

At 2:50 a.m. on September 1, 1939, President Roosevelt was awakened by a telephone call from America's Ambassador to France, William C. Bullitt, who told him Germany had invaded Poland. After ordering that army commands and navy ships be notified, FDR wrote this "bedside note," documenting for posterity how he learned of the war's outbreak.

The President received  
word at 2:50 a.m.  
by telephone from  
Ambassador Biddle through  
Ambassador Bullitt that  
Germany has invaded  
Poland and that German  
cities are being bombed.  
The Pres. directed that  
all Navy ships and Army  
~~Army~~ commands be  
notified by radio at  
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In bed  
3:05 a.m.  
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