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My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Thank you for your letter of November 6th and your explanation concerning the documents in the Hyde Park Library.

The Christian Science Monitor is not a Republican, democratic or New deal paper and I think it is considered a most reliable publication. It did say - Quote - "There is an evident desire of some persons intimately associated with the policies of the Roosevelt Administration to restrict access to the official documents placed in the Hyde Park Library.

This seems to be a rather decisive

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statement, if the writer had had some reason for making it.

I believe members of your husband's "political family" are doing very well in making public the events, reactions and differences during their tenure in office. Some of it very shocking and unbelievable. We really hadn't needed any research by Republicans.

I rather resent your statement concerning the Republicans. I am an Independent and feel free to vote as I choose - for the better man in my estimation. However I am registered as a Republican here in Massachusetts.

Regardless of whether a man has gone or is still living, history is history and his merits or demerits should be recorded.

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a little tough on the family.

As to rumors being used by one political party or another, don't you think the New Dealers were past master at that? Didn't the New Deal have a Charles Michelson in their midst? They, and you, must have been proud of him.

Thank you kindly for taking the time to answer my letter -

Sincerely
(Mrs.) Marion Bowles

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I of course, have no idea what the Christian Science monitor wrote about the official documents which are in the Hyde Park library and in the house for historians and journalists, but I doubt if they are as yet prepared for any one's use since the govt. hasn't been able to put on enough people even to catalogue and put them in proper order.

A number of writers who have been doind special research have been given permission to work in the library and helped in every way to get the material which they want but the personnel told me it was extremelt difficult because the work had not yet been done in getting the papers in proper shape.

The Memorial Foundation when it gets in enough money is going to put the papers in proper shape for use at the earliest possible time but I can not tell now when that will be.

As far as I know anyone is given as much assistance as possible in research work. When the catologuing is done, the papers will be available to anyone under proper supervision.

I am curious that people persist in spreading a rumor that something is being hidden or that there is some fear of publicity. No one could have lived a more complete fish-bowl existence than people do during war time in the White House and I assure you that if there is anything that could be discovered it Over

it would have been discovered long ago since even though my husband is dead, it is still a good Republican weapon to try to discover something wrong during his administratons If a fact can not be found, naturally rumor is available.

October 30

Mrs. Roosevelt: hold

In our Christian Science Monitor - October 30th issue, we are told there is an evident desire of some persons intimately associated with the policies of the Roosevelt Administration, to restrict access to the official documents placed in the Hyde Park library to historians and journalists.

I would like to know why. Surely there isn't anything in these official papers of the Roosevelt Administration can be afraid to have the public know about. The attitude taken certainly gives me the impression there may be information the Roosevelt Administration

is either ashamed of or is afraid of public opinion.

Quote - "The best defenders of the Roosevelt record will be those who want all the facts out, all the judgments expressed in the market place of public opinion - open history openly arrived at." Monitor -

Are the Quatrocaine Three papers afraid of public opinion? If not, why is it so difficult, if not impossible for historians to obtain access to these papers?

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Dear Mrs Roosevelt

As a great admirer of the late President Roosevelt I was inspired to carve a plaque to his memory

I should be honoured if you would accept a photograph of the carving

This photograph was taken by the young man who filmed the bombing of the battle-ship Tirpitz at Norway, who received his commission in the U.S.A.

Yours very truly

Alfred Bowman.