route to some attractive place for a real rest prior to assuming your responsibilities. May I suggest that the Smoke Tree Ranch, which is located near Palm Springs, California, would be the ideal spot. Until you tell me that you will not be able to use it, I will keep available for you, Mamie and her companion a very attractive cottage complete with servants, etc. We can also accommodate at the ranch any reasonable number of additional staff members, secret service men, etc., you would require.

Every recreational facility would be available to you, but I rather imagine your attitude after the campaign would be somewhat similar to that of the war veteran from Korea who said, when asked what he wanted to do as soon as he got home, "I am going to buy myself a rocking chair, sit in it, and at the end of the month start rocking."

Sincerely,



P.S. Please tell Mamie I will see that she has a very good time while you are sitting.

General Dwight D. Eisenhower
60 Morningside
Morningside Heights, New York

Hoffman, Paul

Elinor Gene Hoffman

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999 Linda Vista Avenue, Pasadena 3, California

February 22, 1954

Dear Friends,

Thank you for an immeasurably rich experience yesterday afternoon. I treasure most the open-hearted generosity with which you answered every question.

The decisions you must make are tremendous ones, affecting the lives of countless human beings. May God so guide you that those decisions will bless all of His Children — both those whom we call friend and those whom we call enemy.

With Great appreciation,
Gene Hoffman

PAUL GRAY HOFFMAN

January 21, 1954

Dear Mamie:

Even a great general makes a mistake in tactics now and then. It is therefore understandable that I whose highest military rank was that of first lieutenant should be guilty of this error. I am speaking of my campaign to get the Eisenhowers to the desert. The mistake I made was taking up this question with the General instead of the General's wife. In my 1954 campaign I will not repeat that mistake.

Smoke Tree Ranch, where we have our winter home, is quiet and there are two or three charming women there and close by, including Mary Allen, who are under the delusion that they are excellent canasta players. What I am saying is that there is some easy money at Smoke Tree.

Seriously, it would be wonderful if you and the President could get out some time this Spring, and I hope that you will be willing to take over the campaign for me. If you do, I know success will be ours.

Along with your many other accomplishments, I note by the morning paper that you are a great bottle smasher. Congratulations!

I am hoping to broach the subject of a western trip to the President soon. Therefore there is no time to lose.

Affectionately yours,



February 25, 1954

Dear Dorothy and Paul,

What a perfectly delightful surprise to open your package and find your beautiful album and candy box filled with the "jingle jangles." The fact that you made the cover of the book yourself overwhelms me -- it shows tremendous skill -- and I do hope all of Ike's pictures turn out well so that we can fill all of the pages. The unusual pattern of the fabric reminded me of the desert colors and made me a little homesick to be back at Smoke Tree. And how you ever managed to make a coffee tin into such an attractive box I will never know, but you may be sure that it will be used for my favorite sweets. I shall always remember your story about the Indian jewelry -- and how it was made -- and I cannot tell you how much fun it was to open all of the little carefully wrapped packages; it was almost like Christmas!

We miss you two -- and Smoke Tree Ranch! It now seems as though we had never been away. As soon as I returned home it was necessary for me to leave for an official luncheon at the Congressional Club -- and then I came down with a bad throat soon after -- probably because I was so tired after our night flight. At the luncheon, I saw Pat Nixon and gave her all sorts of messages that I picked up from California friends. She was looking very sweet and pretty, as usual.

I shall never forget what fun we had at the party in your home -- and how wonderful it was to see and meet all of your sons, daughters, in-laws and grandchildren of the Hoffmans and the Helms. Let us hope that all their Kodak pictures they took of our group were good. Ike, Mother and I carried away a mental image of your lovely home, and it made us long for our farm in Gettysburg which we love and in which we have spent so little time. You both were dears to have made our California vacation such a memorable one -- and we can never thank you enough for your many, many

kindnesses to all of us.

With love,

P.S. Will long remember the gorgeous moons you arranged to have hung out for us!

Am staying abed today and am reading a book called "Ruffled Petticoat Days" by Blanche Gray, a story of her early days in Los Angeles. They bought a date ranch at Indio -- I can picture the whole country now that I've been there. The author of this book sent us a copy at Smoke Tree. I hope you can get it -- the publishers are Murray and Gee, Inc., Silver City, Colorado, Calif.

Light reading

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hoffman
Smoke Tree Ranch
Palm Springs, California

Dear Mami:
A look for your
Smoke Tree picture
and some "jungle-
jangles" as souvenir.

W.
Have a good trip.
Remember we love you
Come back soon!
Dorothy.

(Mrs Hoffman)
attach to
address.

PPF Box 959

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Augusta, Georgia.
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Dear Paul: (A test campaign, but it
sounds fine)

I find new facets to the ^{# x}Paul Helms life
every day. I didn't know you had in your
Foundation a collection of the Presidents'
autographs. Someday I think you will
have to invite me to see them.

Did I ever tell you that you are much
too wonderful to us all?

Sincerely,

P.S.: With admirable restraint,
I haven't mentioned where we presently
are.

P.S.II. I showed the Boss your letter.
You might as well know that I tell him
everything.



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Since he knows of only one other collection of this kind (the collection owned by Yale University), the owner of this collection, Mr. Paul Helms, felt that anything so rare and of such interest to Americans should be made available for everyone to see. At considerable expense and over a period of years, it was brought together by a well-known professional collector of letters and documents of famous American people. Each frame contains the original autograph of one of the Presidents, his portrait and two of the Presidential Medals, framed to show both the obverse and the reverse.

