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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The discussion of the United Nations Human Rights Commission, as reported in the New York Times, impels me to send you the enclosed comment, even though I realize that there is little likelihood of its being helpful or that the points contained therein have not been already carefully considered.

In seeking a framework for the International Bill of Rights what appears to be needed is a common denominator on which all can agree. Such a common denominator, rooted in the fundamental relationship of the individual to family and to social group, I have attempted to outline.

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If the enclosed should prove helpful, please do not hesitate to use it in any way.

For your interest and personal information I am enclosing also a copy of a letter addressed to Dr. Willard C. Rappleye, President of the Josiah Macy, Jr. Foundation, from The Honorable Selden Chapin, Director General of the Foreign Service, with reference to the Conferences on Problems in Human Relations about which I told you.

I am looking forward with the greatest of pleasure to seeing you again at Mrs. Thompson's dinner tomorrow.

Most sincerely,

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Enclosure

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Immediately after my telephone conversation with you today I telephoned Dr. John M. Murray (Clinical Professor of Psychiatry, Boston University) 82 Marlborough Street, Boston, Massachusetts, and told him what you had stated to me with regard to the headline in the Boston Herald, which referred to the release of Alfred Parkhurst from the Navy. I told him that you would be glad to have him make the following statement to the Press in Boston, namely, that Dr. Murray "had made inquiry and had learned that all of the many thousands of instances in which appeals from Servicemen were made to the White House were treated in the same way, i.e. their papers and requests for help were forwarded via the President's Aide to the proper authorities for investigation, and that in no case was special consideration requested by Mrs. Roosevelt."

Dr. Murray told me he would get in touch at once with the Editor of the Boston Herald and possibly also with some of the other Boston papers.

Dr. Murray, and both Dr. Marion Kenworthy and I agree with him, was deeply concerned lest the headline, which stated in effect PLAYBOY AVOIDS SERVICE WITH AID OF MRS. ROOSEVELT, cause resentment and emotional trauma to veterans, particularly those who were wounded, and to the families of veterans wounded or killed during the war. We were also unwilling to permit this type of distortion of the facts for political purposes to go unchallenged.

I was so happy to speak to you personally and trust my call did not inconvenience you.

Sincerely yours,

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Copy to Dr. Murray