

November 21, 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR HONORABLE JOHN F. SIMMONS

Chief of Protocol
Department of State

Referring to your memorandum of November seventh to Secretary Connelly, copy attached, the President has addressed a letter to the Ambassador of Greece, acknowledging the invitation extended to the President, Mrs. Truman and Miss Truman to visit Greece.

As suggested, the letter is sent to you herewith for forwarding to the Ambassador.

WILLIAM J. HOPKINS
Executive Clerk

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Ltr of 11/14/52 from the President to His Excellency Athanase G. Politis, Ambassador of Greece; re above.

November 14, 1952

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Thank you very much for your letter of November fourth, conveying the invitation of Their Majesties the King and Queen of the Hellenes for Mrs. Truman, myself and Margaret to visit Greece.

I appreciate this wonderful invitation. I hope that sometime in the future I may be able to take advantage of it. At the present time it is not possible for me to make any commitments.

Sincerely yours,

HARRY S. TRUMAN

His Excellency
Athanasios G. Politis
Ambassador of Greece
Washington, D. C.



DEPARTMENT OF STATE
WASHINGTON

November 7, 1952

MEMORANDUM FOR MR. CONNELLY:

There is enclosed a copy of a note addressed to the Secretary by the Ambassador of Greece extending an invitation to the President, Mrs. Truman and Miss Truman to visit Greece.

The Department will, of course, be glad to forward the President's reply to the Ambassador.



John F. Simmons
John F. Simmons
Chief of Protocol

Enclosure:
Copy of note.

ROYAL GREEK EMBASSY
WASHINGTON, D.C.

November 4, 1952

Sir:

Their Majesties the King and Queen of the Hellenes have directed me to convey to the President and Mrs. Truman and to Miss Truman their heartiest invitation to visit Greece as the nation's guests, when they undertake the journey to various countries of the free world which, it is reported, they are considering.

Knowing how very busy the President is at this time, may I ask Your Excellency to kindly bring to his notice this invitation, which I shall, of course, be happy to renew to him in person, whenever he may be able to receive me.

Together with our King and Queen, every man and woman of Greece is anxious to express, on Greek soil, to the father of the Truman doctrine, the affection, admiration and deep gratitude which the Greek people hold for all the President and the American people have done for the survival of Greece, in the face of a peril as deadly as any in her long history. They also wish that all Greece, and particularly the city of Athens, may pay tribute to the great American who has laboured arduously and courageously to unite Europe and to bring peace, freedom and prosperity to a troubled world.

Accept, Sir, the renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

/s/ A. G. POLITIS

His Excellency
Dean G. Acheson,
Secretary of State,
Washington, D.C.