The autographs have come from official documents, letters and cards. In many cases, such as that of William Henry Harrison, whose signature is extremely rare, they have been obtained only after diligent search. Those who see an interpretation of character in handwriting will note the even balance of Jefferson's signature, the bold strokes of fiery Andrew Jackson, the slashing script of Grant and the scholarly penmanship of Woodrow Wilson.

An engraved portrait of each President is made during his term of office by the Bureau of Engraving in the Treasury Department. The dies from which these proofs have been made are used by the Bureau of Engraving in printing currency, bonds and other official government papers. Formerly, each Senator of the United States was presented with a full set of these portrait proofs, such as are in the Helms Collection. However, for some years this practice has been discontinued, and the pictures become rarer each year.

The commemorative medals, made by the United States Mint at Philadelphia, have an interesting origin. In the early days of our nation, when a treaty of peace was entered into with the Indian tribes, the Chief would be presented with a medal from the Great White Father in Washington. For this reason they became known as the "Peace Medals," carrying the President's picture on one side and on the reverse the symbol of peace, the crossed tomahawk and peace pipe. In time the medals lost their original purpose and now are issued as a commemorative medal for each President.

The Vice-Presidents of the United States

John Adams (F).....1789-97.....Mass.	William A. Wheeler (R).....1877-81.....N.Y.
Thomas Jefferson (D-R).....1797-1801.....Va.	*Chester A. Arthur (R).....1881-85.....N.Y.
Aaron Burr (D-R).....1801-05.....N.Y.	Thomas A. Hendricks (D).....1885-89.....Ind.
George Clinton (D-R).....1805-13.....N.Y.	Levi P. Morton (R).....1889-93.....N.Y.
Elbridge Gerry (D-R).....1813-17.....Mass.	Adlai E. Stevenson (D).....1893-97.....Ill.
Daniel Tompkins (D-R).....1817-25.....N.Y.	Garrett A. Hobart (R).....1897-1901.....N.J.
John C. Calhoun (D-R).....1825-33.....S.C.	*Theodore Roosevelt (R).....1901-05.....N.Y.
Martin Van Buren (D).....1833-37.....N.Y.	Chas. W. Fairbanks (R).....1905-09.....Ind.
Richard M. Johnson (D).....1837-41.....Ky.	James S. Sherman (R).....1909-13.....N.Y.
*John Tyler (W).....1841-45.....Pa.	Thomas R. Marshall (D).....1913-21.....Ind.
George M. Dallas (D).....1845-49.....Pa.	*Calvin Coolidge (R).....1921-25.....Mass.
*Millard Fillmore (W).....1849-53.....N.Y.	Charles G. Dawes (R).....1925-29.....Ill.
William R. King (D).....1853-57.....Ala.	Charles Curtis (R).....1929-33.....Kan.
John C. Breckinridge (D).....1857-61.....Ky.	John N. Garner (D).....1933-41.....Tex.
Hannibal Hamlin (R).....1861-65.....Me.	Henry A. Wallace (D).....1941-45.....Ia.
*Andrew Johnson (R).....1865-69.....Tenn.	*Harry S. Truman (D).....1945-49.....Mo.
Schuyler Colfax (R).....1869-73.....Ind.	Alben W. Barkley (D).....1949-53.....Ky.
Henry Wilson (R).....1873-77.....Mass.	Richard M. Nixon (R).....1953.....Calif.
	*Succeeded to the Presidency during the term.

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February 27, 1954

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear George:

In view of what you tell me about your weight on February first, I am discouraged in my efforts to get you down to reasonable size. I think we had better call off our arrangement for the time being. If you want to start it again, all you have to do is to prove that by April first you have lost ten pounds of your present weight. There is no sense at all in keeping a record of your March first because you haven't been trying. However, I will be glad to renew the arrangement at any time you are really going to put your heart into it.

The papers have made quite a story out of Sid buying a lot of New York Central stock. Yesterday he was quoted as saying, "It is getting to be terrible when a man can't invest ten million dollars without causing a lot of fuss and talk." I thought Sid was smarter than that. Ten million dollars will make a fuss no matter what you do with it.

As you can well imagine, the fight over control of the New York Central has gotten stiff enough that the well-meaning, voluntary, advisers -- to say nothing of the plain gossips-- have been bringing me many stories about it. When I see you, I'll tell you about them.

Give my love to Mary, and remember that I will be expecting you by noon of the sixth.

As ever,



Mr. George E. Allen
General Delivery
La Quinta, California

February 16, 1954.

Dear Paul:

Through Milton I have heard a great deal about a man named Edgar Kaufmann, of Pittsburgh. I believe he is staying in the Palm Springs area.

The purpose of this note is to suggest that providing you know him and like him and it could be conveniently arranged, I would like to meet him briefly. By no means do I propose that you should arrange a party. My thought would merely be that if he happens to belong to the same golf club you do, we might ask him to have lunch with us one day between nines, or perhaps for a chat before or after golf -- anything of that sort.

If you do not know him, please do nothing.

We are leaving here tomorrow afternoon, and it is possible I may see you before you see this note. I don't suppose that will do much damage.

Round here those of us who are coming to California tomorrow afternoon are about as excited as a bunch of school children going on their first picnic. I suppose everybody will forget to bring their sandwiches.

Give my love to Dorothy and your nice family.

As ever,



P.S.: The only bad part about this trip is the sense of embarrassment I have in driving Paul Helms out of his home. Nevertheless I am going to do my best to stay through next Monday and -- if miraculously I can -- even through Tuesday.

Am Whitman D.



February 24, 1954.

