

**Harding -  
Presidential  
visit to Miami  
Beach**

January 6th, 1920.

My dear Mr. Harding :

I am sending you by my Secretary, Miss Ann Rossiter, some photographs of Miami Beach and the Flamingo Hotel.

We would be very much pleased to have you spend your vacation here at the Beach as our guests. If you would prefer a cottage to the Hotel, we can have ready for you upon a weeks notice the 'Tower House' which is located on the Beach, a very good, comfortable house, just recently finished. A weeks notice will allow us to put furniture in the place and have it ready.

If, however, you would prefer to live at the Flamingo Hotel we will be very glad to allot you a suite of three rooms with baths. We would be very glad to follow out either plan that would best suit you.

We have some first class Golf - and Senator Cummins is on the links here every day. We have good boating and swimming, wonderful fishing - and at the present time we have a hundred and thirty-five of some of the best polo ponies in America, and will have Polo every other day after January 10th.

We hope that you may decide to spend your vacation with us. Please wire me any decision you make.

Very truly yours,

GEORGE

Senator

C o p y.

December 6, 1920.

My dear Senator:

Miami Beach has become the real garden spot of the sub-tropics and is especially attractive to lovers of outdoors because the bathing, in the surf or in the great Roman Pools nearby, the eighteen and nine-hole golf courses, the polo, tennis, and, last, but not least, the splendid sport-fishing, all make for health and a thorough enjoyment of every hour.

Our new hotel, The Flamingo, is now finished and has been pronounced the most completely equipped and charmingly located hotel in all the South. The Flamingo will open on January 1st, and I desire to extend to Mrs. Harding and yourself a cordial invitation to visit Miami Beach for as long as your engagements and duties will permit.

As guests of Mrs. Fisher and myself at The Flamingo, where a suite will be at your disposal, I assure you that every possible privacy and comfort will be yours, and no overdraft on your time and good nature permitted. In short, your visit will be looked upon as a desire for rest and recreation during the January recess of Congress or during February before taking up the arduous duties of the coming year.

There are six hundred varieties of fish in the Gulf Stream adjacent to Miami Beach, and our large express cruiser together with competent guides and everything necessary will be at your service.

Leaving Washington over the Atlantic Coast Line at midnight, you arrive in Miami the second morning -- a really enjoyable journey.

I trust you will understand the spirit of this informal invitation, and Mrs. Fisher joins me in the hope that Mrs. Harding and yourself with your personal staff will find it possible to come to us.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Carl G. Fisher.

Senator Warren G. Harding,  
Washington, D. C.

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# WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM



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Send the following message, subject to the terms on back hereof, which are hereby agreed to

January 6th, 1920.

State Senator William M. Miller,  
Columbus, Ohio.

I am sending my Secretary, Miss Ann Roadster, to Marion tonight with a set of plans and full information regarding both the Beach house and the new Flamingo Hotel - either place most desirable to Senator Harding will be satisfactory to us. Copy of my letter to Senator Harding mailed you tonight. ~~REMARKS~~ After Sunday morning you can reach Miss Roadster at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis. We will be glad to have Senator and Mrs. Harding as our guests and every facility for golfing, tennis, swimming and fishing will be extended to them.

Carl C. Fisher.

Prepaid.  
Chg. Carl C. Fisher.

## National Geographic Magazine

WASHINGTON, D. C.

December 7, 1920.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Alton Beach Realty Company  
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Doctor Fisher:

I am in receipt of your communication of December 4th referring to my underground telegram to Asbury. Don't think that you have a corner on all the bashfulness in the world, for I am blessed or cursed, as the case may be, with the same thing; and it seems to me every time I make a recommendation or suggestion it ends up by hitting you an awful wallop in your most susceptible nerve center — your pocketbook — and the agonized expression coupled with a look of murderous complacency which sweeps across your classic countenance at such times deters me.

I know you have been gouged, mutilated, and pin-pricked by experts in their anxiety to annex the nimble dollar from your bankroll; therefore, to come right out and suggest that you spend two thousand dollars for a page of advertising in the Geographic seemed to me to be a little too raw for even such a second-story worker as myself. But with what little advertising brains I have it seemed too bad that you should not take advantage of the psychological opportunity of taking a page of advertising to tie The Flamingo onto this thirty-two pages pertaining to Miami Beach which will appear in the January number — the description of the Aquarium, the sixteen color pages of fish, and the accompanying description of the fish. Therefore, I thought it would save my feelings and yours if I suggested it to Jim so that he might give you the opportunity of depriving yourself of the pleasure without having you feel that you might hurt my feelings.

I was very glad to get the word that you saw the light, and I don't mind telling you that we held the presses with this last signature on it for three days in order to get the plates made and took out one of our own pages to make place for it. There was no time to pray over this copy, so what I did was to select one of the most charming tropical pictures in our collection for the background and impose the same advertising copy which was used in the New York Times. I sent this over to Charlie Beck by messenger; he made the plate, had the letters of the text drawn, cut out one of the Flamingoes from the reproduction of the postal card, and sent it back to Washington by another messenger.

I hope you will like the effect; to me it is a very beautiful presentation of the soft beauty of the tropical moonlight, the palm trees, with the translucent waters of the pulsing Gulf Stream laving the golden sands of Miami shores. I might also say

that we re-made a whole advertising signature to give you a right-hand page, and if you will go one step farther with me I'll say this, that if you can keep this to yourself we will give you the benefit of an advertising agency discount of 15%.

So much for that.

Acting on your telegram, I dictated a letter to Senator Harding, had it transcribed on a sheet of your embossed paper and delivered it into the hands of Mr. Christian, Harding's personal and confidential secretary, together with a little "Journey to Altonia." Mr. Christian who comes from near Marion knew your name and all about you, and I think he grasped the fact that this was not a mere bid for the Senator's favor, but a real desire to have Mrs. Harding and himself enjoy the beauties of Miami Beach. I really spent some little time in composing this letter to make it personal without being familiar, to include Mrs. Harding, which made it necessary to have Mrs. Fisher's invitation with yours, to intimate what would be at his disposal without splashing over, and I hope it is about what you would likelme to have done.

Christian said that he didn't believe it possible for the Senator to get away again before taking office, that unlike other Presidents he was going to try and take up the reins of office with a full knowledge of all conditions which were operative at the present time so that it would require a great deal of work and investigation, conferences and application; therefore, he doubted the possibility of his going anywhere for rest or recreation. You haven't any idea of the tremendous mail and the literally thousands of people who have been trying to see them both and as their office isn't organized to take care of such an overwhelming tide, it may be a little while before you will hear from them in acknowledgment of the invitation, but you may rest assured that it was properly presented.

