January 27, 1946

My dear Mr. Cromer:

I am sending you today under separate cover three books:

"This is My Story"
"The Roosevelt I Knew"
"As He Saw It"

I hope you enjoy these books and I am very glad to send them.

Very sincerely yours,
I still believe that with patience you can learn to work together and to prevent war. If you all work for the United Nations which is where I am working now and try to strengthen that organization, we will accomplish something in the end.

I am rather far away from home at present on a short vacation but when I get back home, I will see if I can find copies of some of my books to send you.

Very sincerely yours,
Dear [Name],

Thank you for your letter. I'm sorry to hear of the difficulties you are having. It is impossible to help you in the situation in which you find yourself.

I have received a number of letters from the family regarding the situation in [Country]. I have spoken to them and have made several suggestions.

I understand your concerns and the difficulties you are facing. I have written to the [Government Body] regarding the situation and have also spoken to the [Local Authority] about the [specific issue].

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I hope this information is helpful and that you will be able to find a solution to your problems.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]
I shall be taken from labor and toil upon the 14th of February, there, I am informed, the American will then be on his way to the land of your country, and will take with him to the Senate the benefit of your information and assistance, of which, on my own account, I can assure you, I shall have an opportunity to shape my resistance to the pressure of that power which I shall have the good fortune to have the honor of opposing in the Senate. If you continue to think of the means of opposing the measures of the present Administration, in the government of the United States, I shall feel the advantage of your advice and opinion, which people in the lower and middle classes of the community have always showed me great benefit of.

In this hour of our country, the greatest of which would ever happen to it, you shall not think of the danger you are in, but only of the danger you are in to our country. Harmony and peace are the only means of saving us from the ruin that awaits us. Our country is at the mercy of the President, who is now in the power of the Senate, and of the House of Representatives. If you think of your country, you shall not lose your own, but shall gain it. I am, therefore, sure, that you shall not lose it.

Henry Clay.
RENNFREH

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
Washington, U.S.A.

Dear Lady:

In taking the liberty to write you this letter, I am sure that you will not misunderstand it. Since you have been and you are still the "First Lady of the States", I always had a great appreciation for your work in the field of women's problems, and for your endeavours to save the world peace.

This has been the reason, in fact, why I gave to the eldest of my three little girls, now aged 7 1/2 years, the name DORIS ELLING. This name is not popular for German girls and we never had this name in my family before, but I liked it because of my great admiration for your person.

This, however, is not the only reason why I wish to contact you. As a matter of fact, I am associated with a women's union shortly founded here at Dusseldorf, which has adopted the name "Deutscher Frauenring", and I am a member of its managing board (Vorstand). This is a women's guild of non-political character, that means it is over-partial and over-confessional and only intends to deal with general questions and problems of life and of public interest. Of course, we must and we will avoid to be of a kind of sufragettes, though I am of the opinion that just now, after the Hitler regime is broken down, we have to show and prove that women are well able to deal also with other problems than those which only were reserved to them under the Nazi system. German women must learn again to realize what they can and what they must do here in Germany. Therefore, I feel it is necessary to take up contacts and correspondence with women of other nations all over the world, in order to learn what progress they have made during the past years, and particularly what they are doing for the future in view of the world peace, of an understanding amongst the peoples and towards world common welfare.

We Germans, of course, are not authorized at present to do anything of decisive character in view of the great politics of the world. But we are looking at the Great Powers, what they will decide. It is quite evident, that there are two alternatives for the world at present, one to avoid a third world war, and another to start a third world war. That is the question which is generally discussed here. What is your personal point of view about it? Of course, I am afraid of a new war, because I have still the terrible impressions from the first one, and even more of the last one. On the other hand, I realize that there are too great political controversies existing, which cannot be easily settled by conferences, meetings and speeches.

(Perhaps I should apologize for taking too long a time your kind attention by this letter which to write you was an idea of me for many years ago. But I could not carry-out it during the Nazi time owing to the fact that all letters were censured. When the Nazis here made comments and critics on your speeches - you will surely have become aware of it - I had just my own thoughts about it, and agreed with you. So, I hope you will forgive me now my freedom.)

P.T.O.
You might be interested, perhaps, to hear something about myself. As I mentioned above, I am mother of three little daughters aged 7 1/2, 6, and 4 years. I am 37 years old. Whilst my girls, at present, are educated in a cloister, I have taken up again my former profession as an interpreter and I am actually appointed to the Ministry of Reconstruction of the Land North-Rhine-Westphalia (British Zone - Ruhr District). From 1927 - 1933, I was a secretary and interpreter with a Furnace Building Company associated with the United Steelworks. In this character, I had contact to many people and countries all over the world, as for instance India, Australia, South Africa, Great Britain, France, Belgium, Spain, Japan, and South-America. With the United States, my firm did only some occasional correspondence, when I got the impression that the works in the United States did not really need much of our progress and technique, because they were very up-to-date and of the latest design. So, unfortunately, I did not have the chance to see the States. In 1933, when my father emigrated to France in order to escape the Nazis, I had to take care of my mother and three brothers and sisters. So, I had no possibility neither to go over to the States for a holiday. I hope to be more lucky within the next few years to come.

Whilst I shall be keenly interested to read any books or pamphlets about your speeches, which you have published during the last years, may I ask you the favour to send me some, if it does not cause too much trouble to you.

Hoping that this letter will reach you in the best of health,

I am, with kindest regards,

Yours very sincerely,

[Signature]

[Closing]

As I don't know your private address, I am sending the original copy of this letter through a personal friend of my father's living in Washington since 1933, Dr. Julius Lips, who is Master of the Howard University, as far as I know. I am sending a second copy of this letter to you directly to Washington.

[Closing]