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Congress of the United States  
House of Representatives  
Washington, D. C.

October 16, 1947.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I received your letter acknowledging the receipt of my book "One With God Is A Majority". I hope by this time you have read this little book.

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I think the world needs such a message today more than at any other time, and I know that you can help. What do you think of the idea of sending a copy of this book to all of the delegates of the United Nations? In fact, I shall be pleased to do anything that you might suggest in order to stimulate a big circulation. Won't you please help?

Thanks very much.

Sincerely yours,

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I want to be allowed to introduce to you Mrs. D. Perry Blount, of 556 Belvedere Avenue, Plainfield, New Jersey. She is a wise, energetic lady who has been greatly hurt in her life by the possession of a psychopathic daughter of 15 who is in no way insane, who has a bright mind, tortured by her emotions and almost certainly headed for a criminal, or at least anti-social, career. This child has had to be confined in the Milwaukee State Hospital otherwise she would wreck her home and be a menace to her normal youngest sister.

Mrs. Blount feels deeply that there is no place for the care and study of these delinquent psychopathic adolescents in our society. They ought not to be in hospitals for mental illness such as manic-depressive psychoses and schizophrenia. They are not retarded individuals, in fact they often have brilliant minds.

This mother feels that, as such people inevitably have to be taken over by the state when they are adult after they have committed an anti-social act, it would be a scientific advance and, indeed, an act of economy, to have state institutions for their segregation and their study.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

February 4, 1947

I agree with Mrs. Blount's general proposition. We are on the edge, indeed are over the edge, of great doings in psychiatry. I don't mean the piffling verbiage of the psychoanalysts. I mean the application of the new physics to the nervous phenomena <sup>and</sup> function already begun by the various forms of so-called "shock therapy," and the amelioration of personality by various forms of brain operations.

I did not mean to write you so long a letter. You are a much taxed and very busy lady but I know the kindness of your heart and the height of your aims, qualities which you shared so splendidly with your great husband.

With kindest regards, I am

Yours truly,



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March 10, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:-

In reading one of your recent columns (March 4th) I was interested in your discussion of the problem of caring for an emotionally disturbed child. I am wondering whether the child you speak of is a resident of New York, or of some neighboring state, and if so, perhaps I could be of some service to the mother.

As I am a member of the Board of Managers of one of the State Mental Hospitals in New Jersey, I have become familiar with some of their work. For a number of years, the State Hospital at Marlboro has maintained a Children's Unit to give psychiatric treatment to children. Within the last few months this unit has been transferred to the recently acquired Brisbane estate at Allaire, thus physically separating the children from the State Hospital. This Child Treatment Center is doing an excellent job in caring for these disturbed children, while continuing their school work, and other activities. We hope that this unit will soon become entirely separated from Marlboro so that the children will not have to be committed, but can be entered on the recommendation of their parents or guardians.

In New York State, I believe there is such a unit connected with the Rockland State Hospital, and in Providence, the Emma Pendleton Bradley Home, a private institution, is an unusually fine Children's Psychiatric Hospital. I shall be only too glad to give the woman, to whom you refer in your article, any further information to assist her in the care of her child, as there are facilities available for the treatment of such children.

Arthur and I enjoyed our evening with you so much, and we were most appreciative of being part of such an interesting group.

Very sincerely yours,

Ruthanne E. White