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433 Lee Street, Oakland 10, California
March 8, 1947

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
Palace Hotel
San Francisco
California

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Immediately following our beloved President's passing I sent to you- directed to your Hyde Park address- a copy of the enclosed "tribute" to Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the words my own, but the sentiment- I know- that of millions of others who revered and LOVED President Roosevelt as we, my husband and I, ever shall revere and love him. However, I am very much in doubt, due to the many cares and responsibilities that were yours at that time, that our "offering" in tribute ever reached you, else- knowing you for the person you are- I am confident you would have acknowledged its receipt even though it had no pretensions to literary merit, being merely an outpouring of feelings which had to be expressed.

In the belief, therefore, that you did not receive this little "tribute" of ours, I am enclosing another copy of it in the hope that you will accept it- as well as its wording- in the spirit in which it is sent.

To us, Franklin Delano Roosevelt is one of the greatest men who ever lived- if not the greatest- for to us, also, as stated in our "tribute", he and his greatness ever will live on.

With sincere admiration, as well, of you- his wife and helpmate- I am,

Sincerely,

Gertrude W. Cofer

Gertrude W. Cofer (Mrs. John E.)

Franklin D. Roosevelt Lives On

A great man rests in peace,
Nobly earned.
The voice that swayed nations is stilled.
But the good he has done,
The victories won
Live on in our hearts, as God willed.

Faithful, courageous,
Undaunted—
His greatness will stand as a shrine
To a world, sore-distressed,
Made triumphant and blessed
By his help through a Guidance Divine.

He spent **himself**—
Knowingly, freely—
For the People, the Land of his birth,
Even pledging his life
That war's deadly strife
Be ended and Peace bless the earth.

In our hearts
And the hearts of **just** peoples
Is the kinship—love—faith he inspired,
The honor we bear him—
For, did we not share him
With a world, like himself, grieved and tired.

That world can **always**
Be grateful
To **Franklin D. Roosevelt**, the MAN—
The "Good Neighbor" and Friend,
Who, when war's hell shall end,
Still helps through his "**Lasting Peace**" plan.

God granted
He'd **see** Victory coming—
From war's darkness, the light of Peace dawn—
Ere He laid him to rest
In the spot he loved best.
Now his Soul, like his Greatness, lives on!

April 12, 1945.

Gertrude W. Cofer

Cogge

Campobello Island
New Brunswick, Canada
July 26, 1947

Dear Pauline!

I am terribly sorry to have missed your trip East, but since the 15th of July I have been up here and it is too far away for anyone to come unless they happen to be touring. I will be here until August 15th.

I am glad to hear of all of your plans and happy that you and Tee have worked things out so satisfactorily. Milwaukee sounds like a very good place to start practicing and I am glad that Tee and also Mr. Bellush are going to work with young Franklin.

If anything takes me near you, you may be sure I will let you know, but there is no chance at the present of my coming to Wisconsin this autumn, as far as I can tell now.

With every good wish to you and Tee, I
am,

Very cordially yours,

Wellesley College
Wellesley, Mass.
July 16, 1947

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt.

I can never come east without regretting the fact that I can't have a chat with you.

This summer I got a wonderful opportunity to work with the Wisconsin Welfare Council which is the Wisconsin State Conference of Social Work. The people are wonderful and the work is what I love and feel useful doing.

I managed to reserve two weeks to come to Wellesley because this is where I get a basis for opinion and action for the rest of the year. I wish you could share this experience with us some summer.

I must be back to work on Monday and can not ask for an opportunity to see you. I understand that you may be out to Madison next month for the

Student Conference. If you are able to come, I hope you can spare an hour to come out to our trailer and meet some of the veterans, wives and children in our trailer camp. It would mean so much to them and us to have you.

Lee and I are looking forward to his finishing up his law studies this September or next January and moving to Milwaukee where he will start practicing & I will look for some kind of community organization work. He hopes to find a place to live also.

Catherine Hase who is now on the faculty of Howard University School of Social Work asked me to ask you to take a special interest in the School of Social Work. I did part time teaching with the school

when I was ² in Washington
and know it to be a good
school that would bene-
fit from interest by a
member of the Board of
Trustees.

Lee was elected to the
National Planning Com-
mittee of the American
Veterans' Committee at
Milwaukee so was
Bernie Bellush who came
to Hyde Park with me
last summer. He looks
forward to working
more closely with Frank-
lin Jr.

I am very happy with
the now. We have worked
through our adjustment
problems and built up
a most satisfying rela-
tionship. We look forward
to getting settled in
Milwaukee and adopting
one or two children to
complete our home and
family life.

I am afraid I won't have

the opportunity of the
past few years to travel
about. We will probably
have a very limited in-
come until Tee gets
established so I feel es-
pecially bad because I
won't get a chance to
see you this trip.

Tee and I hope will
get a chance to see
you whenever your
affairs take you to
Madison or Wisconsin.

Sincerely yours,
Pauline K. Caggs
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Madison, Wis