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THE PRESIDENT

THE WHITE HOUSE

WE ARE DEEPLY CONCERNED BY THE SUCCESS OF THE EFFORT TO USE  
OFFICIAL CONSIDERATION OF THE POSTWAR TREATMENT OF GERMANY  
AS A PEG ON WHICH TO HANG IMPLICATIONS OF VIOLENT DISSENSION  
AMONG MEMBERS OF THE CABINET AND THE WHITE HOUSE THIS  
TENDS TO DISCREDIT YOUR ADMINISTRATION NOT ONLY AS THE  
SOURCE OF EFFECTIVE PREPARATION OF POSTWAR PLANS BUT ALSO BY  
INFERENCE IN ITS EFFECTIVE PROSECUTION OF THE WAR WE  
RESPECTFULLY URGE A STATEMENT BY YOU TO THE PRESS OR A JOINT

STATEMENT BY THE SECRETARIES OF WAR STATE AND TREASURY TO  
CORRECT THE FALSE IMPRESSION CREATED BY PROPAGANDA SUCH AS  
THE ASSOCIATED PRESS DISPATCH FROM WASHINGTON IN THE NEW  
YORK TIMES OF SEPTEMBER 28TH HEADLINED "MORGENTHAU PLAN  
SHELVED"

WRITERS WAR BOARD REX STOUT CHAIRMAN.

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FROM

The White House

Washington

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# TELEGRAM

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*Day Letter*

October 2, 1944.

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REX STOUT, ESQ.,  
CHAIRMAN, WRITERS WAR BOARD, #  
122 EAST 42nd STREET,  
NEW YORK, N. Y.

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PERSONALS

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If you will come down here during the next two weeks, I shall be glad to give you personally, and of course off the

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The White House

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FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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FROM The White House  
Washington

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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

October 6, 1944.

MEMORANDUM FOR  
GENERAL WATSON

The President sent Rex Stout a telegram the other day saying he would explain "off the record" to him about a matter he was concerned about if he would come down some day during the next two weeks. Will you give him a date?

G. G. T.

# TELEGRAM

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—GOVERNMENT RATES

FROM

The White House  
Washington

October 10, 1944.

GPO

Rex Stout  
Chairman, Writers War Board,  
122 East 42nd St.,  
New York City.

NIGHT LETTER

Reference the President's message to you October second  
would you care to come Washington October seventeenth,  
Eighteenth or Nineteenth twelve-thirty P. M. Please wire  
me preference or if not convenient let me know when you  
would like to come. Regards.

EDWIN M. WATSON  
Secretary to the President

The White House  
Washington

*[Handwritten scribble]*

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EDWIN M WATSON

SECTY TO THE PRESIDENT THE WHITE HOUSE

*never arranged  
filed 1-22-45*

YOUR TELEGRAM RECEIVED. WOULD IT BE POSSIBLE TO MAKE APPOINTMENT  
AFTER THREE PM OCTOBER SEVENTEENTH OR NINETEENTH? MAY I BRING  
CLIFTON FADIMAN WITH ME?

REX STOUT WRITERS WAR BOARD 122 EAST 42ND ST NYC.

*General Watson talked to Stuart  
on phone 10-16-44 - suggested  
wait after Election when more time  
to talk at length.*