22. Did Helen mention above arrived from California 7:45, in office 8:25.
23. Letter to Pug Ismay thanking him for NATO tie.
24. Birthday letter to John Foster Dulles
25. Letter to E. Roy Fitzgerald.
26. President sent C.D. Jackson's report on Berlin Conference to Sec. of State to be studied on a confidential basis, and comments returned to him. Said Mr. Jackson was a "dreamer -- that report did not suggest practical things like sending so much money some where, or so much material some other place."
27. Letter to Mr. George J. Bernier thanking him for 24 cans of beer (beer discreetly not mentioned) - friend of Bill Murray.
28. Letter to Richard Harkness about reaction of son to going to Kansas son said "Tell the President he has just made me a Democrat."
29. Letter to John Lodge thanking him for stand on Bricker amendment.
30. Birthday letter to Tex Lee's Dwight E. Lee
31. Letter to Charles Hook saying that Fred Crawford will get in touch with him re chairmanship of Ohio Republican Finance Committee.
32. Sent Roy Howard's letter re Taft Hartley and postal rates to Governor Adams and General Persons and his group.
33. Asked Ambassador Lodge to talk to Sec. Army Stevens re his suggestions McCarthy hearing.

Wednesday, Feb. 24, 1954



1. Returned from Palm Springs, 7:45 a.m.
2. Thanked Dr. Burns for book collection of his essays.
3. Thanked Cass Canfield for "The American President" &, in advance of receipt, for "The Taft Story." "The Am. Pres." sent to Sgt. Moaney.
4. Thanked Mr. Koegel for book "Walter S. Carter."
5. Acknowledged Gov. Aronson's ltr -- looks forward to seeing him in April.
6. Message to Brother William, Baltimore, greetings on centenary of Brothers of St. Francis Xavier.
7. Letter to Secy. Mitchell, re his ltr to Governors on Modernizing unemployment insurance.
8. Message to Citizens of Gila County (Ariz.) on occasion of Community Fair (request of Sen. Goldwater -- approved by Jim Hagerty)
9. Letter to Geo. C. Handy, Pub., The Ypsilanti Press, on 50th anniversary (request of Jim Hagerty)
10. Letter to Judge Gilliam, Nat'l Council of Juvenile Court Judges, Denver, for their meeting in Belgium.
11. Noted letter from Lord Ismay telling of NATO approval of Adm. Wright to succeed Adm. McCormick
12. Noted Secy. Dulles' memo of conversation, Berlin, Feb. 13th.
13. Accepted Dean Clarence Manion's resignation.
14. Luncheon guest, Secy. Dulles. (3:30)
15. Pres. personally signed & sealed large envelope, sent to Secy. Dulles. /
16. Letter to Harry Harrison, get-well wishes, at request of MDE.
17. Letter to Winthrop Aldrich on Randall Commission -- prepared by Dr. Hauge.
18. Noted Chip Bohlen's acknowledgment of Feb. 6th letter.
19. Noted State Dept. corrected press releases to Nehru.
20. Approved telegram to Lee Beaird on occasion of Testimonial Dinner to Secy. Benson tonight.
21. Noted Secy. Wilson's memo re establishment of 5 new air bas



February 25, 1954.

16. Thanked General Wickersham for copy of limited edition of book on "The Olive Branch" Petition.
17. Letter to Paul Hoffman to thank him for Palm Springs vacation. ✓
18. Letter to Paul and Mrs. Helms to thank them. ✓
19. Letter to Wilkie Bushby re tax proposal.
20. Letter to Arthur Hill.
21. Message to American Association for the United Nations
22. Told Bill Draper he should bring any military people travelling on orders back from Puerto Rico when plane touches there on way back from Caracas.
23. Told Bill Robinson bridge game was on for March sixth.

February 25, 1954.



1. Letter to Harry M. Warner thanking him for letter of Welcome to Palm Springs.
2. Ditto to Lily Pons
3. Accepted Donold B. Lourie resignation
4. Wrote Robert W. Shackleton, former aide to Gen. Lev Allen.
5. Accepted to be honorary patron of Netherland-American Foundation upon recommendation of State Department.
6. Wrote Brigadier General Howard that Allen Dulles would be in touch with him.
7. Thanked Charles Wilson for report on new and used car demand.
8. Message sent to winnders of Arthur S. Flemming awards of the Junior Chamber of Commerce.
9. Sent wristwatch to Col. Schulz for checking.
10. Letter & billfold to Gen. Snyder.
11. Called for Gen. Persons, first thing this morning.
12. Paul Hoffman speech on Bricker amendment, to Attorney General.
13. Noted Chas. Lindbergh's thanks for apptmt. to Brig. Gen.
14. Conferred with Gov. Adams, Gen. Persons, V. Pres. Nixon, & Sen. Dirksen -- re McCarthy-Stevens.
15. Governor Adams reported that he had talked to President Hoover, who had agreed to speak to Clarence Budington Kelland about his political attitude. President apparently regretted he had made this request; said to thank Governor Adams but that matter should be dropped.

Saturday, February 27, 1954



1. Letter to Richard Davis, Curling Club competition, Canada-U.S.
2. Thanked Stanford Jolley for "Eisenhower Golf Course" map.
3. Thanked Lt. Gov. Powers for note of welcome to Cal.
4. Thanked Pres. of Colombia for inscribed photo.
5. Signed Cdr. Beach's fitness report.
6. Invited Jim Stack to stag dinner, Mar. 4th -- shifted Max Rabb to Apr. 5th.
7. Pers. & Conf. letter to Dr. Milton.
8. Pers. & Conf. letter to Geo. Allen.
9. Thanked Tom Watson for King of Ease chair.
10. Letter to Fred Manning
11. Letter to George Sloan thanking him for report on Venezuela.
12. Letter to General Howard saying had run into difficulty about CIA job.
13. Letter to Congressman Shafer thanking him for letter of praise.
14. Letter to Brooks Hays thanking him for bipartisan viewpoint.
15. Letter drafted accepting Mr. Dodge's resignation.
16. About television talk scheduled to be recorded Monday morning:
"I don't want a sermon, I want a layman's tribute to whatever they are doing."
17. Read report on Jenner's recent Indiana speech to Jerry Persons,
and asked General Persons to give to Charlie Halleck.
18. Dictated paragraph for Commander Beach's fitness report.