As to the songbird, we are planning to leave Washington at 9:40 on the evening of December 27th, which will get us in Miami at 11:30 A.M. on the 29th. At the present writing the party will consist of Werrenrath, Louie Fuertes, Charlie Beck and myself.

William

By the way, I had a long talk with General/Mitchell who, as you know, was at the head of our Air Service on the fighting front in the War and he is a rip-snorter of a chap. We are going to get out an airplane number in March, and will have the first account of the flight of Sir Ross Smith from England to Australia, and also the first magazine account of Captain Street's flight from New York to Nome. General Mitchell is writing an article on the possibilities of the plane in defense and commerce, and we also have a unique collection of pictures of interesting places all over the world taken from aeroplanes.

General Mitchell is about forty-four years old. He is going down on an inspection trip to Miami before long, and I told him I'd give him a letter to you. When I told him who you were he spoke right away of the aeroplane route which you marked out

December 13th, 1920.

Mr. John Oliver LaGorce,  
Hubbard Memorial Hall,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jack :

Replying to yours of the 7th : I shall be glad to see your friend - General Mitchell. Be sure and give him a little note to me because this place is commencing to fill up with Generals, Majors, Colonels and Commodores.

Thanks for holding up the presses. I believe this advertisement will do us a lot of good.

We are now about six or eight days away from the finish of the Hotel and things look good.

Yours very truly,

GGF:R

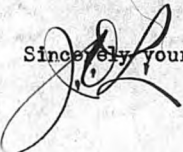
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of Dayton, and said he had flown over it and that it was the only thing of its kind in the country, and that you must be some fellow to have pioneered a thing like that and he wanted to know you. Mitchell was over on the fighting front all during the War and made a splendid personal record.

I am very much interested in the gondolas that you are having built, and bet you spend most of your time down there helping to whittle them.

Here's the best in the shop to you, old fellow, and all that sort of thing.

Sincerely yours,



Enclosure.

L/B





Ohio Senate  
Columbus

WILLIAM M. MILLER  
FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH DISTRICTS  
DRESDEN

Jan. 4, 1921.

Hon. Carl J. Fisher,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Mr. Fisher:

As you know, President-elect Harding will soon go to Florida for a vacation.

I had an extended conversation with Hon. Harry M. Daugherty yesterday (Monday) concerning Mr. Harding's visit to Florida. I asked him what arrangements had been made for the entertainment of the President and his party at Miami. Mr. Daugherty said that the only arrangement to date was entertainment upon the house-boat of Senator Frehlinghysen. I suggested to Mr. Daugherty that in my opinion you would be glad to offer accommodations and entertainment to the President and his party at Miami Beach and told him that I thought possibly you might be able to tender them the use of a home fully equipped with help for their temporary stay there. I am sure that Mr. Frank Seiberling would be glad to have them use the Hanan property upon your suggestion, if it is not occupied. However, if that is not available, possibly you have some place that would be just as satisfactory.

Mr. Harding, as you are doubtless aware, is a golf enthusiast and I represented to Mr. Daugherty that you had the finest golf course at Miami Beach of any place in Florida.

I think tentative arrangements have been made for Senator Harding to be the guest of some southern city above Florida for a portion of the time that he is in the South, but as he is going from the South directly to Washington for the inauguration I presume that this stop farther north will be on the last end of his vacation period.

Unquestionably Mr. Harding and his party will spend a little time upon the house-boat, even though other arrangements were made from the fact that such a promise has been made to Senator Frehlinghysen. I might say in passing that Mr. Daugherty himself will be in Harding's party, as he is slated as one of the new Cabinet Members.

Now to come to the real meat: You know I am enthusiastic about Miami Beach and I felt that if Senator Harding could visit there and be entertained in a home there that it would be a wonderful boost for the Beach and without displaying this part of my eagerness to get him there to Mr. Daugherty, I told him fully of your marvelous work on the Beach and of your wonderful public spiritness and stated to him that I felt assured you would be only too glad in conjunction with your

friends there to entertain the presidential party.

If this meets with your approbation, and you can do it, what I want you to do immediately is wire President Harding such an invitation and inform him that details are being forwarded by mail and also to send a copy of the telegram and the letter that you are forwarding to President Harding to Hon. Harry M. Daugherty, Huntington Bank Building, Columbus, Ohio.

I have the assurance of Mr. Daugherty, the man who has made Mr. Harding president of the United States and the man President Harding looks to for advice more than any other man in our country, that he, Daugherty, will use his influence to convince Mr. Harding that he ought to accept the invitation, if it is tendered.

Should you write, I wish you would state in your letter to the President that you are making this offer of entertainment upon the suggestion of his friend, Senator Wm. M. Miller of Ohio.

Should you desire any further details you can reach me by wire at the Ohio Senate, Columbus.

Very truly yours,

*William M. Miller*

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CARL FISHER

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ALTON BEACH REALTY CO MIAMIBEACH FLO

I SUGGEST YOU OPEN COMMUNICATION WITH PRESIDENT ELECT HARDING TODAY  
 B-Y WIRING HIM MARION OHIO OFFERING USE OF GOLF COURSE TENNIS COURTS  
 AND SUCH OTHER FACILITIES YOU MAY HAVE FOR RECREATION AND  
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WILLIAM M MILLER.

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CARL FISHER 884

ALTON BEACH REALTY CO MIAMIBEACH FLO

MAILED YOUR IMPORTANT LETTER TUESDAY SUGGESTING YOU AND YOUR FRIENDS

TENDER USE OF A HOME AND ENTERTAINMENT FOR PRESIDENT HARDING AND

HIS PARTY AT MIAMI BEACH HAVE HAD MATTER UP WITH HONORABLE HARRY

DAUGHETY TAKE ONLY YOUR MOST INTIMATE ASSOCIATES INTO YOUR

CONFIDENCE ON THIS UNTIL YOU RECEIVE MY LETTER

WILLIAM M MILER STATE SENATOR.

Time *3:11*  
By *Miss A*  
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to be *mailed*

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Carl G. Fisher.

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State Senator William H. Miller,  
Columbus, Ohio.

