

May 8, 1939.

Dear Dave:

A.M.H. says cannot send money today, but, as you know, will get it to you soonest possible. I'm sorry, but nothing I can do about it.

Thanks for the two copies of the official translation of that important Hitler speech of April 28th. I'm reading the whole thing carefully. That is one of the greatest documents of all time. He certainly pinned FDR's ears back -- so much so that other day FDR said he was saying nothing as he did not "want to rock the boat." Since when has he ever before given a damn about "rocking the boat." Those who saw him in newsreel for April 30th opening speech for the N Y World's Fair said he appeared lifeless -- no grin, like a mechanical man, and son John on platform near him was up and down as if much worried the old man was going to tumble over. Still, according to last Liberty on stands -- last week -- the President's health is excellent. If Hitler shut FDR up for even a little while, he performed one of the major operations in history! But there was damned little come-back after Hitler got through.

Was out in country last evening. The lady said she "saw" you backed up against a stone wall, and location she thought Potomac near Washington -- a sort of stone arch nearby and you were in or near arch, and you had your hands behind your back -- a tough spot, she said. Said it might be symbolic of being in a tight place, and I said you could easily get into a tight place.

As to the bird who gets in your hair, I've an idea the situation will liquidate itself -- such situations usually do. Instance: McConnell, and others I know about. But it is damned irritating. And don't I know!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature consisting of the letters 'RB' in a stylized, cursive font, with a long horizontal line extending to the right from the bottom of the 'B'.

P S - Enclosed complete copy
Liberation, May 7th, just completed
today.