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My dear Mr. Boardman:

I have never seen a list of supporters of the particular Greek relief organization which Mr. St. John asked me to help. He simply told me that they sent relief impartially and I know they send their parcels through the Greek War Relief but as it is affiliated strictly with the present government, little or no relief would go to Greek insurgents. I have always felt that women and children should be helped regardless of political ideas, and food and medical supplies should not be used as a political weapon. Hence I have been willing to help any organization obtaining these two things for any portion of the population of the country involved.

I do see, however, that there are a rather large number of fairly well-known communists but I do not know that I feel for that reason that I should resign from a relief organization.

Very sincerely yours,

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:-

I hesitate to write this note. What with the spirit of Christmas and good will:

But this morning while going through the various appeals for donations from numerous groups I came across this advertisement in the New York Times. My first reaction was to send a check because of your name. In fact I had the check all written and ready to mail when my wife called my attention to the list of sponsors! Hence this note to you.

From past experience I have found that Communists do not take part in any group unless they have a political motive. This list of sponsors contains the usual array of names that one sees in all Communist "front" organizations. I cannot understand your permitting the use of your name which I respect and admire as a "front" for another Communist activity. And I cannot help but feel that in spite of the seemingly worthy cause of helping orphans in Greece, there is an underlying "political" motive, or else their names should not be there.

Harry H. Boardman - 252 W. 70 St - NYC.

P.S. - May I send you a "Merry Christmas"