I am sending my secretary, Miss Ann Rosciter, to Harlan tonight with a set of plans and full information regarding both the Beach house and the new Flamingo Hotel - either place most desirable to Senator Harding will be satisfactory to us. Copy of my letter to Senator Harding mailed you tonight. After Sunday morning you can reach Miss Rosciter at the Claypool Hotel, Indianapolis. The City of Miami Beach, the Flamingo Hotel and the writer personally will be glad to have Senator and Mrs. Harding and party as our guests and every facility for golfing, tennis, swimming and fishing will be extended to them.

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Night Letter

January 7th, 1921.

Miss Ann Rossiter,  
Hotel Claypool,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

If you find necessary call up Senator New at Columbia Club.  
Ask Blaine Miller if Senator is in town. Say to Senator New I would like him to run down for few days and be my guest at Flamingo.  
Give him chance to play golf and talk politics with Mr. Harding.

Carl G. Fisher.

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CARL G FISHER

MIAMI BEACH FLORIDA

WIRE RECEIVED THAT IS SURELY FINE THANKS WILL COMMUNICATE  
WITH YOUR SECRETARY SUNDAY

WILLIAM M MILLER

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C G FISHER

MIAMI BEACH FLORIDA

SECOND TELEGRAM RECEIVED CONCERNING COTTAGE AND SUBMITTED  
 TO HONORABLE H V DAUGHERTY PERIOD. HE IS ENTHUSED ABOUT  
 OUR PLAN PERIOD HE WILL SEE MRS HARDING SATURDAY AND ARRANGE  
 FOR YOUR SECRETARY AND MYSELF TO ARRIVE IN MARION SAME TIME

WILLIAM MILLER

430P

January 7th, 1921.

White Senator William H. Miller,  
Columbus,  
Ohio.

My dear Mr. Miller:

You have been forwarded today  
a telegram and a letter from the Mayor  
of Miami Beach and the City Council asking  
Mr. Harding to spend his vacation here  
at Miami Beach as the guest of the City.

Arrangements have been made  
with the Flamingo Hotel for a Bungalow,  
four rooms and four baths, and special  
messenger is en route to Columbus with  
plans as per previous telegram and letter.

Yours very truly,

CGF:w

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January 8th, 1911.

Senator W. H. Harding,

Canton, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Harding:

We are preparing two cottages complete with servants and service in connection with the new Starling Hotel which are at your disposal when you arrive in Miami Beach. There are eight rooms with six baths. The City of Miami Beach and the Starling Hotel Company would be very glad to have you accept these cottages while here. My Secretary Miss Ann Beaulter will present like prints and drawings of various cottages and buildings, to you some time Sunday.

We are particularly anxious to entertain you at Miami Beach on the suggestion of your friend Senator W. H. Miller of Ohio that you might be induced to visit us for a short time.

Carl G. Fisher.

January 8th, 1921.

Senator Wm. H. Miller,  
Columbus, Ohio.

My dear Mr. Miller:

Replying to yours of January 4th, by the time you receive this letter Miss Ann Bossiter will have arrived in Marion and will have submitted to Senator Harding blue prints and drawings of the various propensities which he might occupy while here.

I believe that we could telegraph to Mr. Seiberling and easily get the use of the Seiberling property, but on second thought, after writing you the other day it occurred to me that a large cottage or bungalow on the Flamingo grounds where servants and service, all entirely first class are available, would be better than occupying the Hannan house. The cottage is isolated enough to be quiet and exclusive and yet it is only about 700ft from the hotel proper.

If there is an overflow of guests with the President we can make room for them in the hotel or in another cottage directly adjoining the one referred to for the President. Both these cottages are now complete in every detail except cooking arrangements and are, in my estimation, thoroughly desirable for the purposes intended.

I am wiring the President as per copy herewith. In the event we do not secure the visit from the President wish to thank you anyway for the effort you have made, I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

CGF:W

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January 8th, 1921.

Miss Ann Rossiter,  
Claypool Hotel,  
Indianapolis, Indiana.

Everything here O.K. Wire soon as you know anything definite. Be careful to word telegram so that we may not be ~~regarded~~ responsible for premature announcements which might later be cancelled.

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CARL G FISHER

FLAMINGO HOTEL MIAMI BEACH FLORIDA

SENATOR MILLER CALLED ME LONG DISTANCE TODAY HE HAS MADE AN APPOINTMENT FOR ME AT MARION TUESDAY I MEET HIM AT COLUMBUS TOMORROW AND WE DRIVE OVER TO MARION WILL WIRE YOU AFTER THE INTERVIEW TUESDAY NOTHING FURTHER UNTIL THEN

A A ROSSITER

845A

January 10th, 1921.

Honorable Harry M. Daugherty,  
Huntington Bank Building,  
Columbus, Ohio.

Dear Mr. Daugherty:-

I am enclosing herewith  
carbon copy of telegram which I have sent  
to Senator W. H. Harding, which will be  
self-explanatory.

This is at the suggestion  
of Senator Wm. H. Miller.

Yours very truly,

CCF:W

## National Geographic Magazine

WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 11, 1921.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Alton Beach Realty Co.,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Carl:

As I telegraphed you to-day, I had a conference with Senator Frelinghuysen, on board whose houseboat Senator Harding and his party will be from St. Augustine to Miami, most of the way inside.

Frelinghuysen said that it was the wish of Harding that no invitation be accepted to stay on shore for they do not wish to incur obligations to speak to a select bunch of lifelong Republicans over in the town hall or anything of that kind -- which was his way of putting it.

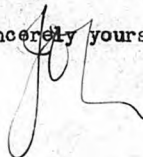
I recalled to him our conversation about you and that you were the last one in the world who would stand for anything like that or try to perpetrate it, and then made your offer of either a suite at the Hotel or the cottage. He said once again that Harding was steadfast in his determination to live on board the boat and that he just wanted to play golf and fish. He said that Senator Harding would very gladly avail himself of your offer of the glass bottom cruiser and fishing tackle and would also wish to play golf at Miami Beach, and that both Harding and himself would always be grateful for your courtesy in this connection.

To sum the matter up, they deem it advisable not to accept any invitations on shore where in all likelihood they would be surrounded by people looking at them and interfering with their enjoyment in spite of all that could be done to protect them from it. That's why I suggested in the wire that it would be inadvisable for you to further press the invitation, for I feel positive that it would be declined.

Senator Frelinghuysen is sending Mr. Murphy, the Chief of the Secret Service squad which guards Harding, to see me to-morrow morning at ten o'clock for information, and I will, of course, give him an earful about Miami Beach and also a letter of introduction to you.

