May 26, 1947

My dear Professor Fairchild,

I know all of the points which you bring up in your letter, but when I read the letter sent out by the American Association for the United Nations, it seemed to me carefully worded and to lay emphasis on back-tracking to accept the UN interests and to give it a chance. It also seemed the best we could do.

Thank you for writing me,

Very sincerely yours,
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am greatly disturbed by the receipt of a form letter from you on the letterhead of "American Association for the United Nations, Inc." enclosing a printed statement labeled "A Reaffirmation of Faith In the United Nations."

It goes without saying that I am wholeheartedly devoted to United Nations, and earnestly concerned with building its strength in every possible way. That is why I regard the first "We urge" paragraph on the printed statement as indescribably unfortunate. I do not need to tell you that the so-called "Truman Doctrine" has elicited widely divergent views on the part of thoughtful students, or that the great bulk of the communications received by Congress from the American people at large has been opposed to it. Naturally, I do not now propose to enter into a detailed argument about the merits and demerits of this program. But it seems very lamentable to me that the AAFUN should commit itself officially to such a very dubious policy. It puts its members and sincere supporters, in the very unenviable position of either having to support this organization in an affirmation with which they heartily disagree, or else to dissociate themselves from it although they are profoundly in sympathy with its major objectives.

My sincere regard and admiration for you personally make me doubly unhappy when I am forced to refuse to support a program to which you have attached your name. In this case, I am forced to do so.

The issue at stake is really larger than that involved in this particular instance. It includes the whole very difficult problem as to whether organizations devoted to certain great principles or broad causes should officially commit themselves to subsidiary details which are highly controversial. My opinion is that they should not. Let them hammer away at the broad objectives, about which there can be no disagreement in the minds of genuine liberals or progressives, and leave lesser matters that are controversial to be fought out in the open arena by their respective champions. I have recently been forced to resign from Freedom House on very much the same grounds, and I greatly deplore seeing this process extended further.

I do not need to tell you that the "Divide and conquer" technique has been used most effectively by Fascists and Totalitarians of every stamp. I hate to see it making such headway in the United States at the present time. Of course its banner carries most conspicuously the flaming legend "Communism." It is immeasurably important that Americans of good will keep their balance, common sense, feeling for proportion, and sense of humor and find means of mobilizing their full strength in support of the major objectives, instead of allowing it to be disseminated by divergencies on subordinate issues.

With the highest personal regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,
June 28, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Thank you so much for your cordial letter of June 24.

I am delighted that you will spend the summer in the country because that means that you are going to have a good long rest, which you truly need.

Please be sure to take very good care of yourself, Mrs. Roosevelt, and try to do as little work as possible.

May I wish you a wonderful summer with lots of sunshine, good food, fun and relaxation.

Sincerely,

Inge Falk
Frank 56 California
Buffalo (13) N. Y.
February 6, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Please accept a drawing
I have enjoyed making of
the most wonderful American
the world has ever known.

My best wishes to you.

Sincerely yours

Mr. Dominick A. Farucci