Dear Senator Connolly:

I have heard that you are thinking of not continuing to serve on the United Nations and I regret it very much if it is true.

I can quite well see why you and Senator Vandenberg feel it is not only a burden, but an impossibility to carry out the tasks you have at home as well as abroad.

However, the only reason we have carried so much weight as we have in the United Nations is because people feel that since we had bi-partisan representation, we really were speaking with some authority. Otherwise the United States delegation would always labor under the difficulty of having other nations feel it might agree to something which would never get through Congress, and the influence and ability to accomplish things would be very small. I do not want to see the United States placed in this position. Now that we have a Republican controlled Congress, I feel it more important than ever that there be bi-partisan representation on the delegations and at the meetings with the Secretary of State or whoever goes to represent him.

The forthcoming meeting in Moscow in March will be important. Would it not be possible for you and Senator Vandenberg to designate some one on the Foreign Affairs Committee and the same in the House? These people could keep in close touch with you so that the nations dealing with us will feel that our representatives really speak for the whole government and not for just one branch of the government.

I hate to see you not continue your services because I feel very strongly that part of
of the value of continuous service lies in the fact that personal relationships can be built up between individuals and even if opinions have to differ, they can create a better feeling among the nations especially in these early stages.

I wanted to drop in to see you while I was in Washington, but I felt that you were too busy to be bothered at the present time. I am deeply grateful to the Senate for its acquiescence in my nomination as a delegate to the General Assembly, because I consider it a great privilege to be allowed to work with all of you. I want to thank you personally for your kindness and consideration and I hope that you will allow me to come to see you from time to time since your advice on many things will be much needed.

With every good wish for the New Year, I am,

Very cordially yours,
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
Apartment 15-A,
29 Washington Square, West
New York City 11, New York.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Your letter of the 28th ultimo, and the delightful volume which you sent me, reached my office while I was absent in Texas for the Holidays and therefore the delay in making reply.

Allow me to thank you deeply for sending me the book containing some of your father's letters written when he was in Texas as a young boy. I know I shall find them absorbing and interesting.

I have received your further letter of January 7, with relation to my continuing to serve on the United Nations.

When the recent meeting in New York had been concluded I returned to Washington very tired and worn and really ill and did not feel disposed to serve with the Foreign Ministers longer. UNO will not meet until next September and while I do not know whether the President will reappoint me as a delegate, I shall leave the matter open until a later date. The work is burdensome and difficult but I really enjoyed it and of course want to help all I can with the United Nations.

The reasons which you put forth for the continued service of Senator Vandenberg and myself are quite cogent and I appreciate them and I thank you very much for them and I thank you very much for writing me. I feel flattered that you think that I can contribute to the work of the organization.

Your suggestion that in case we do not attend that we designate representatives of the Senate and the House is a good one.
I regret very much not having had the pleasure of seeing you when you visited Washington. I shall never be too busy to see you. Of course I was gratified to be able to take part in the confirmation of your nomination as a delegate to the General Assembly.

With every good wish for the New Year and the personal regards of Mrs. Connally and myself, I am

Sincerely,

[Signature]

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927 Franklin Street
Danville, Illinois
January 18, 1947

Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Do great men have time to read letters from little people? Many times during Mr. Roosevelt's "term," I wanted to write and express my appreciation. I often thought: how tired he must be—he's carrying such a load!

Yes, I wanted to—but I didn't dare.

But here we are at the beginning of another year, and I'm full of courage. For instance, I thought perhaps you may value this bit of verse—call it blank—imperfect—but a verse I was stirred to write way back in 1940.

If someone dear to me inspired a scrap of poetry, I would want it. With that thought in mind, I'm sending my verse along to you. Perhaps you'll even place it among your souveniers.

I hope I haven't intruded.

Sincerely yours,

Elizabeth Ann Connolly
MR. ROOSEVELT,
Last night I knelt
Beside my radio dial—
Oh, for quite awhile,
Waiting for bedlam to cease
So that Barclay could unleash
Your message to the people....
I prayed: Please, FDR—
You've driven us this far—
Won't you continue to hold the reins,
At least till we're over the bad plains?
You've heard the heartbeat of the nation,
Man and woman's great ovation!
Hurry, release the tension
Of this 1940 convention.
Tell the democrats it's yes....
Finally, your answer came.
It was right like the rain—
And fragrant from the heart
Of a man who'd done his part—
Thanks be to God for FDR....

Elisabeth Ann Connelly
MR. MATTHEW CONNELLY
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON, D.C.

MRS. ROOSEVELT ASKS ME TO THANK YOU FOR YOUR WIRE.