If there had been a chance to urge further the Flamingo proposition I would have done so, but I saw that it was not going to be considered and that it would only mean embarrassment, so didn't press it. "Judge, Dat's all I know."

Sincerely yours,



L/B



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# SENATOR HARDING SOON TO LEAVE FOR FLORIDA

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**Mrs. Harding to Join Him After  
Shopping Tour to New York  
and Washington.**

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MARION, OHIO, JAN. 12.—Preparations for President-elect Harding's trip to Florida are nearing completion and although no definite date has been announced for his departure, it is indicated that he will remain in Marion only for a week or so longer.

It is understood that plans originally had been made to leave for the South during the present week, but that it was found impossible to conclude in time the president-elect's conferences here.

Mrs. Harding, who has planned a shopping trip to Washington and New York before joining the president-elect in Florida, is expected to say good-bye to Marion within a very few days. Her departure has been delayed, however, by a severe cold which has kept her indoors since Sunday.

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WARREN G. HARDING  
MARION, OHIO.

January 12, 1921.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

Miss Roesiter has just paid me a very pleasant call and has delivered to me your letter of January 6th, and handed to me for Mrs. Harding Mrs. Fisher's letter of the same date. These letters have been accompanied by the very attractive printed matter revealing the beauties and lure of Miami Beach, the Flamingo Hotel and your community. It is very tempting. I wish I could come and make a long stay. The simple truth about the matter is, however, that my plans will not admit of such an enticing program. We are coming South soon and I am expecting to get a rather hurried glimpse of Miami and the Beach. We shall not be able to stay, and the nature of my travels is such that I will not be in a position to accept any courtesies of a public nature. I very deeply appreciate your interest in extending your tender of courtesy and hospitality. If the circumstances were different I should certainly rejoice to accept. As matters stand I can do no more than express a

WARREN G. HARDING  
MARION, OHIO.

C.G.F. -2- 1/12/1921.

genuinely grateful appreciation.

Hoping to have the pleasure of  
meeting you personally, I am,

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Warren G. Harding". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned to the right of the typed closing.

WGH-EBU



# Ohio Senate

Columbus

WILLIAM M. MILLER

FIFTEENTH AND SIXTEENTH DISTRICTS

DRESDEN

January 12, 1921.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Miama Beach, Florida.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

I am in receipt of your letter of January 7th and also of January 8th. Possibly before you receive this letter from me, Miss Rossiter will have returned to Miama Beach and will have made a personal report to you.

We had a very fine and very satisfactory interview with Senator Harding but it is very probable that he will stay at the ~~boat house~~ <sup>new</sup> house. However, you did not miss anything in making him this offer for I am sure he will avail himself of your facilities for golfing and other sports. He appreciated very much the offer made him by the City of Miama Beach, the Flamingo Hotel and yourself, and I am very sure that he would have been glad to avail himself of this opportunity had he not thought that Miama Beach was too far removed from New York and Washington for people to reach him with whom he must necessarily keep in touch and confer with prior to his inauguration. Senator Harding has a heart as big as a mountain and your tender of every facility at the command of Miama Beach, the hotel and your personal resources touched him deeply.

As you will see by the clipping which I am enclosing from tonight's Columbus Dispatch, Mrs. Harding is not well and he said it was necessary for her to go to New York to equip herself with a wardrobe and that she would then go to Daytona Beach where her stepmother has a home on Magnolia Avenue. The Hardings have been going to this home in Daytona for some years and Mrs. Harding believes that she will be able to get rest and care there which she could not find elsewhere. Belonging to the people as they do now, both Senator and Mrs. Harding realize that it is impossible for them to deny themselves wholly to people if they are stopping at any public place and it is a fact that



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Mr. C. G. Fisher, -2-

they are both worn to a fraz. by the strenuous life they have been leading for the past several months.

Mrs. Miller and myself were very much charmed with your secretary, Miss Ann Rossiter, and, while she appeals to one as wholly devoted to business when you first meet her, a little acquaintance develops that she has a human side and is a delightful personage.

I am mighty sorry that we did not bring about everything that we endeavored to accomplish with reference to the entertainment of Senator and Mrs. Harding, and Honorable H. M. Daugherty is equally sorry because he thinks that they should have accepted what you had outlined and that it would have been better for them to be at Miama Beach to receive the men of public affairs who wished to confer with the President. Mr. Daugherty says that those who really wanted to see him could have afforded to come to Miama Beach and those who should not see him could probably have been kept away by the President being at Miama Beach.

Anyway, I did what I could for you and you and your associates responded nobly to my suggestion so we will all have to be satisfied with the decision of Senator Harding.

Wishing you continued success and that Miama Beach may become the greatest city of its character on the American continent, I remain

Very sincerely,

WMM-MEW

ABSOLUTELY FIREPROOF



HENRY W. LAWRENCE,  
PRESIDENT & MANAGER

*Indianapolis.*

Dear Mr. Fisher :

I wired you the result of my Marion trip. I am sorry that I failed in what we wanted to do - but of course I realized before going that it was not a matter for persuasion. I could only offer him what we had - etc - and he would accept if it met his requirements.

Sunday I had a long distance call from Senator Miller saying he had made arrangements for me to meet Mr. Daugherty (the man who ran Harding's campaign and is still running a good many parts of it now) on Monday. He informed me he had a room reservation for me at the Seneca Hotel - it being a difficult matter to get reservations of any kind on account of the inauguration of Governor Davis. I saw Mr. Daugherty Monday afternoon and he made an appointment for me to see Mr. Harding Tuesday morning - saying, however, that he was afraid the fact that Mrs. Harding's Mother had a Winter home at Daytona might interfere. Monday evening I went with Senator and Mrs. Miller to the Reception for the new Governor at the Senate Chamber and to the Inaugural Ball afterwards.

