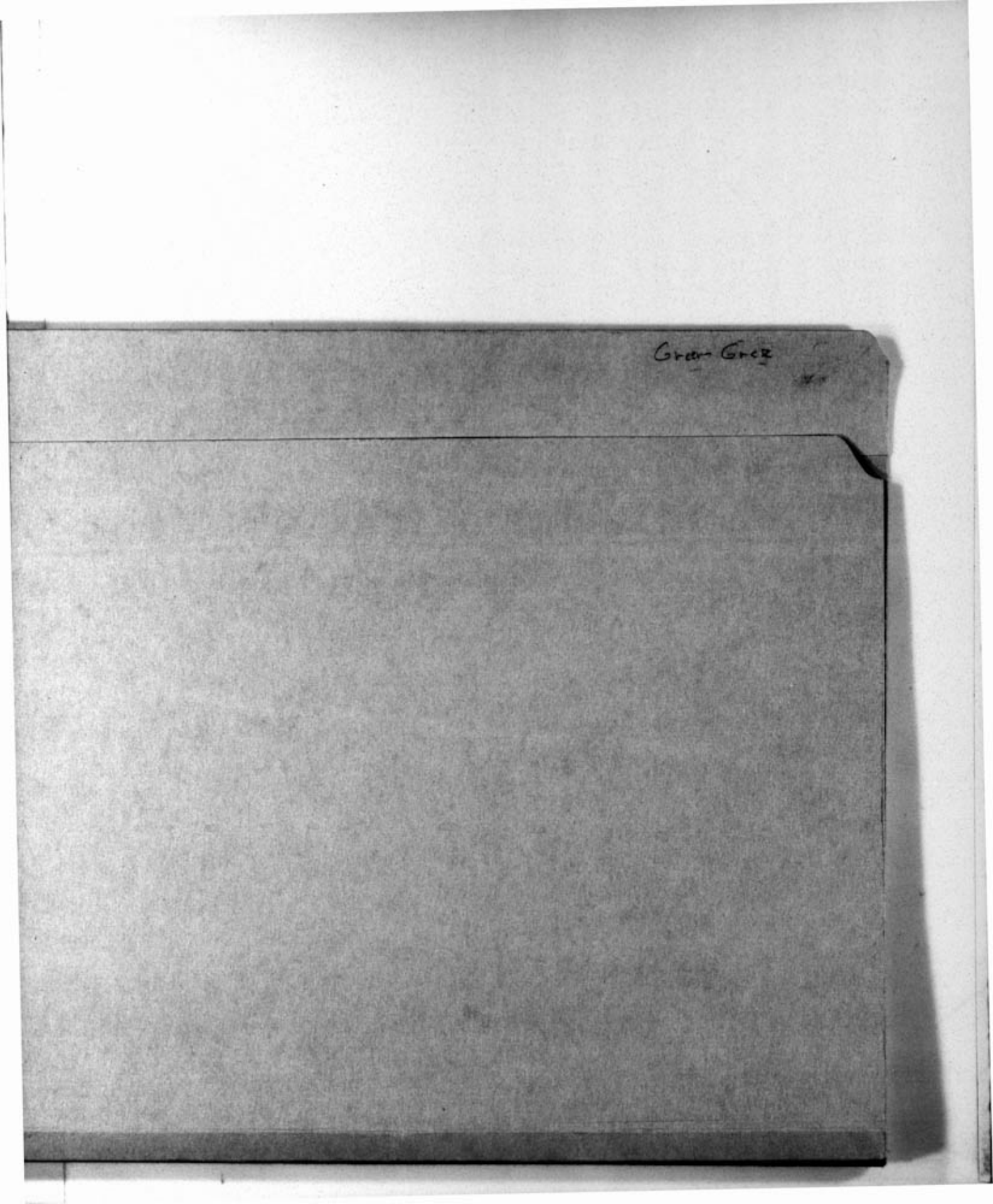
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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Hyde Park, New York.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

... There is no doubt in my mind but that you cannot recall a Washington correspondent always wearing a carnation, and never failing to be present at a White House reception, including the one in '41 , just prior to my going into the AAF.

