

MRS. REX STOUT
55 EAST 86th STREET
NEW YORK CITY

February 21, 1944

Miss Grace G. Tully
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

As busy as you are, I am asking you to do me two favors.

In the summer of 1940, at a luncheon at Hyde Park, the President told me his shirt measurements, and I had a shirt made for him of a woolen fabric designed by me. I never knew whether he ever wore it until the first press pictures of him after he returned from Teheran, and he had it on in all of them! My husband and I were pleased and thrilled.

Favor number one. We have daughters aged six and ten, named Rebecca and Barbara. Would it be possible to get an autographed photograph of the President (wearing that shirt) for each of them? It would be such a wonderful thing for them to have - all their lives.

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I could get the photographs and send them to you, if you tell me I may.

Favor number two. Enclosed is a sample of a silk fabric, designed by me and specially woven of silk fibres from Chinese cocoons. I want to have a shirt made of it for the President - but would he want it? And are the measurements the same?

I know I shouldn't take your time, or the President's time, with this. But I know what the photographs would mean to my daughters, not to mention my husband and me - so here I am asking you.

With warm thanks,

Sincerely,

Pola Stout.

x 4

Mrs. Stout

February 29, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Stout:

Thank you very much for your letter of February twenty-first, which I have shown to the President. If you will send on the photographs to me, the President will be delighted to sign them for your daughters.

The President asks me to tell you he would be delighted to have a shirt made of the Chinese silk, a sample of which you enclosed. The shirt measurements remain the same.

The President asks me to send to you and your husband his very best wishes.

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

Mrs. Rex Stout,
55 East 86th Street,
New York City, N. Y.

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May 15th, 1944

*Miss Eberhart
prints & photos
ack'd
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Miss Grace Tully,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Tully:

The shirt was sent about a week ago,
but the package was addressed to the President.
It should have been addressed to you, but a
mistake was made.

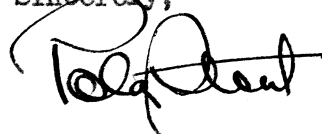
Three prints of the photograph are being
sent you today. I know you only agreed to get
two autographed, but I want one for myself if
I can possibly get it. If it isn't too much
to ask, they should be inscribed to:

Pola Stout
Barbara Stout
Rebecca Stout

I feel an awful pig asking this, but
here I am asking it.

With warm thanks,

Sincerely,



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May 29, 1944.

Dear Mrs. Stout:

I had hoped that the President would have an opportunity before this to sign the photographs for you and your daughters, but these have been extremely busy days for him. However, I hope to have them signed and on their way to you soon.

The President is thrilled with his Chinese silk shirt and I know you will hear from him personally as soon as he gets caught up with his official correspondence.

With all good wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

Grace G. Tully
Private Secretary

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New York City, N. Y.

*Given to
President*

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July 11, 1944

Dear Mrs. Stout:

I am delighted with the shirt^{x4} which you sent me some time ago and appreciate your thoughtfulness more than I can say. My hearty thanks.

I have had pleasure in signing the photographs for you and your daughters and they are being sent to you under separate cover.

With best wishes to you and the family,

Very sincerely yours,

(Sgd) FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

Mrs. Rex Stout, #
55 East 86th Street,
New York, N. Y.

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Prep reply for the President's
signature thanking for shirt &
sending signed photos under
separate cover — "with best
wishes to you & the family" —
Dear Mrs. Stout: b5T