Tuesday we arrived at Mr. Harding's at eleven thirty and found a dozen or so committees, individuals numbering about eight or ten on missions of all kinds, waiting to see Mr. Harding. I was much surprised to be taken in away ahead of everyone else - this meant Senator Miller also. He gave us a full half hour in the midst of his rush, was most courteous, asked me all about the Beach, talked about Senator Cummins, etc. He was much interested in the Beach pictures, said the cottage plan at the Flamingo came nearer meeting his seclusion requirements than any of the places offered so far, but

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HENRY W. LAWRENCE,  
PRESIDENT & MANAGER

*Indianapolis.*

added that he would be very frank and tell me just what the situation was : briefly as follows :

Miami is too far from Washington. He will be sending for hundreds of big and busy men to confer with him during his southern trip and in most cases time will be a great factor in their trip. He must, therefore, in deciding upon a place to stay for any length of time, locate within 24 or 30 ~~heuses~~ hours of Washington. He leaves for the South within the next ten days and will be in Miami probably two days on this house boat - but in that time he will surely visit the Beach, play Golf, and make your acquaintance. He was much impressed with the new Hotel and felt that the cottage would give him the seclusion he wanted and needed, if it were not for the distance feature. He, of course, laid stress upon the fact that neither he nor Mrs Harding would consider social events of any kind - and I advised him emphatically that it was not our wish to subject him to anything of the kind.

I know I handled the matter as well as possible - but realize, as your telegram suggested, that it was practically all set before. He is to write you direct and thank you. Personally, I feel, under the circumstances, that it is something to have him promise to come over to the Beach and play golf - and feel, further, that this personal call, personal touch, or whatever you want to call it, may not be without results.

Believe I will be thru here by Friday night.  
Will wire you when I leave.

Is turning very cold here now and I shall be mighty glad to be back.

January 14th, 1921.

Mr. John Oliver La Gorce,  
National Geographic Magazine,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jack:

I have one letter from Ann and it seems that everything is already set for the Presidential party to escape all matters of publicity and have a very quiet trip. They may arrive in Miami for two or three days stay providing their houseboat does not get hung up among the many sandbars between here and Jacksonville. Anyway we have done all we can and we are through and I am wiring Ann tonight to lay off the job and come back as soon as possible.

This is the second time I have gone after a President and it is the last. From now on Miami Beach is going to be so hell-fired attractive that the Presidents and the rest of the near politicians will telegraph for accommodations. We certainly will never make another effort to get one of them here.

I feel like a "TUT" and I certainly don't think a hell of a lot of Harding because he has not answered either one of my letters and telegrams so between you and me and the gate post Harding and the whole outfit can go to hell as far as I am concerned.

The hotel is booked to capacity, the street cars are running to capacity, the golf course is full, and even the little old casino and bath-house are running way ahead of regular receipts. The Aquarium is doing fine although up to the present time I consider the local advertising as thoroughly rotten. In spite of this the Aquarium by word of mouth advertising is becoming a very popular place for young ladies to slip away and meet their lovers for a quiet afternoon engagement.

I do not mind what you say about the "White Peril" I feel about the "White Peril" just like Miller feels about Jack-the-Bear. He told me once that there was no polo player living who could play Jack-the-Bear his limit and appreciate it.

I have just read copy of your letter to President Harding. It is a very decent sort of a letter but I understand he is a poker player and you have not mentioned poker.



J.O. La Sorce

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January 14th, 1921.

We have a big over demand for hotel space.

Not much doing in the way of sales so far  
but I presume that things will open up in a short  
time.

Yours very truly,

GGF:W

January 15th, 1921.

Mr. John Oliver La Gorce,  
National Geographic Magazine,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jack:

I have yours of the 11th  
instant with further up to the minute  
detail on the invitation to our illus-  
trious guest. I am quite satisfied  
that you have done everything that is  
immensely possible to be did.

Yours very truly,

CGF:W

## National Geographic Magazine

WASHINGTON, D.C.

January 21, 1921.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
The Alton Beach Realty Co.,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Carl:

I have forwarded your telegram of January 17th to Baumgardt, and once again must apologize for smearing into your business. I made the tactical error of asking him when he was going down to lecture; whereupon, he said that he was not to go since had had received a telegraphic cancellation only ten days before, and added that it was very disturbing since his season was entirely filled and that he had declined other engagements in order to go to Miami, and that as all lectures were arranged for months in advance others had more than likely taken the time offered him; therefore, he would be idle.

I saw he was very much hurt, and said that there was certainly some good reason for it, that I knew your theatre had not been completed, and that you probably found it impracticable to hold them at the Casino, but that the matter had not been brought to your attention by someone in charge of that particular thing until the eleventh hour. He said that he felt sure you would not arbitrarily do such a thing, and that was the reason he didn't understand it.

Since I have, as I said before, again mixed into your business, I'll match you to see who pays him.

He lectured before the Society on the people of the Scandinavian countries and as much as I hate lectures I sat throughout the thing from start to finish nearly spell-bound. My opinion is that this man is the genius of the lecture platform, and I have been mixed up in this sort of thing for fifteen years.

I am sorry you feel a little hurt about the Harding matter, but if you knew how completely overwhelmed the man and his office force is perhaps it would not be so bad, although it is only reasonable to think that some slight acknowledgment of your kindly intent should have been sent. I learn that there were a dozen other similar propositions made and two or three delegations came from distant points to invite him. There is no hotel in the country that wouldn't break its neck to offer Harding and his party every accommodation and entertainment gratis for the publicity and advertising value of such a thing is well known. Just glance at the layout a moment. Here's a ~~new~~ hotel just opened in an expensive winter resort; why wouldn't it be the best kind of an investment of a couple of thousand dollars — the cost of

a page in The Geographic -- to have every paper in the country carry the fact that the President-elect of the United States was stopping at the Flamingo! Secondly, would you personally accept such a thing from anybody, thus placing yourself under some kind of an obligation -- nay, I think not.

Senator Frelinghuysen called me up again and I talked with him for ten minutes on the telephone, and he said also that he was giving the Secret Service man, <sup>Mr.</sup> Murphy, a note of introduction to you. Now if they do show up down there and want to be friends with you, for Heaven sakes don't go hide in the corner and act mad. The very fact that Harding has kicked the whole inaugural program in the pants and has absolutely refused to permit his induction into office to be the occasion for these hotel profiteers to gouge the American people, and has called off even the parade, to say nothing of the Inaugural Ball, and everything going with it, certainly shows that he's in earnest about side-stepping the spotlight.

I understand that his real reason for doing what he did was because a number of his friends had told him that the <sup>down town</sup> hotels in Washington were refusing to rent a room for less than the entire week with a minimum of \$300.00 a room, and he just wouldn't stand for it.

I agree with you absolutely in your observations about the Aquarium advertising, and I think that if you will be a little patient it will be carried out in the way you wisely suggest.