... At any rate, while I lost my regular papers during the war because of my absence, I am now writing factual magazine articles. I'm doing one now - an inspirational one - for young career women, namely, on successful women who retained their own name, like Frances Perkins, Dorothy Thompson, Marian Anderson, etc. The thought came to me that you didn't change your name.

... Therefore, could you (or would you) tell me whether you mentally always felt you were achieving things in your own name? Certainly you accomplished a great deal before our late beloved President passed away. If you care to answer this very interesting question I would be deeply grateful to you.

... Thanking you in advance for any reply you wish to send, and with every good wish for your continued health and happiness,

Most cordially,

Charles A. Grefe

CHARLES A. GREFE

No, I never gave it a thought but felt my own name & his work will completely merged merged

Oakland, March 11, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt!

I suppose that it will surprise you to receive this letter. When I was informed that you were going to speak to-day, I was very happy that I should get a chance to hear you give a talk. I was also very happy to get a chance to hand to you the little speech I have enclosed here, as I always have been a very great admirer of your husband, the late President Franklin Roosevelt. - Last Christmas I visited your late home at Hyde

AIR MAIL

[Grey]

Park on a trip along the East coast, and it was a great privilege to see the beautiful home of President Roosevelt and be at his grave.

I am a student from Norway in this country, and my name is Ole Joergen Blom. I have been one semester at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas, and now I am studying at the University of California, Berkeley. I probably will leave the United States this fall - for this time. I will come back many times, I hope, as I have been very fond of this country.

Yours very respectfully,

Ole Joergen Blom.

AIR MAIL

[Grey]

A "five-sentence"-speech
at:
the University of Kansas, Lawrence, Kansas
to:
my public-speaking-class existing of
young, American Republican-minded students.
Date:
Monday, December 2, 1946.

Subject:
"Roosevelt's spirit."

1. Introduction:

I would like to say, before I start, that it perhaps is a very special and big subject I have chosen for this little speech, and it will likely call forth an opposition, disagreement, and protest; but as foreigner in this country I feel inclined to give you my attitude to and opinion of it, and afterwards we may discuss.

2. The "five-sentence"-speech:

A. Attention:

It is already one and a half years since Franklin Delano Roosevelt, the late President of the United States of America, passed away after having

succeeded in the greatest career ever made by any statesman and politician not only in the history of his own country, but in the whole world's history, and this because Roosevelt was one of the most dominating and noblest characters and greatest Geniusses the World ever saw, which I suppose, is realized by the main-part of the American people and over the whole world.

B. Ned:

Every American, being a Republican or a Democrate, must learn to understand, if he doesn't, what Roosevelt has been not only to this land, U.S.A, but every country on the globe through studying his career, his ideals, and the tasks and objects he proposed to himself, and the results and influence they had during his period of reign, and not let personal and subjective interests, envy, and lack of knowledge be the factors that are essential when estimating Roosevelt and the work he did. Roosevelt may have made mistakes - everyone makes mistakes; but those of Roosevelt were few and small compared with the right and great things he did.

C. Satisfaction:

If the Whole American people does realize Roosevelt's work and Roosevelt's spirit and continue and develop the big task he began — and deplorably was taken away from in the most important, critical, and crucial epoch in the history of the United States of America, and U. S. A. will become such a great country which she is able to be, and which it is so important that she shall be, and become the strongest, leading, and example-giving land on earth and be a security for peace, culture, and development in all countries.

D. Visualization:

By yielding better school-education and broader common enlightenment and by giving the American youth greater interest for active participating in the political, social, and cultural life and understanding for the value of taking ideas and impulses from other lands and learning their history and way of life, there is a great chance, in fact, it is sure, that America will succeed.

E. Action:

Look at the situation in the world

to-day and make clear what course America's United States have to follow in order to establish a new, better, peaceful, and constructive world where people can live in understanding, Cooperation, and friendship with each other - at least in order to try to replace and rebuild what the war and disagreement have destroyed - and do a thank to and realization of Roosevelt's work, spirit, and hope!

Yours truly