

November 15, 1954

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The day following your celebration, you will please remove all of your equipment from this car as early as you possibly can so that it can be moved out when the local comes through

Miss Virginia Bourquardez

THE SPORTSWOMAN

8130 Connecticut Ave.

Chevy Chase, Md.

Sincerely yours,

Dear Miss Bourquardez:

You will be glad to know that we have decided to go along with the box car stunt and you may proceed to publicize it.

We will furnish the box car and the platform with steps. The car will be placed on the siding at Bethesda on Monday, November 29, so that you can install your decorations, Santa Claus' workbench, etc., as well as the floodlights in the four corners with proper extension that can be plugged in as soon as the car is set off at Chevy Chase.

CC - Mr. J. M. Jones - Per our conversation today. Will advise the name of the person playing Santa Claus as soon as possible. Please let me know as promptly as you can the name of the person who will take the part of Santa Claus. We will need his full name and address. It will be necessary for us to have a liability release made up for him to sign and to be sworn to before a notary public before we can permit him to ride even the short distance from Bethesda to Chevy Chase in this box car. I'm sure, however, that neither you nor he will have any objection to this as I'm sure he will stay well back in the car and not stand in the doorway during its transit from the one station to the other.

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Sincerely yours,

LWS:MHC

Lawrence W. Sagle

CC - Mr. W. M. Murphey -

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Baltimore, Md., November 17, 1954.

Mr. T. M. Jones:

Referring to phone conversation relative to one of our good box cars being placed on siding at Bethesda on November 29th, to be used in connection with Christmas Celebration at Chevy Chase.

We have selected B&O 467293 at Brunswick which is one of our 40'6" 50-ton all-steel box cars, class M-55ha, built in 1947.

This car will have wood floor and lining and will be repainted and in first class condition for advertising purposes. The repairs to this car will be completed by November 26th.

We are giving General Supt. Transportation Williams a copy of this letter so that the car will not be diverted and used for some other purpose.

Presume you will issue instructions regarding placement of the car at Bethesda.

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Cy. Mr. C. T. Williams
Mr. G. F. Bissett

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Baltimore, November 22, 1954

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Mr. W. M. Murphey:

In connection with the use of a B & O box car for handling Santa Claus to Chevy Chase on the afternoon of December 4.

Mr. T. M. Jones:
Assume that you have made the necessary arrangements for the steps and platform and that this should be placed at Chevy Chase adjacent to the spot where the box car will be spotted so that it can be shifted against the side of the car with a minimum of effort. connection with Christmas Celebration at Chevy Chase.

As we advised you previously, this car should be spotted at Bethesda for about two days prior to December 4 so that the local people can install Santa Claus' workshop along with floodlights which will be connected to the cleaning plant by an extension cord as soon as the car is spotted at Chevy Chase.

This car will have wood floor and lining
The local people have assured me that they will take care of roping off an area for the car and they would like to know what time the local will again pass through Chevy Chase on December 4, after the car has been spotted, so that the police can be on the lookout for it and make sure that there is no one on the mainline track when it approaches.

We are giving General Support Transportation
a copy of this letter so that the car will not be diverted and used for some other purpose.
Mr. Stevens has assured us that the car containing Santa Claus will arrive in Chevy Chase between one and two on December 4. The Chevy Chase people have sent out flyers, having taken space in their local newspapers, and are using radio spots to advertise this time and I hope that we are not going to deviate from from it.

I am advised that the box car itself has already been selected and is now at Brunswick. It is B & O 467293. Brunswick will have it painted and ready for moving out any time after November 26.

Cy. Mr. S. T. Williams
Mr. C. T. Williams
The car should remain on the siding at Chevy Chase until Monday, December 6, when the local people will remove all the properties from it, after which it can be released for revenue service.

LWS:HHC

R. M. Van Sant

CC - Mr. J. Edwards, Jr.
✓ Mr. C. T. Williams
✓ Mr. T. M. Jones
Mr. I. R. Jones

Baltimore, November 24, 1954

Mr. W. M. Murphey:

In reference to the delivery of Santa Claus in box car to Chevy Chase on December 4. In the event of extremely bad weather, it may be necessary to postpone this until Monday, December 6.

