November 27, 1947

Dear Mr. Darebant:

In answer to your letter of November 12th, the United Nations could use the armies of any of the present big powers if need arose for the use of force. As a matter of fact it is hoped that even after some form of force has been worked out, it will only be necessary if the UN worked well to use it.

The Economic and Social Council and the commissions under it, are designed to keep things from reaching the boiling point and to prevent the need of force. If they come to the boiling they go to the Security Council and only the Security can order the use of force.

The Dutch Indonesian situation is one that is being handled now with a good deal of tact. One hopes that other troops will not have to go in.

Very sincerely yours,
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

We the students of Thomas A. Edison School were discussing United Nation Organisation problems and we came across this question, "Why doesn't the General Assembly start immediate action for a United Nation's Army?" Why not set aside political problems for the time being because these problems will always arise from time to time. Just how could the U. N. enforce the peace if a war were to break out now?

What about the Dutch and Indonesian Civil War for instance? Shouldn't a U. N. Army be on hand to settle those outbreaks? You don't need an Army when there is peace, why not organize one now to get peace in the world?

Sincerely yours,

Louis J. Barabani
Dear Mrs Roosevelt:

The other evening when I met you at the corner of Washington Square, I asked you permission to send you a letter I had written to you when you first moved to Washington Square and you were kind enough to grant me permission to send it to you—so here it is.

I held it for all of these years, because I hesitated to send it to you without your permission.

Having you in

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Our midst is a great honor to our neighborhood. Everyone who signed the letter is a very real and sincere admirer of you as of all the fine work you have done and are doing.

I have always been one of your greatest admirers, and many years ago I was a volunteer worker on your great husband’s first presidential campaign.

I am an sculptor — just a village artist, who deeply admires you and all that you stand for.

Most sincerely,

Florence Malcolm Barnard

February 26th 1949