I am glad you understand me in connection with the White Peril. I know you well enough to realize that if I went around telling you how much I appreciate all you did every few minutes you would either land me one under the chin or become disgusted; therefore, the only way that I can convey to you that I am mindful of it and think about it more than you know, is to depreciate it to you, and try to pretend that I don't care a hoot about it.

Next to Gilbert, there isn't anything that I prize more or that I am endeavoring to take better care of, not only because of the car itself, but because of the generous friendship which its bestowal upon me points to in a louder language than either the spoken or the written word. The intrinsic value of the thing could never interest me, but the fact that you wanted me to have a thing which you prized so highly appealed to that which lies under the surface of my skin and made me very happy. On the other hand, it must be something to you to feel that someone really gives a good deal of thought to you and your problems and leaves nothing undone to further them through a sheer feeling of friendly good-will and a desire to help. While in this work-a-day world only results count, there is something in conscientious effort, even though not ringing the bell every time a shot is fired.

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

January 29, 1921.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
The Alton Beach Realty Company,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Skipper:

I have your telegram of January 29th, and you tell whoever transcribes your wires not to part my name in the middle any more or I'll have the law on them. How would you feel if I addressed you as C. Graham Fisher!

I am glad this Frelinghuysen-Harding matter is working out satisfactorily, and while you haven't written me what your talk with Murphy was, I presume it included turning over Cocolobo and lending the "Shadow" to them with Charlie Thompson in the saddle. I told Frelinghuysen the trouble they would have in the shallow waterways south of Palm Beach, but the old hulk that they are aboard wouldn't stand much of a sea, and he couldn't take a chance on the outside.

I have been very much amused at the frantic efforts of the Miami business men to capture the outfit, and how they have been given the go-by, and while it may make you a few more enemies at the same time it's certainly a feather in your cap, if such feathers amount to anything.

Glad to hear that the Hotel is keeping filled up, for certainly the other Florida resorts are not so fortunate. I heard yesterday that the places at Ormond are only half filled and that many cancellations are coming through.

Jim got accommodations for F. Wallis Armstrong of Philadelphia and his wife, who are coming down on the 6th of February for several weeks. Armstrong has made a lot of money out of owning one of the big advertising agencies and he handles such accounts as the Victor Talking Machine, Campbell's Soups, et cetera. His hobby is raising jumping horses, polo ponies, and blooded cattle. He's a great big fellow and if you happen to bump up to him don't exactly expectorate tobacco juice in his eye, but take him over and introduce him to Miller and have him tell Armstrong about Jack-the-Bear.

Weary is coming down on the 4th of February to sing for the National Press Club, which has an affair at Keith's Theater, in which the Secretary of State, Colby, will be the master of ceremonies, and a debate held between two Senators and two Congressmen as to "Whether it is more noble to be Fat than Thin." The Speaker of the House of Representatives, Mr. Gillette, is the judge of the debate.

C.G.F.

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January 29, 1921.

Weary will sing and I expect he'll be the knockout that he always is. Beck is coming down from Philadelphia, and we will have dinner that night together and if your ears burn you'll know we are talking about you, and possibly drinking your health in something besides that horse-juice which you serve in those quart glasses, 98% tri-pure, 2% diluted Scotch. Any man who could continue to give his friends such libations and keep them in a good humor could get away with murder. I never have known anybody who had such a combination of real hospitality and at the same time was so stingy when it came to setting out a decent drink!

Moreover, when I remember what I did to my shoulder one night carrying things up a flight of steps it makes me mad.

Well, here's how, and I hope you'll land those visiting firemen with a gaff hook that will last a life time. ◀

Sincerely yours,



L/B

I wish you would think seriously about the advisability of fitting up some sort of an operating room in or near the Hotel, for you are going to need it very badly some day, and will be willing to give ten times what it would cost to have it ready and available. Knowing what miserable dumps the local hospitals are, and with all the people, sports and events on Miami Beach, you can't hope to get by forever without dire need of an equipped operating room or a hospital.

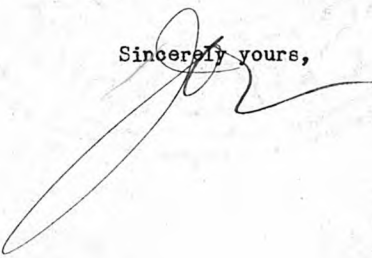
By the way, as you may recall, Mr. Krom and myself had a little passage at arms a couple of months ago over a thing which I felt I had reason to feel aggrieved, but I am glad to say that the matter was entirely cleared up, and I think the mutuality of interest was restored, and the entente cordial resumed. I think he did a splendid job at the Flamingo, and deserves a world of credit for his part. Moreover, I told him so in words of one syllable. That is the only time I have ever had any difference with anyone down there, excepting yourself, and I thought possibly you would like to know that it was dead and buried -- if you are not interested you needn't read this part of the letter.

Louie Fuertes called me up from the depot yesterday morning on the way home and I asked him if he put enough pink on those catbirds to suit you and he said he thought so.

Charlie Beck was over two or three days ago, and claims five days in Miami is enough to set a poor little fellow from Philadelphia crazy; and Weary writes me that he is still in a daze.

Well, when you get lonesome drop me a line, and don't give my regards to anybody.

Sincerely yours,



L/B

AMERICAN AUTOMOBILE ASSOCIATION

President's Office

New Castle, Pa.

Rte. 1, R.F.D., Miami, Fla.  
Jan. 31, 1921.

Dear Batch:-

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My son and an army chum arrived a week ago, and if this town is not painted red, it will be because the paint gives out.

Very truly,

(signed) David Jameson.



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Very truly,

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JOSEPH E. FLETCHER  
PROVIDENCE, RHODE ISLAND

February 1, 1921.

My dear Mr. Fisher:-

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of January 29th, and am pleased to hear from you.

I am also glad to learn that you have extended the courtesies of the Cocolobo Cay Club to President-Elect Harding, and that he intends to avail himself of the use of the Club for a few days. From my personal experience I can readily imagine what a delightful time he will have in such pleasant surroundings. I notice by the papers that he is now sojourning at Miami.

I am sorry that I am unable to be in Miami at the present time, but I expect to take a trip down there later on, at which time I hope to have the pleasure of seeing you.

According to reports, everything is lively at Miami just now. I understand the Flamingo Hotel is filled to capacity, and is a great success.

Three of my friends in Providence are

going to Miami the 17th of this month, and I would like to have them participate in the courtesies of the Cocolobo Cay Club during their sojourn. Therefore, I would greatly appreciate it if you will send me three Guest Cards made out to James E. Thompson, Henry A. Carpenter and Fred Mansfield. If you will send these Guest Cards by return mail, it will enable me to present them to the parties mentioned prior to their departure for the South.

