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January 29, 1947.

Handwritten initials

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
29 Washington Square West
New York 11, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have just noticed that I failed to acknowledge your memorandum with reference to Mr. Louis Nizer. I don't know what is going to happen with the appointment, but I will be glad to keep him in mind.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

Edward J. Flynn

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July 10, 1947

Dear Mr. Best:

I am enclosing a brief
comment on Mr. Flynn's book which
I hope is what you want.

Very sincerely yours,



E. Flynn

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

We believe that Ed Flynn has spoken to you about his book which we are publishing on September 5th. We are sending you a set of bound galley proofs and it will be most helpful if you find you can give us a comment for the jacket, which goes to press in two weeks.

We very much need three or four comments from people in public life who have had direct experience with practical politics, and we hope that you will be one of them.

Sincerely yours,

Marshall A. Best
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In telling of the mechanism of politics, the author has told us something of himself and other people which can not help but interest us. He has explained how misunderstandings arise and become so difficult to correct once they have appeared in print. He has done it without rancor, without attacking any one, telling us about things that he saw from the point of view of his activities and associations which can not help but be of interest and of value to all the citizens in our country who hope to be better citizens and to help their public servants to be better public servants.

I have long had a high regard for Mr. Flynn and this book raises his stature.

Eleanor Roosevelt
(Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt)

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