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New York July 5, 1947

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Knowing how very prompt you are in answering letters, I am really worried, as I didn't get an answer to my letter of last Mother's Day, at which time I also took the liberty of sending you a small token of my gratitude. Sincerely hope dear Mrs. Roosevelt that you are well and the reason for your not answering was merely due to more important matters being on your mind.

Would consider it a privilege if you would grant me an interview when you are next in New York City as I am more than anxious to meet you again.

Very sincerely yours  
Dusanka Gryn

Rec'd letter  
explain - regret  
will not be in  
until fall

I've sent her a thank-you  
letter however it was ret'd  
because of wrong address -  
the letter is att'd.

letter sent

Wood, Wis. Grizmaeker  
July 12, 1949 E.



To -

THE AMERICAN RED CROSS

Mrs Eleanor Roosevelt

Hyde Park, Dutchess County,  
New York.

Thank  
after

Dear Mrs Roosevelt:

I have always been so impressed  
by the good work and wonders that you  
done for our boys during the great war,  
and especially so in the South West Pacific  
I had a son in service there. I am a  
World War I Veteran and am at present  
Hospitalized here at Wood, Wisconsin.  
I wrote a song in Honor for you, and had  
the Red Cross type it.

and am inclosing same to you.

Thank you, and God Bless you.

Very truly,

Elmer Grizmaeker  
Veterans Hospital  
Wood 5.  
Wood, Wis.

Rhineland, Wisconsin.  
Route 3 Bx #30.

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) OUR Eleanor Roosevelt

Far in the South Pacific, the summer of 43-  
A fierce battle was nearing its climax,  
When Our Eleanor reached Noumea,  
"Our hospitals Army and Navy, numerous our heroes lie.  
Grievous and gruesomely wounded many longing to die.

Through out the length and breath of our glorious land came to  
defend our home and Country that our Freedoms remain the  
same. Months of untold hardship bloody battles they  
craved, Now in there painfullsilence, A voice from loved ones  
they craved.

After the strife <sup>for</sup> from New Georgia, after the great storm  
had cleared, like some one from out of this world,  
As an Angel of Love she appeared.

Thousands of Miles she  
traveled on a Mission of Goodwill, braveing a dangerous  
eria, bring Comfort to our Wounded and Ill.

From ward to ward she calmly walked, stopping at every bed,  
stepping and speaking to all our heroes' What was his  
name she said. Bending over their wore torn bodies  
whispering words of encouragement and love,  
Apeacefully warmth had entered their hearts,  
Like coming from Heaven above.

Good-bye and God bless you my laddie's, In our ears  
those dear words still ring. A message to home and to loved ones,  
the mailman will surely bring. After her call was over, After our  
Eleanor had gone In place of a stormy tempestenous sea  
Apeaceful harbor was born?

Chorous-  
Eleanor dear Eleanore, a shadow you've left in our hearts,  
Oh Eleanor our Eleanor from thee it was hard to part  
when pain and anguish wring the brow,  
A ministering Angel <sup>Thou</sup> there, Eleanor dear Eleanor to thee our  
heads we bow.

BY Elmer Gritz macher  
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*Dr. Dora Grob-Schmidt*  
Wirtschaftskonsulentin

Riehen

*Grob*  
~~Basel~~ den 6. Oktober 1947

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I have got the letter of. Mr. Byron Price,  
Assistant Secretary General of the Uno, of August 26, in which  
he speaks of my application for a job in the Secretariat of Uno.

And I easily guess that you have been so very  
kind as to recommend me to the Secretary-General. Thank you  
so much for this Service.

I shall leave Europe next week . In the last  
days of october I shall be in New York and I shall try to  
see you.

Sincerely yours

*Dora Grob.*

August 18, 1947

Dear Mr. Secretary General:

I understand that Dr. Dora Schmidt Grob has applied for a position in the United Nations. I have met her and found her very intelligent and well informed.

She asked me to write you a note since she has sent in her application and wants to come to this country as her husband wishes to continue his research in international law.

If there is a vacancy, I feel sure she would prove valuable.

Very sincerely yours,

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rec'd  
Mr. Grob*



Phil. Dora Grob - Schmidt  
Economist

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Wendlingen (mass.), c/o Dr. Fritz Grob,  
8, Sacramento Street.