Thanking you in advance for the courtesy, and with kindest personal regards, I remain,

Yours very truly,

*Joseph E. Fisher*

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Miami Beach,  
Florida.

*Box 1224*

February 4th, 1921.

Mr. Joseph E. Fletcher,  
Providence,  
Rhode Island.

My dear Mr. Fletcher:

Replying to yours of the 1st instant. I am very glad to enclose the three guest cards to the Coccoloba Bay Club that you request. I am leaving the length of time blank in order that you may insert it.

I am sure that you will be glad to know that Mr. Landing is well pleased with his trip down the bay, and his pleasant memories of his Florida cruise, according to his own statements, are the two days spent at Coccoloba. I feel that the Club is very proud to have had him as a guest.

Yours very truly,

CGF:W

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WASHINGTON, D. C.

February 1, 1921.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Care Alton Beach Realty Company,  
Miami Beach, Florida.

Dear Carl:


Had your wire this afternoon saying everything is as we talked and 100%. Judge, I'll agree that the talk is 100%, but you can't say that about the strength of that Scotch likker that you serve in those jardinières.

I enclose a number of clippings which I thought you might like to have, giving you an idea of what some of the Northern papers, New York, Philadelphia, and Washington, are saying.

I was very sorry to see a brief Associated Press story this morning that old man Talbott dropped dead. I am afraid that will break up the polo for Hal, but hope not, for his father was such a good old sport he'd want him to play right on.

I found that I had forgotten to telegraph you earlier in this game to be nice to Bob Small and Judd Welliver, the two newspaper men who were down there covering the trip. Bob Small will be to Harding what Dave Lawrence was to Wilson as a newspaper favorite. Bob is a splendid chap and has been with the Associated Press for years. Judd Welliver is one of the most virile magazine writers in the country and was on Munsey's staff for years. He will also be a fair-haired boy at the White House. Judd has a big farm out here in Maryland, and you can take him over and show him your moo cows, but if you ever throw out any of that 2% Scotch your name's pants!

By the way, you ought to shoot your guests a couple of drinks of real liquor before you bring out this Tri-pure bath so that at least the sufferers would have a little daze on before you insult their long, red lanes. "What am I talking about," says you. "You know dam well what I'm talking about," says I.

Sincerely yours,  


Enclosures.  
L/B

In also in my Philadelphia papers

Wade  
Haw

THE EVENING STAR, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1921.

## Black Caesar's Haunts Yield Harding Fish Yarn Repertoire

### Miami Beach Vies With Island in Tales of Monsters of Deep—Biggest One Gets Away as President-Elect Hooks Man-Eating Shark.

Special Dispatch to The Star

MIAMI BEACH, Fla., February 2.—Warren G. Harding will carry back with him to the White House enough fishing yarns to last all of the coming spring and summer. Next winter he will be back at the happy fishing grounds where Black Caesar, the blood-thirsty pirate, once held sway, to collect another season's supply of stories and some more experiences with the wild fishes which make their headquarters in these romantic waters.

The President-elect last November thought that tarpon fishing at Point Isabel was fine sport, but the fishing boats he had off Cocolobo bay Monday and Tuesday with a lot of sail fish, barracudas, amberjacks and wahoos convinced him that angling for tarpon is nothing more than fishing in its infancy. There is an old wreck off the mouth of Caesar's creek, where the big fighting fish of the sea seem to have a rendezvous. It was there that President-elect Harding was taken.

From the tales that are told it would appear that fishermen who have never been to this wreck never have had any real fishing. The method of angling is something like this: First, you cut up a good-sized fish, say one about three or four feet long, and toss several chunks of him overboard. These chunks tempt the big fish and get them in an eating mood. Then you bait your hook with another fish, one about four or five feet long, and cast your line, which can be anywhere from a quarter of an inch to half an inch in thickness. It must be remembered that when you fish in the sea you must be prepared for anything. There is no telling what you may get on the end of the big hook.

#### He Brought in a Monster.

Capt. Charlie Thompson, who chaperoned the President-elect to the fishing grounds, once caught a monster weighing 32,000 pounds. Nobody has ever classified the sixteen-ton brute, but experienced hands with rod and reel in these waters like Carl Fisher, who was Mr. Harding's host here, and Jimmy Allison, who runs the Aquarium, and Ben Young of Detroit, who calls all the big fish by their first names, declared the monster was a cross between a whale and a devil fish. It took eighteen hours to kill him.

Capt. Thompson harpooned the sea animal and something like 157 bullets were fired into him before he would give up the struggle. Once the fisherfolk induced the behemoth into shallow water near a dock, but he gave a swish of his tail that knocked forty feet of the dock away, a bit of playfulness that convinced the fishing crew it would be best to deal with the devil in the deep blue sea.

George Christian, jr., Mr. Harding's secretary, had one experience which convinced him that the tall fish yarns one hears in Florida waters

are not all moonshine. Mr. Christian had hooked a large mackerel and was reeling him in when along swiped a barracuda, the tiger of the sea, and snapped half of the struggling fish away. The next secretary to the President, none the less daunted, reeled in the better half.

#### Fish Gobbled a Fish.

The story is told hereabouts of one member of the Cocolobo Club who baited his hook with a three-foot fish and caught thereon a six-foot fish, only to have the six-footer swallowed by some other mammoth denizen of the deep before the startled fisherman could protect his line. When the last-named mammoth gobbled the six-foot bait and made off with hook, line and sinker the fisherman could only stand and shout, "Run, you scoundrel, run; you may think you are having fun, but I have had my money's worth, too."

The more experienced fishermen at Cocolobo know when a "hopeless" bite confronts them, and take a turn about a boat davit and let the fish go with the line and hook, saving the rod and reel.

When Mr. Harding hooked his first sail fish Tuesday before breakfast he had a sensation which many a fisherman has waited seven years to feel. There is a sail fish club at Palm Beach, and only catchers of sail fish are eligible. It is supposed to be one of the most exclusive organizations of the south, but Mr. Harding became eligible almost without a struggle. The sail fish is a member of the sword fish family, so far as appearances are concerned, for among other things he has a sharp weapon for a nose.

The fish are long and slender and have a fin which arises eighteen to twenty-four inches above their back and has a length of possibly three feet. They use this sail when loafing along the top of the water. The sail fish is one of the gamiest of the big varieties, and when he is hooked leaps from the water and wriggles in a manner which makes it appear he is standing on his tail.