2/27/54

Mr. Roberts called, again about someone to take the Finance job of the Congressional Committee for Eisenhower.

They have a red-hot prospect, Gilbert C. Swanson, President C.A. Swanson and Sons of Omaha, a packing company. Mr. Swanson is an independent, 48 years old, enthusiastic Eisenhower supporter, and his wife is sister of Senator Fulbright (which Mr. Roberts says makes it all the better because in addition he has some Democrat standing).

Mr. Howard Shepherd, Chairman of National City Bank, called Mr. Swanson and told him about job. Mr. Swanson was flattered that he was being considered.

Geographically ideal, says Mr. Roberts.

You met Mr. Swanson at the Thunderbird Club the other day.

1. Do you approve his selection?

Yes - fine

NO _____

2. If so, Mr. Roberts wants either Tom or me to call Mr. Swanson and ask him to come to Washington to talk about the job. He thinks you would have to spend only 5 or 10 minutes with him - Mr. Roberts and Jim Murphy would do the rest of it.

Mr. Roberts wants to move rapidly on it.

Shall Tom make call, set up appointment?

Yes ✓

No _____

P.P.F.

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February 24, 1954

Dear Paul:

We arrived home this morning and certainly wished we were still out at the Ranch ... we all hated to leave.

I want you to know how very appreciative I am of everything you did to make our visit so restful and enjoyable. It was not only the surroundings - which were indeed beautiful - but also the personal attention you gave us which made the visit to perfect. It will be quite a while before we stop talking about it.

Please remember me to Mrs. Helms

With warm regards, I am

Cordially yours,

Tom

THOMAS E. STEPHENS
Secretary to the President

Mr. Paul Helms X
Smoke Tree Ranch
Palm Springs, California

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February 24, 1954

Dear Ed:

We arrived in Washington this morning,
well rested after our most enjoyable visit
in California.

Ann Whitman and I want to thank you again
for the very pleasant luncheon yesterday
and for your thoughtfulness in making us
feel so much at home. You were most
hospitable and we all appreciated it so
much.

With warm regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Tom

THOMAS E. STEPHENS
Secretary to the President

Mr. Edwin T. Golden x
Tamarisk Club
Palm Springs, California

P.P.F.

1-F-23

February 24, 1954

Dear Mr. and Mrs. Button:

It is now beginning to seem like a dream,
but the most pleasant one we ever had.
All of us join in many, many thanks for
the superlative luncheon at the Shadow
Mountain Club.

Of course you know we are completely
spoiled for such things as a hamburger
on a tray at the desk!

It was terribly nice to meet you -- and
Tom, Mary Jane and Walter join in deep
gratitude.

Sincerely,

Ann C. Whitman
Personal Secretary
to The President

Mr. and Mrs. A. Ronald Button
Suite 154
El Mirador Hotel
Palm Springs, California

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Palm Springs Community Church

PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA

TELEPHONE 6291

JAMES H. BLACKSTONE, JR., D.D.
MINISTER

P.P.E.

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February 23, 1954

The President of the United States
Washington
D.C.

My Dear Mr. President:

I want to thank you for honoring us in the Community Church last Sunday with your presence at the morning service. You and Mrs. Eisenhower won the admiration and respect of us all by your sincere participation in the various acts of worship.

We trust that God's blessing will be upon you both, and we want you to know that as a church we shall be praying for you with a more intimate personal feeling than was possible before. We shall count it a privilege to uphold you in intercession before God's eternal throne of grace.

We hope that you enjoyed Palm Springs enough to make you want to come back for a return visit. Please remember the doors of the church will always be open wide to receive you.

Mrs. Blackstone enjoyed the honor of being asked to sit in the President's pew. We both appreciated your warm friendliness.

With my personal sincere good wishes, I am

Faithfully yours,

James H. Blackstone, Jr.
James H. Blackstone, Jr.

JHB:lm1

CROSS CARD FOR STAFF SECRETARY

1-F-23

Palm Springs, California
February 23, 1954

Checked by Kardex

Dear Dr. Blackstone:

Before we leave Palm Springs, Mrs. Eisenhower and I want to express to you our appreciation of the opportunity to worship on Sunday with you and the members of the congregation of the Palm Springs Community Church. It was a privilege to be with you. x

With warm regard,

Sincerely,

x
Reverend James H. Blackstone
Pastor
Community Church
Palm Springs, California

x PP+ 53-B-1

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 1954

DIVINE WORSHIP AT 9:30 A. M. AND 11:00 A. M.

LUDE: "Fifth Sonata" Mendelssohn
CESSIONAL HYMN No. 14: "Stand up, Stand up for Jesus"
L TO WORSHIP
OCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER
MENTS OF MELODY
ONSIVE READING: Selection No. 612
THEM: "To Thee, O Lord" Rachmaninoff
Chancel Choir

AYER
RSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS.
ERTORY: "Today God's Only-Gotten Son" Bach

COLOGY
ORAL PREPARATION FOR THE SERMON
MON: "Love's constraint on liberty" Dr. JAMES H. BLACKSTONE, JR.
MN No. 120: "So Let Our Lips and Lives Express"
ORAL BENEDICTION
TLUDE: "Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now" Bach

Ushers may seat worshipers at this time.
(NOTE) The choir will be excused at this time as they will be singing again at the 11:00 o'clock service.

