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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

When Marie Morgan was staying with us recently she told me that you were surprised that I had not yet been approved by the Senate as American representative on the Economic and Social Council, and that you would be glad to speak to Senator Vandenberg on my behalf. I am grateful to you for this suggestion, and I should appreciate your speaking to the Senator when you see him.

My name was sent by President Truman to the Senate on January 28. There have been no hearings and it has not been reported out of the Foreign Relations Committee. Senator Vandenberg has expressed himself as being friendly to me personally, but being opposed to any former member of President Roosevelt's Cabinet or to any New Dealer for this position. He has not talked to me, although of course I should be glad to see him if he should send for me.
My friends here thought it unwise to press consideration of my name until Lilienthal's nomination had been disposed of. There will not I suspect be any substantial opposition if Senator Vandenberg is for me. I should therefore very much appreciate it if you would talk to him as soon as the opportunity presents itself.

I am so sorry we have not had the opportunity of seeing you since I came back from Nuernberg. We have been living in Washington, but have been away a good deal. The next time you are here it would give us great pleasure if you would stay with us.

With renewed thanks and warm personal regards from both of us, believe me

Always most sincerely yours,

Francis Biddle
Biddle—

I am sorry, I can not send you

the letter. There were other questions

which he asked

Confidentially, on the line
April 30, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

It was good of you to write me again after receiving Senator Vandenberg's reply even if it was not encouraging. I hope and think that the matter will be decided in the next few weeks.

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[Signature]

Johns be interested in seeing his letter, if you think it appropriate.

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