#### Harding Honorary Member.

In view of all the foregoing it is not to be wondered that Mr. Harding before leaving Miami Beach accepted honorary membership in the Cocolobo Club and accepted an invitation to spend his next Christmas holidays in this locality.

The large fish caught by the President-elect here was turned over to a taxidermist for preservation and mounting. Some of the smaller fry are to be tugged and placed in Jimmie Allison's aquarium here, the first personally conducted aquarium in existence. One of the acquisitions of the aquarium is a deep sea turtle, estimated to be a mere matter of a thousand years old.

No fish story ends properly without the biggest one getting away. This fish story is no exception. Mr. Harding hooked a man-eating shark, about twelve feet long, but the brute broke the tackle and still is roaming the deep.

MEMORANDUM

DATE

TIME

FROM MR. LA GORCE

Feb 13

Dear Mrs

I guess you put  
it across - I just

got a wire from  
Joe Frelinghaus, saying

"We have had a perfectly  
wonderful time never dreamed

MEMORANDUM

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

TIME \_\_\_\_\_

FROM MR. LA GORCE

of such fish - Entire  
party wishes you were  
along - Very nice to  
add that last of  
course -

Well you can sure  
make the bells ring when  
you try cant you see  
skip?  
W. J. Jr



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Feb. 4, 1921.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Carl:

Make allowance for the usual hot air messages which pass between our worthy president and me. Having done so, you will be interested in his summation of recent happenings in your midst.

The dispatches up here didn't leave out anything: Fisher, Allison, Flamingo, Lincoln, Shadow, L'Apache, Cocolobo, and of course Thompson, besides etc., etc.

You certainly handled the job in great shape, and I again take off my hat to the firm of Fisher and Allison.

Yours,

*Batch*

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Mr. James A. Allison,  
Miami Beach, Fla.

Dear Jim:

Jameson and I kid each other about the letters which we write.

But his recitation of how you and Carl handled the Presidential party indicates what a complete job the two of you carried off.

There wasn't anything missing in the dispatches which came up here: Flamingo, L'Apache, Lincoln, Shadow, Coccolobo, and of course Charley Thompson, he with the intimate acquaintance with all sorts of fish, in and out of the sea.

Apparently a fine time was had by all present.

Yours sincerely,

*Batch*

AGB/L

Hardy

February 7th, 1921.

Mr. John Oliver La Gorce,  
National Geographic Magazine,  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Jack:

Now that the smoke of battle has cleared we have a few minutes time and only a few minutes. Real Estate has been very dull, but it has commenced to pick up and I am in hopes that we will strike a stride soon. Everybody seems to want to buy something from us but they have no money, and we quickly turn from the man who says he has no money to the man who has not yet admitted the truth.

We tried to be as nice as we could to the newspaper men. We gave them all the liquor they could drink and a boat ride to Bimini and all they could eat at the Flamingo and the best we had, and while we did not have the time to take care of these boys as we would like on account of the President and his party I think they were very well satisfied.

Your letter introducing your two friends came rather late after they had left.

How soon are you coming down?

We shipped you the Polo cloth, what else do you want?

If you will work the Washington end and let Joe Murphy work with his gum rubber shoes on the outside I guarantee that we will take the Presidential party to almost any given spot for a fishing trip. Captain Thompson simply outdid himself. We were all looking for a shark and strange to say the only shark to be seen in a hundred square miles was a big one 20ft long that went under the boat 45 miles an hour. I do not know what happened to the sharks but there were certainly none near us.

Yours very truly,

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

June 23, 1921.

My dear Mr. Attorney General:

I shall be very glad to lay before the President your letter of June 20th, with enclosure from Mr. Carl G. Fisher, in regard to the MAYFLOWER. Let me thank you in his behalf for calling attention to Mr. Fisher's letter.

Sincerely yours,

*Geo B Christiane Jr*

Secretary to the President.

Hon. H. M. Daugherty,  
Attorney General.

*For Mr. Fisher's information  
H. M. Daugherty*

October

18th

1921

George B. Christian, Jr.,  
Secretary to the President,  
Washington, D. C.

My dear Christian:

The manager of the Flamingo Hotel wrote me today as per the enclosed copy and I have answered him that you would write him direct.

We have the same cottage that the President occupied last year and we want to keep it for him if he is coming down. - We have a lot of people who want this cottage and we would like to know if the President has intentions of coming down so that we could save it for him. We will be delighted to have him and his party and we will try to catch him more fish than we did last year. In fact, this year I want to, by all means, take the President and his party into the Bahama banks. The Bahama banks is the most wonderful place in the world and we have a small club house on Cat Cay here that will accommodate seven or eight people and we can run over there and stay a couple of days and I am quite sure that this trip will be very interesting to the President. We might run into some killer whales or some big devil fish and we know a couple of places where we might catch some big octopus, however, we guarantee nothing in regards to fish but if Capt. Johnson hasn't lost both eyes and his sense of smell, I am sure we can dig up something in the Bahama banks that will give Mr. Harding a real thrill.

Now, I expected to run down to Washington for a few days and call on you but we have just had an eight and a half pound boy presented to us and for the past two weeks the whole place has been in an up-roar and I am afraid now that I will not have time to come to Washington before it is time for me to leave for Miami Beach about November 21st.

If you will please drop Mr. ~~From~~ a note at the Essex & Sussex Hotel, Spring Lake, New Jersey, where he will be for the next two weeks and give him any little pointers you can regarding a visit of the President and his party. Of course, it is understood that the President can bring with him as many friends

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of his friends as he wishes.

Kindly write Mr. Kram at your earliest convenience.

Yours -

CG<sup>4</sup>:M

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

August 24, 1931.

My dear Mr. Fisher:

The President has received the little book which you have been good enough to send to him, and he asks me to thank you heartily for your courtesy in the matter. He is most appreciative of your thought of him.

Sincerely yours,

*Geo B Christian Jr*

Secretary to the President.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
Indianapolis, Ind.

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 21, 1921.

My dear Carl:

Please accept my thanks for your letter of October 18th. In reply I beg to say that there is no chance of the President visiting Miami during the holidays. There may be a chance late in February.

With best wishes, believe me,

Sincerely yours,

*Geo. B. Christian*

Secretary to the President.

Mr. Carl G. Fisher,  
North Capitol Avenue,  
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