

March 14, 1933

My dear Mr. President:

Several neighbors (Republican and Democrat) happened to be spending Sunday evening with Mrs. Cregg and myself when it was announced the radio that you were to talk on the banking situation in the United States at ten o'clock.

There was silence for a moment and then the discussion began. There seemed to be a wide divergence of opinion as to whether or not you were going to make good and whether or not you had the confidence of the people. They were unanimous, however, in agreeing that your Inaugural Address was a masterpiece, and that your message to Congress shot straight from the shoulder. Yet some were frantic and expressed the hope that your message would be such as to allow them to withdraw their life savings from some of the local banks. When your radio talk began everyone seemed to become hypnotized, because there wasn't a word spoken by anyone until you had finished and as if one voice were speaking all spoke in unison "We are saved." The frantic individuals of a few moments before declared that they would leave their money in the banks and that they were not afraid of the future. This episode convinces me more than ever that you have the confidence of the people, that you are the man of the hour, and that with the united support of all its people, you are going to rehabilitate this great nation.

May God bless you.

Sincerely,
Frank J. Cregg (Justice of the New York Supreme Court)
Syracuse, N.Y.
First National Bank Bldg
Cincinnati, Ohio

March 15, 1933

Dear Mr. President:

You cannot hear yourself talk over the radio, so you must accept the testimony of others. You have a marvelous radio voice, distinct and clear. It almost seemed the other night, sitting in my easy chair in the library, that you were across the room from me. A great many of my friends have said the same thing. I suppose hundreds have told you this, but I thought you would like to know how perfectly your message reached us. As for the message itself, it was clear, forcible and direct — a wonderful thing for the President of the United States to talk to the people as you talked to them.

With regards, I am,
Respectfully,
James A. Green

March 12, 1933

Dear President:

I would like to tell you that I enjoyed the speech which you have just finished giving. I have regained faith in the banks due to your earnest beliefs. I had decided that, as soon as the banks in Minneapolis reopened, I would withdraw my money. When you said that people's money would be safer in banks than under their mattresses I decided I'd leave my money just where it is.

Although I'm only a high school student I take a great interest in the country's problems. I firmly believe that the country is on the upward grade and I believe that if people will remain calm and composed that the government will pull the United States out of this terrible depression.

If you could possibly find a moment's time during your busy days would you please write a note back to me and acknowledge my letter?

God be with you and bless you," dear President.

Very respectfully yours,
Viola Hazelberger
Minneapolis, Minnesota

Law Offices
Sather & Livesey
Bellingham, Washington
May 8, 1933

Dear Sir:

I heard your radio address last night and regarded it as encouraging.

I classify myself as a conservative but realize that present conditions required measures that might not be justified under other circumstances. I sincerely hope that an effort will be made to keep the government out of business as much as possible and that we will not have such inflation as to make money and security values doubtful.

I have always been a Republican but desire to say that I am very pleased with your official acts and likewise am pleased to express to you that the general sentiment is ninety per cent in your favor. This is considerably more than the seventy-five per cent that you referred to in your address last night.

I hear very commendatory words about your economy program and particularly your striking from the pension rolls veterans who se condition is the result of non service ailment. You have the commendation of the people of this country and will continue to have it unless your measures become too extreme. At present you are "ace high".

With best wishes for your continued success, I am,

Sincerely,
George Livesey

MARCH 13, 1933

Hon. Sir,

I listened gratifiedly to your radio address anent the banking situation this evening. From this humble quarter is reflected your own confidence of the future stability of the banking system. However, Mr. President, I beg to ask, "Then what?"

But a brief period ago it was an admitted fact that banks were busting with money. As you reminded us in our radio address tonight, banks must reinvest their depositors' money in sound securities. What banker, having the interests of depositors at heart, would venture to gamble these deposits on any business enterprise today?

Can ambitious and able merchants borrow capital at the bank on which to operate? If not, wherefore? Because the merchants' ambitions are unmoral? Because the merchants' representations are naught but a nefarious scheme to swindle? Or, is it because no business venture today could prosper under existing conditions?

In a brief note, Mr. President, I can only write in generalities, but permit me to express this much; having stabilized the banks, and established the soundness of America's financial "structure," you have made an impression in your Herculean tasks by comparison as the vacancy created in a huge granary by the removal of one grain by the toiling ant.

You must be well aware of what yet lies before you. Let us be warned then, not to indulge in previous exultation, lest we relax our efforts ere we have attained the ultimate consummation of our aims.

I presumed to address you thus, Mr. President, because I am imbued with the idea that you would welcome expressions of this character from humble citizens.

Respectfully,
Eugene V. Krell
St. Louis, Mo.

May 8, 1933

My Dear President:

For 25 years, I have been an ardent Socialist, the soap box, the lecture platform, the classroom are the means that I have used to further the Cause. I have been in jail for it at times.

Since your inauguration, I have withheld judgement — for once in my life I have not used the expression "He is only a Henchman of the Capitlast classes" I have faith in you and the people I meet every day in the business world have faith in you. I hardly think that you realize the power that you really have over the American people. You don't half realize what faith they have in you and they are willing to follow you blindly. If I a Socialist trust you, I can see why they worship you.

Your speech to-night was magnificent — and remember when a soapboxer admits the other fellow speech is good — that's something Mr. President, this economic distress that we are suffering from is getting too much for us all to stand. If you will help alleviate some of the suffering I see every day well let the historians of the future draw the conclusion Well its a pleasure to listen to you — and Mr. President — I have a suspicion that you know your Karl Marx pretty well.

Good Luck to you and my best wishes to your family — who knows I am liable to call up my friend & comrade Norman Thomas three years from now & tell him I am out working for Franklin D. and I am going to vote for him and the party can throw me out if they want to.

As a former officer of the U.S.A. I salute the Greatest President since Lincoln.

Sincerely yours,
Harry N. Perlmutter
Brooklyn, N.Y.