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THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

April 9, 1945. *pl*

MEMORANDUM FOR

MRS. ROOSEVELT:

The only thing I can think of would be to give the portrait and the bust to the National Museum in Washington and the next best possibility would be the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

F.D.R.

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Memorandum for the President:

Do you remember? What do you suggest?

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FREDERIC A. DELANO

1530 P STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

2400 SIXTEENTH STREET, N. W.  
WASHINGTON, D. C.

1530 P Street,  
Washington 5, DC,  
March 16, 1945.

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Dear Eleanor:

I am sending you the original and a typewritten copy of a letter received from a portrait painter named Nicholas R. Brewer in re a portrait he painted of the President. He painted a portrait of me some years ago which is now at ALGONAC. I learn from WHO'S WHO that Mr. Brewer is now nearly eighty-eight years old, and therefore an old man, but I am sending you his letter in order to get your suggestions as to how to reply to it.

Your affectionate uncle,

Enclosures

*Frederic Delano*

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
The White House,  
Washington, DC.

931 Ashland ave  
St. Paul Minnesota 5  
March 13<sup>th</sup> - 45.

Mr. Frederick A. Delano  
2400. 16<sup>th</sup> Street N.W.  
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On account of my age and physical condition I am not able to travel to Washington.

A few words from you would be gratefully appreciated. I trust you are enjoying the best of health. Very sincerely  
Nicholas R Brewer

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