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June 3, 1945

My dear Mr. Justice:

I am terribly pleased with the answer which you wrote in reply to Mr. O'Connor's letter of May 23. I sincerely hopesthat the committee will consider your suggestions.

Very sincerely yours,

The Honorable Felix Frankfurter
Supreme Court of the U. S.
Washington, D.C.

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CHAMBERS OF
JUSTICE FELIX FRANKFURTER

May 25, 1945

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I should like you to see the enclosed correspondence which speaks for itself.

Faithfully yours,

Felix Frankfurter

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

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Roosevelt National Memorial Committee

120 Broadway

New York

23 May 1945

Dear Felix:

It is contemplated that there will be a meeting of the Planning Committee of the Roosevelt National Memorial Committee in Washington, D. C., probably about the middle of June. You of course will be given adequate notice of the exact time and place.

Will you therefore be good enough to send to me, prior to June tenth, your thoughts as to the manner in which the late President Roosevelt might be most adequately memorialized?

I shall want to discuss this situation personally with you at some length before the meeting, and I will communciate with you when I get back to Washington.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Basil O'Connor

Temporary Chairman

The Honorable

Felix Frankfurter
United States Supreme Court
Washington, D. C.

May 25, 1945

Dear Doc:

Your letter of May 23rd, which has just come, leads me to express the hope that the meeting of the Roosevelt National Memorial Committee will be held prior to June21st, for I shall then have to leave Washington and we shall not be back until late in the fall.

The habits of a lifetime, I suppose, make me feel the importance of right procedure for the reaching of right results, but, in any event, I think that we ought not to begin with collecting specific suggestions about the best way to memorialize President Roosevelt. Before we do that, ought we not to have full discussion of the aims we shall pursue and the manner of realising them? In a word we should work out a procedure that will assure that Franklin D. Roosevelt will continue to be not merely a symbol but a driving energy for the promotion of those ideas and ideals for which he gave his life. At present I see only two things clearly but they seem to me to be vital to the whole enterprise:

1. That the manner of collecting the fund should in itself be a means of promoting the purposes of Franklin D. Roosevelt's life.

2. That the purposes to which the fund shall be put should be a continuing process of education in the ideals of Franklin D. Roosevelt and of their human realisation.

Sincerely yours,

(signed) Felix Frankfurter

Hon. Basil O'Connor