Mr. Stevens advised us that the car would be delivered to Chevy Chase between 1 and 2 p.m. on the 4th. The people at Chevy Chase now inquire as to whether or not that time would still hold good if it were necessary to postpone the event until Monday. The reason they would like to have as specific a time as possible is because of their publicity. They would not want the children standing around for several hours awaiting the arrival of Santa Claus, if it can be avoided.

LWS:HHC

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CC ✓ Mr. T. M. Jones -

The man who will act as Santa Claus is Mr. Gerard E. Moynihan, 8712 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Md.

Will you please let me have a release to send to Mr. Moynihan so that it will be back in our hands before December 4?

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November 26, 1954- tmj-hel

Mr. R. M. Van Sant: -

As requested in your note of November 24,
attached is release to be signed by Mr. Gerard E.
Moynihan, who will ride in a box car from Bethesda
to Chevy Chase on December 4 representing Santa Claus.

T. M. Jones

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cc - Mr. J. Edwards, Jr.
Mr. G. T. Williams
Mr. T. M. Jones
Mr. I. E. Jones

Baltimore, December 1, 1954

Mr. T. M. Jones:

I'm returning herewith liability released signed by

Mr. Gerard E. Moynihan.

LWS:HHC

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like liability whatsoever for his death or injury or for damage to or destruction of his property due to or occurring from or connected with his riding in or upon such ~~freight trains~~ freight trains, in the event they are operated over or upon the line of any other railroad company, terminal company or other common carrier at any time when he is using the privilege granted by this release; it being distinctly understood that the privilege set out in this release is not in any way or under any circumstances to be considered as operating to make the said Gerard E. Moynihan a passenger for hire or otherwise by accepting the privileges set out herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Gerard E. Moynihan has hereunto set his hand and seal and acknowledged the same the day and year first above written.

Witness:

STATE OF MARYLAND

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY To Wit:

I, Mary N. Trader, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, hereby certify that G. E. Moynihan,
and _____, whose names are signed to the afore-
going release, this day personally appeared before me in my said County and severally acknowledged the same.

Given under my hand and Notarial Seal this 30th day of November, 1954.

My Commission expires May 2, 1955.

Mary N. Trader, Notary Public aforesaid.

THIS RELEASE, made this _____ day of _____, in this year _____, wit-
nesseth:

WHEREAS, Gerard E. Moynihan has requested of The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company the privilege of riding in and on certain of its ~~freight trains~~ ^{freight trains} operating between Bethesda, Md. and Chevy Chase, Md., on a date to be agreed upon, but not later than December 7, 1954, and

WHEREAS, such privilege is solely for the benefit of the said Gerard E. Moynihan, and not in any manner for the benefit of the said Railroad Company, but the said The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company is willing to grant such privilege to the said Gerard E. Moynihan in consideration of being relieved from liability for any loss, damage, injury or death which may occur to him or to his property:

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the privilege granted to Gerard E. Moynihan, as hereinabove set out, the said Gerard E. Moynihan, for himself, his heirs, executors, personal representatives and assigns, does hereby release The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, its successors and assigns, from any and all liability whatsoever for the death of or injury to the said Gerard E. Moynihan, and for damage to or destruction of his property, due to or occurring from or connected with his riding in or upon the ~~freight trains~~ ^{freight trains} of The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company operating between Bethesda, Md. and Chevy Chase, Md., as hereinabove referred to, whether caused by the negligence of The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company, its officers, agents or employes, in whole or in part, or from whatever cause.