EVENING WORSHIP AT 7:30 P. M.

NG SERVICE: 116, 185, 140
PTURE READING
THEM: "O Thou In Whose Presence" Lewis
AYER
RSHIP OF GOD THROUGH TITHES AND OFFERINGS
M: "Stoning at Lystra". First in the second series on life of St. Paul.
MENTS OF CONSECRATION
FEDICATION IN THE GLOW OF THE CROSS
TLUDE

FLOWERS

The beautiful flowers in the Sanctuary this morning were given by Mr. Mer-Crockett, honoring the birthday of his wife Juanita.

WELCOME TO VISITORS

In the Name of Christ we extend a hearty welcome to all visitors and new-ers who are worshiping with us today. If you did not sign the guest book when you entered the church, please do so before you leave. If you expect to visit us again, we urge you to fill out one of the cards in the pews and give our local address.

OUR BUDGET AND EXPANSION PROGRAM

We are continuing to receive the responses on our Budget and Expansion program for 1954. We hope that every member will send in a pledge card soon as possible so that we can complete the work of the Budget and Finance Committee. Many have responded with the pledge of at least 5% and a number have indicated a total tithe with some also making a special contribution to the Expansion Fund.

LOOKING AHEAD

SUNDAY SCHOOL

The Sunday School must extend its influence, as some juvenile judge has aptly stated, "If you do not find a way to reach the children of America, If you can find no way of grounding them in religion and morals, the state must take over the task in the interest of self-preservation." Let us do our best in furthering Christ's Kingdom in our Community, and the result will be national in scope.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR

The Christian Endeavor groups will meet at 6:15 p. m. The High School group will, by their own request, continue last week's discussion on "Learning to Enjoy The Bible". They will meet at the church manse, 251 San Jacinto Road. The Junior High will meet in the church parlor with Dr. Blackstone leading the meeting.

BUILDERS CLASS

Next week, Feb. 21 the Builders class will have a picnic at Joshua Tree National Monument. All those attending will meet at 12:30 in the patio. Each will bring a picnic lunch and wear slacks and jeans. Transportation will be provided for those having none. All young adults are cordially invited to join the Builders class and take part in the building for Christ, the Church, Community and Christian fellowship.

HORSE RACING

Many sincere residents of Palm Springs and of this desert area will be present at the hearings tomorrow and Tuesday at the American Legion Hall at 10:00 a. m. to protest the proposed race tracks in this area. We urge the attendance of as many as possible and ask that Christians join in prayer for this community. The Protestant Ministers from Beaumont to Thermal including all in Palm Springs, Cathedral City and Desert Hot Springs have signed a protest showing a united effort in opposing these tracks. Palm Springs is at the cross roads. We urge your interest and support.

MARTIN LUTHER FILM

The magnificent Motion Picture "Martin Luther" is being shown for six days only in Indio beginning Saturday, Feb. 20. A special discount offer, through the Indio Lutheran Church, can be secured from our church office by those interested in seeing this picture.

MEN'S BREAKFAST CLUB

All men are welcome to attend the informal breakfast hour from 8:00 to 9:00 Tuesday morning. Don Macpherson will lead the devotionals this week. This hour is planned for fellowship and inspiration and is proving popular among our men. Reservations should be made by Monday noon. Please call the church office (6291). Visitors are urged to participate in these Men's Club activities as much as possible.

NEW MEMBERS

We are happy to welcome into the fellowship of our church the following, who were received at the Communion service last Sunday: Joanna Fay Brady, Mr. and Mrs. Raleigh Biss, Donald Biss, Mrs. P. A. Calderhead, Mrs. Gwyneth Cobb, Donna Jean Cole, Mr. and Mrs. A. Belden Crist, John Dill, Mona Ditson, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McFarland, Richard Lee McFarland, Mr. and Mrs. James Paul, Doradeen Parker, Betty Jean Ruff, Kathleen Mel-eny Shields, Nancy Ann Sutton, Mrs. Barbara Weals, Mr. and Mrs. William E. Froom, associate members.

THROUGH THE WEEK

TUESDAY: 7:30 p. m. Board Meeting.

WEDNESDAY: 9:30 a. m. Miss Johnson's Bible Class.

1:00 p. m. Prayer Group.

3:30 p. m. Junior Boy Choir rehearsal.

4:15 p. m. Junior High Choir rehearsal.

7:30 p. m. Mid-week service of prayer, praise and Bible study. Dr. Blackstone continues a study of some of the words of our Christian faith. The word this week is "Redemption."

THURSDAY, 3:30 p. m. Junior Girls' Choir rehearsal.

6:30 p. m. High School Choir rehearsal, followed by Bible Study hour.

7:30 p. m. Chancel Choir rehearsal.

FRIDAY: 6:30 p. m. Fellowship Class covered dish supper and "Muzikal Party."

COMMUNICANTS CLASS

A Communicants Class in instruction in preparation for Church member-

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CENTRAL FILES

February 25, 1954

Dear Dorothy and Paul:

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Mamie and I spent last evening discussing every detail of our wonderful visit with you, and came to the conclusion all over again that it was one of the happiest of our vacations. The Hoffman-Helms touch seemed to have been everywhere to insure our comfort and pleasure, and I am inclined to suspect that you even had a few quiet words with the weather-man.

As I am sure you both know, we relaxed in the six days we were with you in a manner that I would have thought impossible. As Paul says, the mountains have been here a much longer time than any one of us, and our problems, big as they sometimes seem, are dwarfed by their majesty and beauty. I only hope a little of that philosophy will cling to me as I plow through the mountain of work I find on my desk.

Mamie joins me in heartfelt thanks for everything you did for us, and in affectionate regard to you both.