SHE HAD PLANNED TO TAKE FOUR PM TRAIN BACK TO WASHINGTON
ON THE 20th. SHE WILL BE IN WASHINGTON AGAIN ON JANUARY SIXTH AND COULD SEE THE PRESIDENT WHEN IF CONVENIENT TO
HIM. HOWEVER IF TWENTIETH MORE CONVENIENT THAN JANUARY SIXTH SHE CAN CHANGE HER PLANS AND STAY OVER.

MALVINA C. THOMPSON
SECRETARY
Don't be so sure. I am not so certain. You have struck to your principles of non-intervention. I am of the same. I am greatly disappointed at the United Nations Conference. There has been two much important time spent. I wish to give the fact that their conference

I am with you and your principles. I am with you and your principles.
Christmas means, why not gain the respect of all, especially the Blessing of God by suggesting why you have many delegates and fighting for this idea from Christian Nationalism of opening each Conference thus, to happen that you with prayer. Then and only then will God Bless this fine group of people and open a way to World Wide Peace, you have a great opportunity in your position to do this. Surely I hope you will do something that will be remembered by all long.
after we are all gone from
this troubled world
May God Bless you
Mrs. Christine E. Connely
My dear Mrs. R.
many years and
respected
Christian Mad
woman with
shoe stuck to
even if they
Now as a male
young bond
worry about
deping as the
Conference. The
two much was
most important
lines due to
the fact that the
Stewart

Thank you for your letter of Dec 27.

I reference to Miss Connell's letter.

I spoke over the radio on May 5th. I feel I have a good deal about the HR Con: session.

However, if you want me to speak again I came around.
the middle of June
December 22, 1947.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am returning a letter sent to you by a Miss Vera Connolly during the General Assembly. Mr. Burnett referred the matter to this office at that time and the rush of the Assembly must have buried it. I hope the delay has not caused you embarrassment or inconvenience. I am genuinely sorry it happened.

As for answering the letter, I would hate to throw cold water on such enthusiasm for the UN. The fact of the matter is, however, that United States funds for spreading the good word about the UN are fully committed and I am sure that United Nations funds are in the same shape. During the General Assembly the budget of the Secretariat was attacked most vigorously in Committee V on two points — that the Information Division was overstaffed and that the Secretariat as a whole was top heavy with Americans. Consequently, I doubt that there would be any opening for the kind of work Miss Connolly wants to do.

To bring up another matter, I hope you will consider favorably the suggestion that you go on the radio in the near future with a report on the work of the Human Rights Commission meeting. I wrote to you in Geneva about it but you left for home before it arrived. Fifteen minutes of radio time will not be difficult to arrange, I think, and the report would be amply justified since the
U.S. press gave scant space to news of the Commission.

With best wishes for a happy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Gilbert Stewart
Press Officer.

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

Enclosure.
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
29 Washington Square West,
New York City.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have attended many of your press conferences, have had the privilege of interviewing you several times, and have quoted you in a number of magazine articles. To me, as to so many, you are one of America's truly great women. You are a reassurance and an inspiration.

Perhaps you have run across some of my recent crusading articles, especially in connection with my five-years' battle to get detention homes instead of jails for arrested children. Some of my articles were: "Get the Children out of the Jails," "Kangaroo Courts" and "County Pork Barrel," the first in the Companion, the last two in Collier's. The results? New laws in New York, New Hampshire and Maryland forbidding the jailing of children; and in West Virginia, a new law abolishing the iniquitous fee-system. I've also, through some articles I wrote for Collier's, blocked some attempts to repeal child-labor laws. I've been a writer of magazine crusading articles for over twenty years. My record is in Who's Who.

I am writing now to tell you how much I want to work for UN. I believe it is the hope of the world. I wish UN would hire me to interpret it to the women in small cities and towns all across the country. They do not understand its aims, its difficulties, its program, its vital, critical importance to every American. I've been out interviewing plain family women for a magazine, on other subjects, and I've found nothing but bewilderment and head-shakings over UN. I want to drop writing for a time, and get a full time, interpretative, person to person job explaining UN, selling UN, to America.

I know, the radio covers the UN deliberations. I've heard you speak wonderfully on it, over the air. I caught my intensity of feeling from you. But for the average man and woman, at a distance from New York, the moment the radio talk is over, doubt comes in.

Last night a taxi driver, when we came up First Avenue past the "site," said cynically: "That UN; it's no good. It's worthless. It will never accomplish a thing!" I explained something to him, and I think I changed his viewpoint. And that made me realize how MUCH such a person-to-person interpretative job is needed.
Perhaps you don't need me. If you do, I'll drop my magazine writing and do a job for UN. I don't mean writing—unless that's greatly needed. I mean something more direct. Somehow getting the meaning of this thing to individual men and women.

How about organizing "UN CLUBS" among youth organizations, women's clubs, granges, men's civic groups; and putting them to work banishing the public's pessimism about UN?

How about UN clubs in the public schools? In the labor unions?

If you wish to talk to me, I'll be happy to come to see you.

