

-Part I-

CORRESPONDENCE AND CONFERENCES ON THE CONSERVATION
OF WILD LIFE

Before and during his long public career, down to the close of his life, Theodore Roosevelt was regarded as America's leading sportsman-naturalist and game conservationist.

He founded the famous Boone and Crockett Club and was its president for many years. He was the first Executive to establish Federal game refuges and wild bird sanctuaries throughout the country, while his writings on hunting and sportsmanship and the scientific study of wild life in this and other countries have never been equalled or even remotely approached in bulk or value by any one occupied in so many other public activities.

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C O P Y

Personal.

WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Department of Justice
Received
March 13, 1902
Private Secretary
March 12, 1902

Dear Mr. Attorney General:

The President directs me to say that the
game pictures you so kindly sent him are splen-
did, and that he is really obliged to you for
them.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) GEO. B. CORTELYOU
Secretary to the President

Hon. P. C. Knox,
Attorney General

Geo. Shiras, 3d, Esq.,
Pittsburgh
Dear Mr. Shiras:

In addition to the above the President
has asked me personally to thank you.

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(SIGNED) P. C. KNOX

Note: President Roosevelt was the first prominent public official to give his endorsement to the original Migratory Bird Bill, the subsequent passage of which has meant so much to the preservation of our more valuable migratory birds. (See Appendix A, page).

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WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 1, 1905

My dear Mr. Shiras:

I am very much pleased with your bill, and am glad that we have in Congress a man taking so great an interest in the preservation of our birds, and nature generally. I particularly wanted wild fowl to be protected.

With hearty congratulations,

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Hon. George Shiras, 3d,
House of Representatives,
Washington.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 28, 1905

My dear Mr. Shiras:

What I am doing in the effort to protect our birds I know has your most hearty sympathy. Will you look over the enclosed communication and see if you cannot get through the legislation suggested?

With regards,

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Hon. George Shiras, 3d,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D. C.

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THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

December 4, 1905

My dear Mr. Shiras:

The President directs me to refer to you for consideration in connection with his letter of November 28th the enclosed papers from the Department of Justice relative to proposed legislation for the protection of birds on government reservations.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) WM. LOEB, JR.

Secretary to the President

Hon. George Shiras, 3d,
House of Representatives,
Washington, D.C.

Enclosures

C O P Y

Personal.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

December 7 1905

My dear Mr. Shiras:

The President is very much obliged to you for your letter of the 6th instant. He hopes you will put that proposed bill in its proper form in the hands of some member of Congress who will look after it actively this session.

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) WM. LOEB, JR.

Secretary to the President

Hon. Geo. Shiras, 3rd,
Stoneleigh Court,
Washington, D.C.

THE OUTLOOK
287 Fourth Avenue
New York City

Office of
Theodore Roosevelt

March 16th, 1909

My dear Mr. Shiras:

I heartily approve of your proposal.

While I cannot speak as to the details of the scheme that you mention, I will say that any plan which you and Mr. Grinnell are willing to back, to work for the preservation of game and of wild life in our country, I also am willing to back.

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Mr. George Shiras,
Stoneleigh Court,
Washington, D.C.

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C O P Y

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 1, 1907

My dear Mr. Shiras:

Both of your letters of the 30th ultimo have been received, and the President particularly wishes to have the chance of seeing you. Can you not take lunch with him Thursday, June 6th at 1:30 o'clock?

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) WM. LOEB, JR.

Secretary to the President

Mr. Geo. Shiras, 3d,
Stoneleigh Court,
Washington, D.C.

Private

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

November 16, 1907

My dear Mr. Shiras:

The President has received your letter of the 15th instant, with enclosures, and directs me to say that he has taken up the subject of public health in his annual message - this for your private information. When you return from Mexico the President wishes you would give him a chance to see you, as there is much he would like to tell you.

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) WM. LOEB, JR.

Secretary to the President

Hon. George Shiras, 3d,
Stoneleigh Court,
Washington, D.C.

C O P Y

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 8, 1908

My dear Mr. Shiras:

That Englishman, Kearton, who has taken such wonderful bird photographs, is coming here in March. If possible, the President wants to have you and Dr. Hart Merriam meet him at lunch. Will you let me know if you are to be in Washington in March?

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) WM. LOEB, JR.

Secretary to the President

Hon. George Shiras, 3d,
Stoneleigh Court,
Washington, D.C.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

February 11, 1908

My dear Mr. Shiras:

Your note of the 10th has been received. If Kearton arrives here in time the President would like very much to have you bring Mr. Chapman with you to the lunch.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) WM. LOEB, JR.

Secretary to the President

Hon. George Shiras, 3d,
Stoneleigh Court, Washington

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

April 27, 1908

My dear Mr. Shiras:

Referring to your call of this morning, the President insists that Mr. Chapman and you must come to lunch Monday next at 1:30. Please advise me if you accept.

Very truly yours,

(SIGNED) WM. LOEB, JR.

Secretary to the President

Hon. George Shiras, 3d,
Stoneleigh Court, Washington

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THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

Oyster Bay, N.Y.
September 19, 1908

Dear Shiras:

Many thanks for your letter. After the election
wont you come on to Washington? There are a number of
things I want to talk over with you.

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Hon. Geo. Shiras, 3rd,
Marquette, Mich.

THE WHITE HOUSE
Washington

November 28, 1908 X

My dear Shiras:

I have your letter of the 27th. That is first-class.
I am looking forward to the receipt of the venison. Soon
I must see you and talk over a variety of things, including
the question of how your book is getting along.

Now, can not you and Mrs. Shiras come to dinner on
Tuesday evening, December 8th?

Sincerely yours,

(SIGNED) THEODORE ROOSEVELT

Hon. Geo. Shiras, 3d.,
Stoneleigh Court,
Washington, D.C.

Office of
Theodore Roosevelt

THE OUTLOOK
287 Fourth Avenue,
NEW YORK

April 30th, 1913

Dear Shiras:

That is fine. Let me know where you are in New York
as soon as you can, and then come out and spend the night
with me. I have taken the liberty of sending your statement
about the political situation in Florida to Walter Brown.

My dear fellow, I am very much obliged to you.

Faithfully yours,

(SIGNED) THEODORE ROOSEVELT

George Shiras, 3rd, Esq.,
Stoneleigh Court, Washington

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C O P Y

THE OUTLOOK
287 Fourth Avenue,
NEW YORK

Office of
Theodore Roosevelt

June 9th, 1913

Dear Mr. Shiras:

Mr. Roosevelt has asked me to thank you very cordially for your letter and to say that he would be very glad if you and Mrs. Shiras could take dinner with him and spend the night of either Friday June 20th or Saturday June 21st at Sagamore Hill. You could take the train leaving Pennsylvania Station, New York, at 4.30 on either of those days. I wish you would let me know at your earliest convenience whether or not you and Mrs Shiras can come on either of these days.

Faithfully yours,

(SIGNED) FRANK HARPER

George Shiras 3rd, Esq.,
Washington, D.C.

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OYSTER BAY
LONG ISLAND, N.Y.

April 3rd, 1916

Dear Shiras:

I wish you would tell Bishop Williams what a pleasure it is to me as an American to read those statements of his. We have a great deal of education to accomplish in this country, and at present all we can do is to try to make a beginning in it.

When are you coming North? I must see you. I have so much to talk over with you.

Faithfully yours,

(SIGNED) THEODORE ROOSEVELT

George Shiras, 3d, Esq.
Hotel Ormond,
Ormond Beach,
Florida

ORMOND BEACH
FLORIDA