Sincerely,

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Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Hoffman
1500 El Mirador Drive
Pasadena 3, California

CROSS CARD FOR STAFF SECRETARY

Hoffman, Dorothy

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February 27, 1954

PERSONAL AND CONFIDENTIAL

Dear George:

In view of what you tell me about your weight on February first, I am discouraged in my efforts to get you down to reasonable size. I think we had better call off our arrangement for the time being. If you want to start it again, all you have to do is to prove that by April first you have lost ten pounds of your present weight. There is no sense at all in keeping a record of your March first because you haven't been trying. However, I will be glad to renew the arrangement at any time you are really going to put your heart into it.

The papers have made quite a story out of Sid buying a lot of New York Central stock. Yesterday he was quoted as saying, "It is getting to be terrible when a man can't invest ten million dollars without causing a lot of fuss and talk." I thought Sid was smarter than that. Ten million dollars will make a fuss no matter what you do with it.

As you can well imagine, the fight over control of the New York Central has gotten stiff enough that the well-meaning, voluntary, advisers -- to say nothing of the plain gossips-- have been bringing me many stories about it. When I see you, I'll tell you about them.

Give my love to Mary, and remember that I will be expecting you by noon of the sixth.

As ever,



Mr. George E. Allen
General Delivery
La Quinta, California

file "The Little People"
WDE. Papers as President Stag Dinners
Box 1

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Charlie Willis had the most delightful evening of his life. He tells me you discussed with Mr. Reuther and Mr. Meany our old idea of getting together a dinner of people who work with their hands. (Attached is a letter which just came in about it too).

Couldn't we try again? Would you want to ask Reuther and Meany to work up list? ✓

Or I still go back to the idea I thought was the best one --



- Henry Ford (or any of
- automobile people) - assembly line man
- Paul Helms - a baker
- Charles Tompkins -- a carpenter
- Bob Woodruff - someone from Coca Cola
- Charles Hook - some steel worker
- ~~Arthur Hays Sulzberger - a printer~~
- Schooie - a paper box man
- Bob Kleberg - some foreman from ranch
- Sid Richardson - oil driller
- Philip Reed - GE worker, scientist ?
- Harry Darby - some one who does something with cattle
- Fred Gurley - engineer
- etc.

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Jack Strows
a clerk



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5, 1954

Dear Mr. President:

I received your letter with reference to the proposed "co-workers" stag dinner. This matter has been kept confidential and you can count on our cooperation should you decide to have such a dinner at some future date.

Like a forest fire, apparently the hearings will need to burn themselves out before any specific statement can be made - outside of general policy which you have already made plain, but will probably need to repeat. At the present time the affair seems pitiful.

With best regards,

Handwritten signature
Handwritten initials



The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

PAUL H. HELMS
8800 VENICE BOULEVARD
LOS ANGELES 34 CALIFORNIA

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May 5, 1954

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With best regards,



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April 22, 1954

Dear Mr. President:

Your thought of an informal stag dinner at the White House for working people of different vocations, abilities and geographical location is excellent. I suggest it should be very informal and not even black tie.

I know your friends throughout the country would be most willing to make suggestions of the right type of persons who would be representative of the co-workers in the various fields. I will be pleased to pay the expenses of the young man we would select to go to Washington for such an occasion.

We have an organization of approximately 2,000 co-workers and after giving the subject careful thought I am enclosing the biography of a young man, Robert Nicolait, from our organization who divides his time each week between our two bakeries, working in various production departments. He is well liked, intelligent, could add to such a conference and on his return would be of increased value not only to our company but also to our community and our government.

I believe that a dinner of this character if given once will need to be repeated for other groups. Therefore this must be considered. There is no question in my mind that the plan has great plus values.

With my very best regards to you,

Sincerely,



The President
The White House
Washington, D.C.

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Condensed Biography

Robert Nicolait
6464 Firebrand Street
Los Angeles 45, California

Born in Irvington, New Jersey

32 years of age

Married - 2 children, boy and girl

Father's name: Eugene B. Nicolait
Born in Germany (American citizen)

Mother's name: Eva H. Carbonne
Born in New York - Italian extraction

Bob's father was brought to this country as a boy by his uncle who was a baker in New York. The father learned the baking trade in this country and rose through his own industry and initiative to a prominent place in the baking industry. Bob is the youngest of two brothers and he decided to follow his father in the baking industry.

Bob is representative of the modern, scientific baker we need today in the baking industry. He prepared for his future work by acquiring an excellent scientific college education and then worked as a practical baker in small bakeries and in a baking laboratory.

He works well with his hands and is shoulder to shoulder with his co-workers. He is skilled in many departments of baking. He has an inquiring, liberal mind and is interested in industrial and community affairs. He is a typical small home owner and a handy man about the house.

He is a third generation baker.

He served in the Navy during World War II.



THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Augusta, Georgia.
April 21, 1954.



Dear Paul:

As I may have mentioned to you, I have long wanted to give a small stag dinner at the White House for working people of different vocations, abilities and geographical location. Every time the subject has come up, we have arrived at an impasse in trying to find a completely acceptable way to bring together such a group.

It now occurs to me that some of my friends throughout the country might be willing to help in assembling a group of this kind. Would you, for example, be willing to select some individual from your company -- I think immediately of a baker -- and would you think it would be an imposition if I asked you to pay his expenses to come to Washington for such an event? I think we ought to count on the people being in Washington for at least two nights and a day, so that some sort of a sightseeing tour could be arranged for them the day after the dinner.

The selection of the individual I would leave entirely to you, of course, but I might say that I would like a man who is fairly young and vitally interested not only in his own problems, but those of his community and our government.

