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Monday, Dec. 31st

We left the dock after four A.M., but soon anchored and lay somewhere near Staten Island. Fog surrounds us. Finally just before lunch the Vanderburghs joined me. Walked a little while after breakfast around the deck. Mr. Dulles and Mr. Fortas joined me, and continued a discussion on trusteeships. Mr. F. wants us to make the proposal that all territories shall have the right of appeal to the Assembly when difficulties arise. Dulles had been to see Mr. Baruch. After the promenade deck which was covered and crowded, I tried the boat deck, wetter but less crowded. At eleven we were called to boat drill which takes place each day, we were given instructions in the lounge by the Security officer, who invited me to tea. I'll have to find out his name and the hour for I've forgotten both already. Mrs. Norman Mack's daughter spoke to me and I've forgotten her name and can't find the wire. (Note - Mrs. Mack's daughter is married to a career diplomat.) In investigation the sun deck after breakfast I talked with three state department girls going over for the first time and much excited. I know already something I have forgotten, a clothes brush, an extra pair of shoe trees, some large envelopes for sending mail back to be handled. As the days go by I shall discover much more I am sure by way of omissions!

Wed., Jan. 2nd.

A curious New Year's Eve! I went to bed at 8:30 and was glad to be oblivious to the ship's roll at midnight. I did think of you all at home before I went to sleep and wished for each one individually a happier New Year than the last. I breakfast alone at the Captain's table each morning as the senatorial families do not arise and shine early. After breakfast I walked the deck and talked to a number of people. Then I set to work on the material we had been given and with time out for lunch, I read till I had to get ready to go to a party. Mr. Stettinius gave for the whole delegation at five o'clock. More reading, dinner, more reading and ten-thirty bed. So far I have remembered to put my watch ahead one hour each night. Last night was bad, fog horn most of the night, heavy roll and much colder. I used my rug for the first time and was glad to have it. I know a few more things I forgot, a nail brush and I only brought two hair nets besides the one I am wearing which is already nearly in shreds. Tommy mail me two more. This morning I began to be busy seeing people - at ten o'clock Freida Miller came and brought me Frances Perkins memo which seems quite easy to understand. We talked till eleven and then went into the conference room to meet and have Mr. Hiss of the state department go over the agenda with us. From twelve-thirty to one Dr. Bunch went over the questions of trusteeships with me. After lunch I went back to the conference room and Mr. Hiss, with some eight or nine others went over the question of specialized agencies with me. Three to four-fifteen I read some more official documents and fell asleep occasionally. Then I went to have tea with Col. Gwynn's little group again. There the talk is good and I stayed till five thirty. On returning to my room I found a communication on the proposed commission to deal with atomic energy, read it, then had to hurry to get ready and go to the Captain's cabin for cocktails. The Senators and wives, Congressman Bloom and his man Friday, the Executive Officer and I made up the party. I like the Vandenburg's more than I do the Connollys but I don't

Like any of them much. Senator V. is all upset over the atomic energy proposal but I think that is Secy Byrnes' affair and not mine. Here I had to pause and dictate two minutes of words which I am to say in a few minutes over NBC to the U.S.A.

The broadcast went well they said, and now I've spent an hour and a half with the press getting a repetition of much that we had this morning from Hiss and Pavolsky. The latter is a smooth article, but Hiss, I am inclined to like. Now to bed for it is really twelve-fifteen by getting up time.

Friday, Jan. 4th.

Yesterday I was busy every minute I thought, but it was very similar to the day before. Today we had a morning session with the state dept, boys till 12:30, then a half hour with the people who are interested in seeing a health group called together. Lunch and the afternoon has flown. First a meeting with the girls of the secretarial staff. Then a photograph on the top deck of the whole delegation. Four-thirty tea with the executive officers of the ship. After that a visit to the ship's hospital and to the hospital for the soldiers being carried. In this case the patients are nine Dutch marines. Lastly a talk with our own marines and with a young Dutch girl, a friend of Princess Juliana and interested in student organizations and a Mr. Dod returning to Nuremberg to help in the trials. In between I packed, our bags must be ready at nine though we don't land till noon. I've refused an invitation to lunch next Sunday with Lady Astor. This evening I talked with Mr. Stettinius for half an hour and he approves of such plans as I have so far laid out for myself in London. The tears came to his eyes when he spoke of Franklin and the ideas which he had talked over with him. I believe it is a sense of loyalty to F.D.R. which keeps him on the job. Went to hear the Senators broadcast at ten, but conditions, atmospheric, I suppose, made it impossible to get through. Now to bed.

I have been assigned a gray haired Miss Norton from Boston. She did the columns for practice, though it is understood that on shore she works in the office.