Respectfully,

Vera Connolly

P.S. How about offering substantial prizes—or even foreign scholarships—to high school and college students for the best essays on the UN?

VC
Lothian Social Register
Mrs Chas. Countfield + address of deed
575 Fifty Ave
July 16th '47.

Dear Miss Thompson,

Will you kindly tell Mrs. Roosevelt that Sarah has a message from Major Molyneux Hewitt ["The Friars," Ashford, Kent] asking me to tell...
Mrs. Roosevelt that his mother passed away on May 26th in London in a hospital where she had been taken to be operated on for cancer of the liver. The surgeons found the trouble insuperable—and she died in peace at the end—after some difficult months in the country. From Mrs. Roosevelt I will be sorry to hear this. With kindest regards,

Believe me, very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Carter.
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Thank you very much for your letter of May 1. I am deeply grateful for your quick response.

I shall most certainly write you in August or September to learn if you will be free to see me. With all my heart, I hope you can find the time but I do realize you are very busy and your time is precious. You are very gracious to even consider it. If a meeting does come to pass, I pray you find it interesting and relaxing instead of a pressing part of your daily routine.

Since my last letter to you, I have dashed off two more pieces which were in me...
and begged for expression. One is a sentimental poem to my mom for Mother's Day, the other a dreamy bit of prose built about the smoking of my favorite cigarette.

I have just taken a Writing Aptitude Test which, if satisfactory, will allow me to take a course in writing and journalism from the Newspaper Institute of America. This work will keep me busy during the otherwise idle hours of the summer and should be very beneficial.

Allow me once again to express my gratitude for your kindness. I am deeply appreciative for your interest. Thank you very much.

May God Bless you and watch over you always.

Sincerely and gratefully yours,
Kevin Joseph Connors
Mr. B. asked a P.S. write me any or after I'll try to ask a date —
Monday April 28, 1947

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

A few months after the death of the late President, you had a personal call from a friend of mine, Edmund Krassnowski, who showed you a copy of a piece I wrote which was prompted by my deep admiration and almost personal afflication for President Roosevelt. I had no knowledge of this until after it was done. At any rate, my friend told me you were highly impressed by my attempt. He told me further that I was to meet you later on. Nothing came of this however, as I refrained from pressing it. I wish now I had been able to meet you and speak with you.

At present I am playing.
professional baseball in Mobile, Alabama which is affiliated with the Brooklyn Dodgers organization.

I am doing very well in this line and apparently have a fine opportunity to go to the top. Yet, I feel that my life is not running its true course. I have a burning desire to speak to people. In Boston this past winter, I was on the air many times because of my connection with professional sports. I wonder if I could see you sometime this fall and discuss some of my problems with you. At first I felt my pride prevent me from writing you, but I have come to the conclusion that every man must get a start and after that it is up to him.

I hope, Mrs. Roosevelt, that this
rather impromptu letter has found its way into your hands. From the wonderful account Ed gave me of his meeting with you I know you will acknowledge it.

In closing, I should like to tell you that I have made a recording of "A Soldier's Chat with God" and I am rather proud of it. Will you allow me to play it for you?

Thank you very much for allowing me to write.

Sincerely,

Kevin Joseph Connors
9/10 Mobile Band Bldg Team
Mobile, Alabama
In Sympathy

When the music has ended
And the rose has gone...
Like thoughts of a loved one
Their memory lingers on.
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I think as much today
of our Dear late President,
and I can't help but write
you this note. It is
too bad we had to lose him,
when we need him so badly
now. But the wonderful
things he has done, and
the ones he had started, will
be with us forever. I think
the love—and need for
him grows deeper every day.

Very Sincerely,

[Signature]
CONSEIL INTERNATIONAL DES FEMMES

DEVISE - LA RÈGLE D'OR : "Faites à autrui ce que vous voudriez qu'on vous fît à vous-mêmes"

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Mlle K. A. van Veen.

Bruxelles, le 3 Février 1947

Madame,

U.S. Délegation

C'est avec un sentiment de vif plaisir que le Conseil International des Femmes a appris que vous aviez été réélue Présidente de la Commission des Droits Humains de l'ONU. Il se réjouit de penser que le travail commencé sous votre présidence pourra ainsi se continuer dans un même esprit d'équité et de progrès.

Permettez-nous d'exprimer notre joie de constater qu'à travers une personnalité aussi complète que la vôtre, hommage est rendu aux femmes du monde entier qui cherchent à utiliser leurs forces à l'édification d'un stade nouveau dans la perfectibilité humaine.

Veuillez agréer, Madame, l'expression de nos sentiments les plus dévérants.

La Présidente,

[Signature]

Mrs F.D. Roosevelt,
Présidente de la Commission des Droits Humains,
O.N.U.
Lake Success
New York
My Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I am so grateful to you for your noble radio talks. A mother voice, calm, intelligent, true; in these critical, fearful, times. God bless you.

