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Dear Mr Ambassador

I would prefer to have the presentation made here in the US as I know of nothing now which will take me

abroad ~~this~~ June or July

With my deep appreciation I am

Ambassade de France
aux Etats-Unis

Washington, le April 3, 1947

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Just before I received your letter of March 28, stating that you would be unable to go to Paris to receive the "Médaille Militaire" bestowed to the late President, I had a message from my Government expressing its keen desire that you yourself, as the companion of President Roosevelt through his life, should personally receive for him the insignia of that decoration, and indicatir its readiness, in case the place and time were not convenient to you, to arrange for a ceremony to be held either in Paris at a later date, or, should you so wish, in the United States on any day that you would chose; - in which case I should have the honour to remit the insignia to you myself.

I am therefore writing to inquire about your preference, and should be much obliged if you woul let me know whether you would contemplate a visit to Paris

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in June or July (the 14th of July would be a very suitable date); or if you would rather have the ceremony performed on this side of the Atlantic, and if so at what time. In this last case, I should of course consult with you with a view to making suitable plans for the occasion.

With many thanks in advance for the favour of an answer from you,

Yours sincerely

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York
N.Y.

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I deeply regret that it is not possible for me to go to Paris to receive the "Medaille Militaire" bestowed to honor my husband's memory.

I am ascertaining whether any one of my sons feels free to make this trip.

With very deep appreciation of this tribute to my husband's memory, I am,

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29 WASHINGTON SQUARE WEST
NEW YORK 11, N. Y.

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Ambassade de France
aux Etats-Unis

Washington, le March 24, 1947

Writing regrets that I cannot be there & that I am assertaining whether any one of my sons are free to make the trip

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Following my previous communication with regard to the award of the "Médaille Militaire" to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, I am directed by the French Government to advise you that the insignia of this distinctio are to be bestowed on Mr. Churchill in the course of a great military ceremony which is to take place in Paris on May 10, next, or about that date.

The French Government would be extremely thankful if you personally would come to Paris as its guest for the occasion, and receive in your own hands the "Médaille Militaire" destined to honor the memory of the great Presiden

If, unfortunately, you found it impossibl to be in France in the beginning of May, which the French Government would deeply regret, it would appreciate very much the presence of one of your sons to receive the insignia of the "Médaille Militaire" in his father's name and in your

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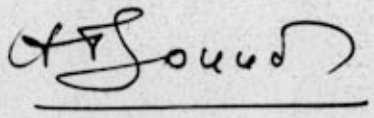
place, side by side with Mr. Churchill.

My Government would be grateful for as prompt as possible an indication of your wishes and intentions in the matter.

Very sincerely yours,



Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Hyde Park,
New York, N.Y.

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Ambassade de France
aux Etats-Unis

Washington, le June 30th, 1947

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I wish to thank you for having accepted my invitation to come to Washington on the Fourteenth of July to receive the Military Medal awarded posthumously to President Roosevelt.

The ceremony will take place at the Embassy, 2221 Kalorama Road, on the Fourteenth of July, at 5 o'clock. I am looking forward with pleasure to the honor of giving you, in the name of my Government, this token of the admiration and gratitude of the French people for your husband.

My wife and I are greatly pleased to extend an invitation to those members of your family whose names you were kind enough to give us ./.

Very sincerely yours,

H. Bonnet

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West
New York II, N.Y.

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Good paper

Dear Mr Ambassador:

I shall be very happy to receive this honor awarded posthumously to my husband on July 14th the date which means so much to France. What hour should I be there?

You are kind to include my family in your invitation & while I do not know whether it will be possible for any of them at the present, I know they would be delighted to be invited. I am

a list of their names &
address -

V. Cr yrs

Mr & Mrs James R
623 No Bedford Dr
Beverly Hills - Calif
Mr & Mrs John Baettiger
Box 412 - Route 7
Phoenix - Ariz
Mr & Mrs Elliott R
Hyde Park
Mr & Mrs FDR Jr
Syosset - L I

Mr & Mrs John R
870 Arden Dr
Pasadena Calif

Ambassade de France
aux Etats-Unis

Washington, le June 20, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

My wife has told you that in the name of my Government, I should like to be able to present to you, in the near future, the Military Medal posthumously awarded to President Franklin D. Roosevelt in commemoration of the admiration felt for him by the French people and of their gratitude for the liberation of their country.

I suggest to you that this ceremony take place, if that date is convenient for you, on the Fourteenth of July, Bastille Day.

My compatriots would be proud, on that day which marks the anniversary of their Revolution and symbolizes for them the triumph of liberty over despotism, to do honor to the memory of the great

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Statesman who always maintained an inalterable confidence in the destiny of France and of democracy.

I hope very much that your family may be able to be with you during this ceremony, and I shall be most happy to welcome those of your friends whose names you would like to give me.

Very sincerely yours,

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
29 Washington Square West,
New York 11, N.Y.

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Campobello Island, N.B.
July 17, 1947

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

I want to thank you and Madame Bonnet for your cordial welcome the other day and tell you again how deeply I appreciate the honor which your Government has rendered to my husband's memory.

It was an unforgetable day for me and I hope it will bring in the future what was closest to my husband's heart, namely, an appreciation of the warmth of friendship which should exist between France and the United States.

I have placed the medal and the scrolls in the library at Hyde Park for safekeeping and exhibition, knowing that they will be seen by manyppeople who would not otherwise think of the close ties between our Nations.

With many thanks again to you and Madame Bonnet for your cordiality to me and my family, I am,

Very cordially yours,