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Mrs. J. D. Roosevelt

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[EDWARDS, F.G.]

Dear madam

Just wish to let you know I made a checker  
mat<sup>s</sup> in 19-39-40 with the picture of Frank. D. Roosevelt.  
I would like you to have one of the same as a help sake  
or used in any way to raise money for to help the  
blind or disabled people, I have made several and  
given them to the blind people also old men that  
like to talk checkers I will explain to you how it is  
made and why, the both sides are made in  
checker squares it can be played from a frame hanging  
up Two players on each side having a game at once  
on the same mat I believe the only one ever  
made of its kind I called it the victory checker mat  
I made a You may other names different color Edwards

I just sat down & and wrote them both a  
nice letter and told them I was at one  
time a bad Player and sent one a  
Picture of Stalin and the other a Picture  
of Churchill I got word from the Daughter telling  
me how glad both her father and uncle was  
to get a Letter and Picture 10-10 of a checker mat from  
a man in Toronto they didn't know, that is  
the High Price I am getting for my line & Pictures  
it is a great Pleasure to know you have a hobby  
to give away, that gives you a thrill in my  
own you send out, It gives me great Pleasure to  
be able to write you today as I was not able  
to do yesterday, I will wait for a reply to  
this letter before I send the Pictures as I want  
to make sure of the right address

I also made checkers two colors also different shape  
checkers should the blind want to play, for King.  
I sewed two checkers together to help out, you will  
see when you get the mat one mans checkers are  
ring shape and other round and flat, the checkers  
shown on the mat are sewed on the squares the blind  
don't play on, I spent a good many hours working  
this checker board on mat out. I show it both ways  
only I use a square checker for one player and a round  
and for the other, things are twice as big so there is  
no way the blind can get mixed up playing as  
I know I have letters from the blind players they  
seem to like the idea, I have now made a charge  
as yet to make them up, I just send pictures out  
now I am getting up in years I had to lay off my  
work last Monday Dr was in today say it will be  
a few days yet before I am able to go back

Piepi blame <sup>3</sup> me for not-taking the rest I  
should at my age, it just seems I have so  
much to do (and such a little while to do it -  
I wanted your ~~son~~ husband to have one of  
the mats before he died but I kept stalling it  
off untill I lost-out, I tell you I did feel  
bad as I made a mat for Churchill and  
Stalms but I never put-quarter-the time on  
them I did on Mrs Roswell; and I just thought  
after the Doc left to-day I had better get on with  
my work while I am young, I may not  
get half the Pictures sent out I wish to send,  
I just got word from Twins 94 years of age I saw  
a cut in the papers where they were playing together  
and laughing and having a great time

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My wife says I should not write you I  
hope you will pardon me if I have done  
something I should not do  
My reason for doing so as I explained before  
and the Verison company has 136 Photographs  
of your husband in historical life, I was glad  
to see it and with your consent I will mail  
them over they have not got in there  
book form, I will be glad to hear from  
you soon

Yours truly

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