I'd like very much to have your reaction to this suggestion, and I want to assure you that I would completely understand if for any reason you felt it was not feasible for you to participate. For the time being I would prefer that

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WASHINGTON

Mr. Paul Helms - 2.

you keep the matter confidential, since we may find some argument against the plan such as to make it impractical or unwise.

Tentatively I have set aside the night of June eighth for the dinner. I would, of course, send a personal invitation to the man you select.

With warm personal regard,

Sincerely,



Mr. Paul Helms,
Helms Bakeries,
8800 Venice Boulevard,
Los Angeles, California.

P.S.: I am enclosing a list of the people we hope to get together -- at least as we presently visualize the affair.

P.S. II: I am writing this particular letter only to three individuals. If I obtain adverse reactions from any of you, I will probably drop the whole matter.

COPY OF LIST SENT TO PAUL HELMS WITH LETTER OF APRIL 20, 1954.

list to Paul Hoffman and Woodruff identical, except their name appeared on top.

SUGGESTED SPONSOR

VOCATION

LOCATION

1. Paul Helms	Baker	California
2. Paul Hoffman	Mechanic	Indiana
3. Robert Woodruff s	Someone engaged in Coca Cola production or sales	Georgia
4. Clarence J. Schoo	Foreman paper box factory	Massachusetts
5. I. Jack Straus	Clerk - Macy's	New York
6. Sid Richardson	Oil driller	Texas
7. Roy Howard	Printer	
8. Walter Reuther	Assembly line man	Michigan
9. George Meany	Truck driver or bricklayer or carpenter	
10. David McDonald	Steel worker	Pennsylvania
11. Guy Brown	Locomotive engineer	
12. Robert Kleberg	Ranch foreman	Texas
13.	Fireman	Washington
14.	Policeman	Washington
15. Harry Darby	Farmer	Kansas

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Not included on list but President
approved idea of asking

15. Jackie Robinson

B æeball player

May 3, 1954.

Dear Paul:

Thank you for your prompt response to my idea about stag dinners. However, after talking the matter over with various members of my staff and after receiving Paul Hoffman's reaction to the proposal, I think I shall defer the whole matter until next fall. Paul's feeling is that there might be some hazard in holding a dinner for "little" people -- and I must say I agree with him. Perhaps next year we might try a dinner to combine various segments of industry, -- the head of a company, some of the department heads, and some of the workmen.

At any rate, for the time being I am tabling the proposition. Again, my gratitude for your enthusiastic and cooperative reply.

With warm regard,

As ever,



Mr. Paul H. Helms,
8800 Venice Boulevard,
Los Angeles, California.

Personal and Confidential

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Paul Hoffman's reaction to your stag
dinner idea.

(I had the same feeling that he mentions in
paragraph #3, that you might be criticized
for "condescension" (for want of a better word).
Jim Hagerty thought I was crazy when I
brought it up. My thought then was to
bring in 2-3 big industrial leaders at same
dinner).

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Shall we go ahead (Letter to Mr. Schoo
sample)?

Somebody like Homer or Bill Draper to
be assigned to the business of welcoming
them, rooms, tour ?

May 3, 1954.

Dear Paul:

Many thanks for your letters of the thirtieth. I think that, as usual, your reaction is the right one and that we might be open to a charge of "condescension" if we went ahead with the stag dinner on the basis I proposed. Perhaps next fall I shall be able to find some way to avoid such a pitfall.

Tom Stephens will get in touch with you regarding your proposed committee.

With warm regard,

As ever,



Mr. Paul Hoffman,
1500 El Mirador Drive,
Pasadena 3,
California.



PAUL GRAY HOFFMAN

1500 El Mirador Drive
Pasadena 3, California
April 30, 1954

Dear Mr. President:

Your letter of April 20th, written from Augusta, in which you speak on a confidential basis of the small stag dinner you are planning for working people of different vocations, has just caught up with me.

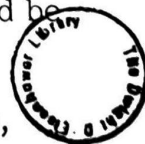
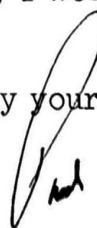
Quickly may I state that I would be delighted and honored to select from among our fifteen thousand employees a mechanic who would meet the specifications you suggest, and we would, of course, be glad to pay his expenses to Washington.

You ask for my reaction to the proposal. It is mixed. I am certain that every person who attended such a dinner would come away with a much better understanding of you and your program and as a consequence become an enthusiastic supporter. On the other hand, there is, I believe, some hazard in holding a single dinner for "little" people following a long series of dinners attended by "big" people with a considerable percentage of those "big" people from big business. I believe, in order to get balance, you would have to hold several such dinners.

As an alternative, you might want to consider trying out some "mixed" dinners this fall. For example, a dinner in which you would have seven or eight employers, balanced off by about the same number of employees, might bring forth some discussion that would be really interesting.

If you do go ahead with the dinner, I would be honored to have one of our men included.

Sincerely yours,





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IKE & ALIENS?

A FEW FACTS ABOUT A PERSISTENT RUMOR

One of the first conclusions any impartial observer must make about the present state of civilian UFOlogy is that rumor and circumstance play far too great a role in what ought to be a more exacting quest for knowledge. It is undoubtedly just such an observation which once led Dr. Carl Sagan to comment dryly that UFOs "are more a matter for religion and superstition than they are for science." While this dismissal is perhaps unscientific in its own right, the point is well taken. Attend any gathering of "UFO people" that you want, and simply listen. Rumors abound.

Perhaps worse, however, is that some of these rumors manage to circulate for years (even decades) without anyone making even a reasonable effort to get to the bottom of them.

