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WASHINGTON, D. C.

April 14, 1945

IN REPLY REFER TO:
GOVERNMENT BUREAU
WPB Department 1250

Miss Malvina C. Thompson
Secretary to Mrs. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.

Dear Miss Thompson:

Mr. Krug has asked me to reply to your letter of April 3, to which you attached a letter from Mrs. B. E. Larson of Placerville, California, concerning the Braille instruction classes which she is organizing to provide for the transcription of books for the use of the Blind.

Since receiving your communication, we have talked over long distance to one of the leading manufacturers of Braille slates, and they advise that they have sufficient materials to manufacture this equipment; however, the manpower situation has been such that maximum activity could not be accomplished. Therefore, their output has been channeled principally to schools for the Blind, where the need is more imperative.

They advised, further, that they have recently supplied Mrs. Larson with some Braille slates and they are writing us further, advising to just what extent shipments have been made and what the possibilities will be for future shipments.

We have discussed this matter with the Service for the Blind, Library of Congress, who are familiar with the work Mrs. Larson is doing. However, they advise that at the present time there is not a need for all the new volunteer work which is offered, and are of the opinion that any available equipment for Blind instruction should be channeled primarily to Blind institutions.

Our records here in the War Production Board do not indicate that we have received any recent requests from manufacturers of Braille supplies for the Blind; and from reports, it is apparent that there is no urgent need for items such as Braille slates. In the past, the requirements of



Miss Malvina C. Thompson

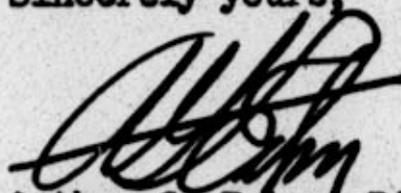
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the Blind have been very small when considered in the overall requirements, and every effort has been made to comply with their requests in their entirety.

We appreciate your bringing this matter to our attention; and if we can be of further service to you in this connection, do not hesitate to write us.

Sincerely yours,



Arthur G. Eaton, Director
Government Bureau
Office of Civilian Requirements

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May 19, 1945

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of our plant publication, "The Valve".

It is with the thought that you might be interested in seeing the front cover.

This magazine is published for and by the employees.

Sincerely,

Husted G. Jones
Managing Editor
"The Valve"

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