Personalia: Born in Basle, Switzerland, of Swiss Nationality, protestant.  
Father: professor of theology at the University of Basle (1875-1917).

Education: Public schools in Basle. Universities of Basle & Berne (Switzerland).

Degrees of the University of Basle: Teacher for "middle schools". Specialised in German, French and History (1916). - Doctor of Philosophy. Branches: Economics (chiefly taxation), Public law and History (1923).

Languages: German (perfectly), French (perfectly), English (well), Italian and Spanish (understanding and reading).

Shorter preparing jobs: Teaching at several schools in Basle (1914-18). - Assistant at the Library of the University of Basle (1916). - Assistant in the State Office for worker's protection, Basle; chiefly inspection of women's work in different types of industry (1918-19). - Federal Board of Duties and Taxation, Berne; scientific work (1919-21). - Swiss Mercantile Association, Basle branch, preparing the first Unemployment Insurance for employees in Switzerland (1923-25).

Main Job:  
1925-42  
Federal Ministry of Economics, Labour Office, called later "Office for Industry, Commerce and Labour Questions", Berne. Administrative work of all kinds. Especially reports, drafts for governmental reports to parliament, bills (social and others), e.g. preparation of the "minimum wage" and "Home industry" Bills, legislation on the restriction of Department Stores, Chain Stores, the Boot and Shoe industry, Hotels etc. - Relations with the Swiss Women's Associations. - First Swiss woman to obtain the title "1<sup>st</sup> Assistant to the Director" and to be promoted to the 3rd class of the civil service of the Federal Government.

Part-time war job: Member of the board of the Federal Office for wartime nutrition. Scientific, administrative and propaganda work (1939-42).

Last Job: Economic adviser to the board of General Directors of the Union Bank of Switzerland, writing reports, bulletins and so on (1942-45).

Present Job: Independent Economist in relation with the Union Bank of Switzerland (since October 1945).

Membership in official Committees and Delegations: Technical Adviser to the Swiss Government Delegation to the International Labour Conferences at Geneva (1927-39). - Secretary of Economic Conferences arranged by the Federal Ministry of Economics (1932-35). - Assistant to the Foundation and secretary of the Swiss Committee for Domestic Service problems (1931-40). - Secretary of a Federal Committee of experts on boot-making (1934-36). - Member of the Federal Committee for Control of prices (1937-44). - member of the Federal Committee for arts and crafts (1939-42). - Secretary to numerous parliamentary committees (1932-42). - Numerous other Representations of the Swiss Government at National and International Congresses (1927-42).

Membership of  
private Com-  
mittees:

Executive member of the Committee for a Swiss Exhibition of women's work and president of the group "Industry and Home Work"; organizing a large part of the show (1927-28). - Assistant to the Foundation and for 10 years president of the SAFFA-Fund (Fund for suretyship on loans to professional women (1930-41). - Assistant to the Foundation and for 12 years president of a Swiss Committee to raise the minimum age for children's entry into industry to 15 years (1930-43). - Assistant to the Foundation and for 12 years member of the governing body of the Swiss Association for promoting home industries. President for 3 years (1930-43). - Member of the Committee for economic matters of the Evangelical Church (President Prof. Adolf Keller, Geneva) 1936-41.

Economic & social  
publications:

"Die nichtfiskalischen Zwecke der Besteuerung", ed. by J.C.B. Mohr, Tübingen. Enlarged Dissertation for the degree of doctor on "Social and economic (non financial) aims of taxation" (1926).

"Ein Jahr mehr Kindheit", final report on the works of the Committee for raising the minimum age for children's work. Orell Füssli, Zurich (1936).

"Die Fabrikgesetzrevision von 1914", ed. Festgabe für Bundesrat Dr. h. c. E. Schulthess, Zurich, Polygr. Verlag (1938).

"Werden wir den Krieg ohne Hunger überstehen?". A pamphlet on the Swiss food question. 20'000 copies published and sold (1941).

"Die Bürgschaft in der Schweiz, nebst einer kleinen Oekonomie des Bürgens" (On sureties in Switzerland and on Economics of suretyship) Francke, Berne (1947).

many articles in newspapers, periodicals and in the Swiss Handbook of Economics (issued in 1939). - Different writings on non economic subjects, such as a study on Erasmus of Rotterdam, on the "Problem of the unmarried women in Switzerland" and so on (1930 and later on).