One of the most persistent of these

rumors is a story that President Eisenhower, in the early part of 1954, visited Edwards Air Force Base (then known as Muroc) in California and either viewed the bodies of dead aliens and the wreckage of their crashed craft, or met with live aliens on some sort of diplomatic mission to earth. The story takes many forms, with the common thread being that the president mysteriously disappeared one evening while on a vacation to Palm Springs, California, and that he was spirited up to Muroc to view (or meet) aliens. It is said that he was returned to Palm Springs by dawn and that shortly thereafter he ordered absolute secrecy about anything having to do with the subject of UFOs. The story is even repeated, with considerable variation, in the forthcoming Disney movie "My Science Project" (Touchstone Films).

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While it has not yet been possible to get to the bottom of this particular rumor, FWP has managed to make some

progress. From research conducted both at Palm Springs and at the Eisenhower Memorial Library in Abilene, Kansas, the following facts have emerged:

(1) President Eisenhower did indeed make a trip to Palm Springs between February 17th and 24th, 1954, and on the evening of Saturday, February 20th, he did disappear. Several members of the press caught wind of the fact that the president was not where he should be and rumors ran rampant that he had either died or was seriously ill. The story even managed to get onto Associated Press' New York state wire before being killed moments later. To quell the fuss, White House Press Secretary James Haggerty called a late evening press conference at the Mirador Hotel to announce "solemnly" that the president had been enjoying fried chicken earlier that evening, had knocked a cap off a tooth, and had been taken to a local dentist for treatment. The president turned up for church early the next morning, casting aside whatever lingering doubts there may have been about the affair. According to Haggerty's personal diary for Feb. 20, 1954:

"At Palm Springs - Pres broke cap off tooth - had it fixed at local dentist - Dr. C.A. Purcell - AP, from Syracuse, flashed 'Pres. Eisenhower died tonight of a heart attack at Palm Springs' - someone fooling around with teletype - moved on open state wire - caused some hell but AP killed it 2 minutes later -

Called AP New York offices for explanation and to demand a full report."

(2) Although the Palm Springs trip was billed as a vacation for the president, the trip appears to have come up rather suddenly. In addition, it is a matter of record that Ike had returned from a quail-shooting vacation in Georgia less than a week before leaving for Palm Springs.

(3) While the incidence of a local dentist being called upon to treat the President of the United States is unusual enough that it should constitute a rather memorable event for those involved, Dr. Purcell's widow (during a June, 1979 interview with Moore) was curiously unable to recall any specifics relating to her husband's alleged treatment of the president. In response to simple questions relating to the time of day, the nature of the president's problem, the number of times her husband had treated the president, or even whether the president had been brought to her husband's office or her husband had been taken to the president's rooms at Smoke Tree Ranch, she could only report that she was "unable to recall". Yet her memory appeared flawless when asked to relate details of her and her husband's attendance (by presidential invitation) at an outdoor steak fry the following evening, where her husband was introduced to the press and others as "the dentist who had treated the president". This would appear to suggest a cover story, the details of which would have easily been repeated at the time, but quite naturally forgotten a quarter century later.

(4) Research at the Eisenhower Library has uncovered two other facts which are inconsistent with the dentist story. The first

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is that while the library maintains an extensive index of records relating to the president's health, there is no record of any

dental work having been performed at all in February of 1954. A file on "Dentists" in the President's Personal File also contains nothing on any visit to Dr. Purcell either. Secondly, there is a large file at the library containing copies of all sorts of acknowledgements and thank-you notes which were sent by the White House to people who had something to do with the Palm Springs trip. (A few of these were handwritten by the president himself.) There are letters, for example, to people who sent flowers, people who met the airplane, people who had offered to play golf (or even chess) with the president, etc., etc. There is even a thank-you letter to the minister who presided over the Sunday service attended by the president. Yet there is no record of any sort of thank-you or acknowledgement having been sent to the "dentist who treated the president". If the matter were as routine as Haggerty attempts to make it appear, then the absence of these records seems curiously inconsistent.

(5) The rumor of the president and his alleged visit to Muroc is not a new one. Its beginnings can be traced to UFO contactee-fringe literature which appeared less than two months after Ike's Palm Springs trip. Mead Layne, Desmond Leslie and George Hunt Williamson all wrote about it. So did a strange fellow named Gerald Light, who, in a letter to Layne dated April 16th, 1954, act-

ually claimed to have been at Muroc in the company of several dignitaries and to have seen the saucers and the aliens himself. Light's letter has been controversial for years and has turned up in all sorts of places (including The Roswell Incident, in which see pp. 116-118 for the complete text). Investigation into Mr. Light's background, however, turns up the fact that he was an elderly psychic and mystic known in such circles as "Dr. Kappa", and that he believed psychic out-of-body experiences (OBEs) were a logical extension of the reality of life and should be treated as such. Light's alleged visit to Muroc was just such an experience.

And so the investigation comes to a dead end. Clearly something occurred involving President Eisenhower on the evening of February 20, 1954. Whether it was a trip to the dentist, a trip to Muroc, or something altogether different and unrelated, remains a matter of conjecture.

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— NEWS BYTES —

-FOCUS editor and FWP Vice-President Evan Hayworth has resigned from both positions effective the end of May. Hayworth cited personal reasons for his resignation and has offered to remain with the Project as a field investigator. Meanwhile, FWP President will fill in as acting editor until a replacement can be arranged. Hayworth's resignation caused a delay in the publication of this issue.

-The FWP Executive Board has voted to grant Project Board Member and Atlantic Regional Director Stanton T. Friedman the sum of \$200 to help offset the costs of his research efforts to uncover official Canadian and American historical documents relating to UFOs.

-Project Director Nic P. Magnuson is the proud father of a new baby boy, Patrick Jay, born on March 21, 1985. Congratulations, Nic!