

GIFT OF FOREIGN SERVICE ESTABLISHMENT

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The Emperor of Ethiopia to the President of the United States

THE IMPERIAL PALACE
ADDIS ABABA, 24th August, 1944

GREAT AND GOOD FRIEND:

It gives us great pleasure to give over to you as Chief of the great and friendly Power, the United States of America, in fee absolute and in full and complete title and possession, the realty and premises, together with all appurtenances thereto and furnishings and moveables located thereon, on which is situated at Addis Ababa the Legation of the United States of America, together with certain additional realty specified in an attached document and deemed to be necessary and proper in order to provide an appropriate residence for the diplomatic representative of a Power so highly esteemed as is the Nation of which you are the Chief.

In giving over this property, it is Our pleasure to be giving personally to you and through you to the American Nation, ancestral property of the Royal Family. May the measure of Our particular attachment to it serve to indicate in a small way, the measure of Our attachment and the attachment of Our people, to that great Power which has ever stood by Us and Our Nation in the hour of need, and to its esteemed Chief, the President of the United States of America.

Your good Friend,

HAILE SELASSIE I, K. of K.

The President of the United States to the Emperor of Ethiopia

NOVEMBER 28, 1944

GREAT AND GOOD FRIEND:

I have received with very great appreciation your generous letter of August 24, 1944, in which Your Majesty has graciously conveyed to the United

States of America absolute title and possession of property situated in Addis Ababa, together with all appurtenances, furnishings, and valuables located thereon, and certain additional realty deemed to be necessary and appropriate to the representation of the United States in Ethiopia.

In the name of the United States I accept these gifts in the same cordial spirit of friendship in which they have been offered, and I welcome this added testimonial of the attachment that so happily binds our two peoples together in bonds of permanent understanding and mutual respect.

Your Good Friend,

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT