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[ELLIS, F.]

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt.

By today's mail, I am sending you a funny little scrap book which my daughter, Frances Ellis, made in 1939. She had a school assignment to make a scrap book on any subject which she might choose, and her subject was "A Week with the President". She followed him - and you - through Georgia that week, by carefully reading the news papers, and I've never seen a little girl more interested in any school work than she was in making a page about Mr. Roosevelt each night. Later, she sent the little book to Washington, being convinced that the President would want to see it, and she was pleased when a gracious note came from the White House. So this surprised, the scrap book was

returned, and during these past six years it has been put away with other treasures of her "youth" -

Now, Frances is nineteen - a junior at Duke University - and still an ardent admirer of her beloved "Mr. President" - missing him as many of us do, with an aching heart for all that he sacrificed. She has recently moved, and while Frances is at home for Christmas vacation she has been discarding lots of things which have been saved and accumulated for a long time. She is shy about our presuming on anyone's privacy, and when I suggested that her little - girl scrap book should be in the Roosevelt archives she felt that she should not burden you with so trite a work as hers - On the other hand, Mr. Roosevelt was such a great man that the least little thing about him was

important, and my child has agreed that I may send her little book to you.

Please don't trouble to acknowledge it, but know that you have two people - my daughter and I - who have felt the deepest sympathy for you during these past eight months since Mr. Roosevelt's death - he died on my sons' birthday - my son is Marshall J. Ellis, an Episcopal Chaplain in the Navy -

With all good wishes to you, I am

Yours cordially

Martha Plant Ross.

(Mrs. J. L.)