And for the said consideration he likewise releases The Baltimore and Ohio Railroad Company and all other companies, persons or corporations from any and all like liability whatsoever for his death or injury or for damage to or destruction of his property due to or occurring from or connected with his riding in or upon such ~~freight trains~~ ^{freight trains}, in the event they are operated over or upon the line of any other railroad company, terminal company or other common carrier at any time when he is using the privilege granted by this release; it being distinctly understood that the privilege set out in this release is not in any way or under any circumstances to be considered as operating to make the said Gerard E. Moynihan a passenger for hire or otherwise by accepting the privileges set out herein.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the said Gerard E. Moynihan has hereunto set his hand and seal and acknowledged the same the day and year first above written.

Witness:

[Signature]

[Signature] (SEAL)

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Given under my hand and Notarial Seal this 30th day of November, 1954.

My Commission expires May 2, 1955.

Mary N. Trader, Notary Public aforesaid.

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Baltimore, November 23, 1955

Mr. W. C. Baker:

We are in receipt of a request to assist in a Christmas project at Chevy Chase Lake on December 7 that involves the use of a clean box car. This was done last year but in view of the shortage of such equipment, we declined to participate this season. Please see attached correspondence.

However, I received a phone call from our people in Washington today in which they urge reconsideration of this project in view of the community relations values. Participation in Miss Bourguardy's project would involve the use of the car for about three days.

Please let me know if you concur in our views as expressed by Mr. Sagle in his letter of October 19, or whether you feel that such a car might be spared for the period indicated.

Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

JLS:ET

J. L. Stanton
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I, Mary N. Trader, a Notary Public in and for the State and County of Montgomery, hereby certify that B. V. O. and Alice L. B. O. whose names are signed to the above, were personally appeared before me in my said County and severally acknowledged the same.

My Commission expires May 2, 1955. *Mary N. Trader*, Notary Public aforesaid.

November 25, 1955 tmj/rwm

Mr. J. L. Stanton:

Regarding attached papers and responding to your letter of November 23 concerning a Christmas project at Chevy Chase Lake on December 7 which would involve the use of a clean box car.

The situation is clearly outlined in Mr. Sagle's letter of October 19 to Miss Bourguardy.

We cannot consistently furnish a box car for this purpose at the present time.

W. C. Baker

Please let me know if you concur in our views as expressed by Mr. Sagle in his letter of October 19, or whether you feel that such a car might be spared for the period indicated.

Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

JLS:ET

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STATE OF MARYLAND

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I, Mary H. Stanton

County aforesaid, do hereby certify

and

that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original

thereof, as the same was presented to me in my said County and severally

thereof, the day of

November, 1955

at the City of

Montgomery, Maryland.

PERSONAL

Mr. C. R. Van Horn
General Passenger Agent
Washington, D. C.

November 28, 1955 -

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In accordance with your telephone request, am glad to enclose our file on the Chevy Chase Lake Christmas project which you can return when it has served your purpose.

J. J. Clark

Please let me know if you concur in our views as expressed by Mr. Sagle in his letter of October 19, or whether you feel that such a car might be spared for the period indicated.

Your cooperation will be very much appreciated.

JLS:ET

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STATE OF MARYLAND

COUNTY OF MONTGOMERY

I, Harry E. Stanton, a Notary Public in and for the State and County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same was presented to me in my said County and State.

December 1, 1955 tmj/v

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T. M. Jones

Blind copy to -
Mr. W. R. Galloway -

This has reference to the Chevy Chase Christmas celebration in connection with which we have, in previous years, provided a box car to convey Santa Claus to the scene. This year we declined to furnish a box car because of the shortage and Santa Claus will ride in the caboose of the Georgetown Local.

GPA Van Horn will arrange for execution of release and, I understand, is arranging through Mr. C. W. Ekin, General Yard Master, for the trip.

You may wish to advise Superintendent Murphey of the arrangements so that it will be properly supervised.

T. M. Jones

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December 1, 1955 tmj/v

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Mr. C. R. Van Horn:

In accordance with our telephone conversation, enclosed are two blank forms of release in connection with Santa Claus riding the caboose of the Georgetown Local to Chevy Chase on December 3.

The original should be executed by the man who will act as Santa Claus, after which it should be returned to this office.

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