Membership of  
Clubs and  
Associations:

International Federation of University Women (member of the Swiss branch). - International Federation of Business and Professional Women (dto.). - International Alliance of Women for suffrage and equal citizenship (dto.). - Union mondiale de la femme pour la concorde internationale (dto.). - Lyceum Club (dto.). - Swiss-American Society for cultural relations. - Swiss Society for social politics. - Swiss Society for economics and statistics. - Society of University Economists (Zurich). - Swiss Mercantile Association, Basle branch (honorary member).-

References:  
Swiss:

Bundesrat E. von Steiger, Vorsteher des Eidg. Justiz- und Polizeidepartementes (Federal Councillor and Head of the Department of Justice), Berne.

Nationalrat Dr. Albert Oeri, Chief editor of the "Basler Nachrichten", Basel.

Prof. Dr. Adolf Keller, Geneva, 1 avenue de la Grenade.

Prof. Dr. Paul Keller, Generaldirektor der Schweiz. Nationalbank (Head of the Swiss National Bank - Government's Bank), Zurich.

Generaldirektor Fritz Richner, Union Bank of Switzerland, Zurich.

Prof. Dr. William Kappard, Geneva.

American:

Hon. Exc. Mr. John Minant, ex-Ambassador of USA in London, Washington.  
Miss Dorothy Sells, former Labor-Attaché to the American Legation in Berne, Washington.

Dr. Lena Madelin Phillips, President of the International Federation of Business and Professional Women, New York, The Biltmore Hotel.

DR. DORA SCHMIDT - Grob  
ECONOMIST

Basle, 17th October 1946.  
Freiestrasse 68.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

It would be difficult for my American friends to imagine how different European life was for me when I came home and compared it with the marvelous months which I have spent in the United States. It was like working days after a fine holiday. My husband reached Basle on September 17th. Since this day we are enjoying life together with my mother in her country-house and Fritz gets some rest in Switzerland where he has not been since seven years.

Life in Switzerland since my arrival proved to be disappointing in two respects.

(1) My State (canton of Basle-City) in which male citizens only have the right to vote, had a plebiscite concerning a new provision in the cantonal constitution which would have granted the right to vote also to women. The proposed new provision was rejected by a great majority. Later on in two other States, Basle-country and Geneva, the people likewise refused to grant the women the right to vote. Direct democracy on the whole is the ideal form of government. Sometimes, however, I wish we had a representative democracy where the parliament only could decide about reforms. The representatives of the people are often more progressive than the people itself.

(2) I have tried to continue with the preparations for the news-paper which I mentioned to you in America. You remember perhaps that an outstanding house of editors has been planing the edition of a women's weekly for the german speaking part of Switzerland, Austria and Germany. Though there are great number of smaller papers for women, there is not one which could be considered satisfactory. Some days ago the board of directors of the publishing house decided to drop their plan. If the important idea shall not be lost altogether I must succeed in interesting another publisher.

At the Congress of Swiss Women in Zurich (September 20th to 24th), where your absence was greatly regretted, I gave

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New York City (N.Y.)

a lecture on "Swiss Women in Economic Life". Besides I have delivered elsewhere several speeches on the impressions I gathered during my journey in America. When I am speaking about your country it seems I get always so enthusiastic that people come to ask if I did not love Switzerland anymore!

On September 8th I published an article in the most important news-paper of Switzerland, that is to say the "Neue Zürcher Zeitung". The article was called "A day with Eleanor Roosevelt" and dealt with the Sunday which my husband and I spent in Poughkeepsie. Swiss people enjoyed it and the editors asked me for other articles on America. Some days ago I sent a copy to your adress in New York. I hope it will reach you.

I have been very sorry not to be able to go to the International Assembly of Women in South Kortright, to which I had been generously invited. I can't go back to America before the month of January. I have not yet finish all my reports for my first travel in the United States.

May I ask you to give kindly my best regards to Miss Thompson? I mentioned her in the above article.

My husband and I send you our most respectful regards. We remember with almost pleasure the day we were allowed to spend with you.

Sincerely yours

*H. von Grob.*

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
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