Things are pretty bad in this town—(:'#: paper and radoes). It makes a person afraid—and in church a person who tries to be a Christian isn't welcome!

Good is called bad, and bad is called good—People know they are just giving lip service to the real American way. These times are as a chastening rod.
God never heed many on this scale, I'm sure they're thankful for you.

I would like to do more than I do for liberty, freedom, justice - who will lead?

"I will study and prepare myself and make my chance with ev'r

Thank you for a light in the darkness.

Mrs. F Constance
441 Parker
Mansfield, O.
From Consul General North Winship,
Montreal, Canada.
Mrs. Roosevelt Makes Strong Plea For U.N. Support

World Agreement Assured By Nations' Meetings

Human Rights Commission Chairman Stresses Need of Working for Concord

MRS. ELEANOR ROOSEVELT told 8,000 people gathered in the Forum last night that although there might be many difficulties in getting all people to agree on certain matters, it was possible to work together to find a solution. She said that the nations of the world, if they worked together, could live in harmony and eventually establish the rights that women believe as a whole.

As chairman of the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations, Mrs. Roosevelt gave a revealing piece of some of the difficulties that faced her in that position, because of the different concepts that the representatives of all nations had. She said that the French and other countries were trying to find a way to pass on the principle of a conversation that with a complete solution, the idea that rights would be accorded, and that in some of her difficulties she did not believe that it would be through the end and understanding of the United Nations. She also noted the role of women in the United Nations and the need for working for peace.

Students Cheer World-Famous Peace Advocate

Mrs. Roosevelt was introduced as World-Famous Peace Advocate, and was cheered by the thousands of people in the audience. She said that the United Nations was the answer to the problems of the world, and that it was important for all people to work together for peace.

Talk Planned By Claxton

Mrs. Claxton, Minister of National Defence, will speak at the John A. Macdonald College of the University of Canada in the Macdonald Hotel on Wednesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. The event will be sponsored by the National Defence Committee of the Macdonald College, and will consist of a series of talks on various topics related to the war and the future of the nation.

Defence Fights Declaration
To citizens of democratic countries, most of the rights of which Mrs. Roosevelt speaks are taken for granted, but the world will not be sound at heart until they are enjoyed everywhere. Even in the most progressive countries, however, discrimination and injustices are to be found, and the removal of "nits" from our neighbors' eyes must be accompanied by removal of the "boas" from our own.

That Mrs. Roosevelt is a realist as well as an idealist she showed by her reference to the necessity of freedom of the press and of information generally. By itself, she conceded, it does not cure all evils, but it furnishes the direction without which no evil can be fought intelligently. Careless disregard of large areas of misinformation or worse cannot be reconciled with real concern for the matters that touch on peace.

Out of the work of the Human Rights Commission is to come shortly a declaration of basic rights in terms internationally acceptable. Its generalities must be made specific and put into action, and this task, as Mrs. Roosevelt warns, is "not going to be easy."

On this point, Mr. St. Laurent, who preceded Mrs. Roosevelt on the platform, recalled that Canada is already committed among other things to "promote and encourage universal respect for, and observance of, human rights and fundamental freedoms without distinction as to race, sex, language, or religion", that we have subscribed in advance to all the Commission under Mrs. Roosevelt is trying to do.

Mrs. Roosevelt, as did Mr. St. Laurent, made it clear that the work of the Human Rights Commission and other bodies working under the United Nations is not something on which people in general can look neutrally and passively. The purposes in view call for definite commitments. Governments must be supported by informed public opinion in carrying them out.

With the fundamental purpose of the United Nations, to build a world without fear of any kind to people everywhere is in agreement; they can do their share by encouraging the builders.

A NATION'S HEALTH

OF HUMAN RIGHTS

It would be difficult to name a more ardent advocate than Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt of the fundamental purpose for which the United Nations organization was set up, or a leader better able to enlist the support of people everywhere in the work which it must do to achieve its ends. Her appearance at the Forum last evening, at the rally sponsored by the United Nations Society of Canada was a significant contribution to a cause which needs the active assistance and sympathy of all the people of the world.

No less than her late husband, Mrs. Roosevelt has been marked by sincerest concern for the underprivileged. She is constantly active on their behalf, and her appointment as head of the United Nations commission which comes in grips most closely with their needs was most fitting recognition of her genuine dedication to their cause.

In her address last evening, Mrs. Roosevelt spoke with humor and sympathy of the problem which the group she heads, the Human Rights Commission, has met in finding a common ground from which to begin its work. She minimized none of the difficulties ahead, but gave as her guiding principle President Roosevelt's belief "that if we met together and work on meeting, if in everything we did we accepted different ways of doing things but kept our objective in view" we would be able to prove our ability to benefit mankind, and in doing so find a greater community of interest.