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THE ART SCHOOL  
James C. Boudreau, Dean

March 21, 1947

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Washington Square South  
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Because of your direct interest in the subject of a memorial to the late President and also because of your continued interest in the work of young students, I am taking the liberty of submitting for your consideration the enclosed photograph and design program.

In keeping with the policy of this department current architectural problems are studied by students, and often alternate designs from those already approved in practice are developed. In this case, the photograph represents the study by a senior in this department, Salvatore V. Merlina, who executed this work as a sketch problem in some 9 or 10 hours. This design for Grosvenor Square in London consists of a simple shaft, a reflecting pool, and an enclosed loggia of "memories of F.D.R."

Respectfully yours,

*Olindo Grossi*  
Olindo Grossi, Chairman  
Department of Architecture

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Enclosures

*This is interesting but I don't know  
if you would like to see I think to it  
I will have what they want*

10 HOUR SKETCH PROBLEM

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A MEMORIAL

The recently publicized memorial to President Franklin D. Roosevelt planned for Grosvenor Square in London and designed by the English sculptor, Sir William Reid Dick, calls for a realistic sculptured figure of the late president in a standing position. Many Britons as well as Americans have engaged in criticism of and controversy over such a representation; some referring to it as "seeming incongruous".

This problem has for its subject the design of an alternate proposal for such a memorial without the use of a free standing figure. The form, shape, details, appurtenances, size, etc. are left to the student. This alternate design is to be of a "monument" type rather than the "useful" or building type.

The location for this memorial, Grosvenor Square, has many stately trees and is lined with 5 and 6 story residences and office buildings in Georgian style. The memorial shall be placed within the inner "square" itself which measures 300' x 225' curb to curb. Trees are to be preserved where possible.

Required on one sheet of 22" x 30" illustration board:

- plot plan at  $1/32" = 1' 0"$
- plan and section of memorial at  $1/8" = 1' 0"$
- one elevation at  $1/8"$  or perspective

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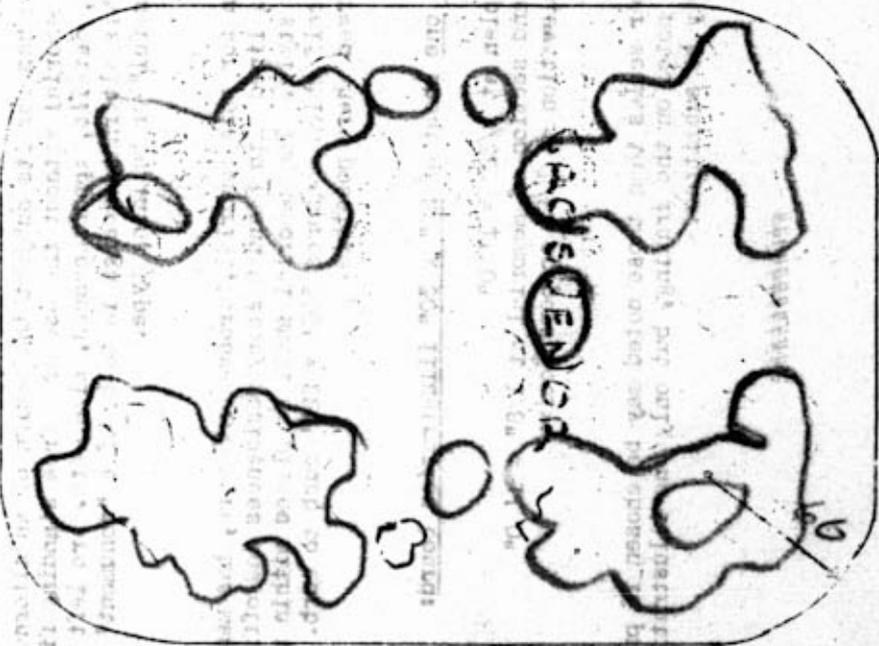
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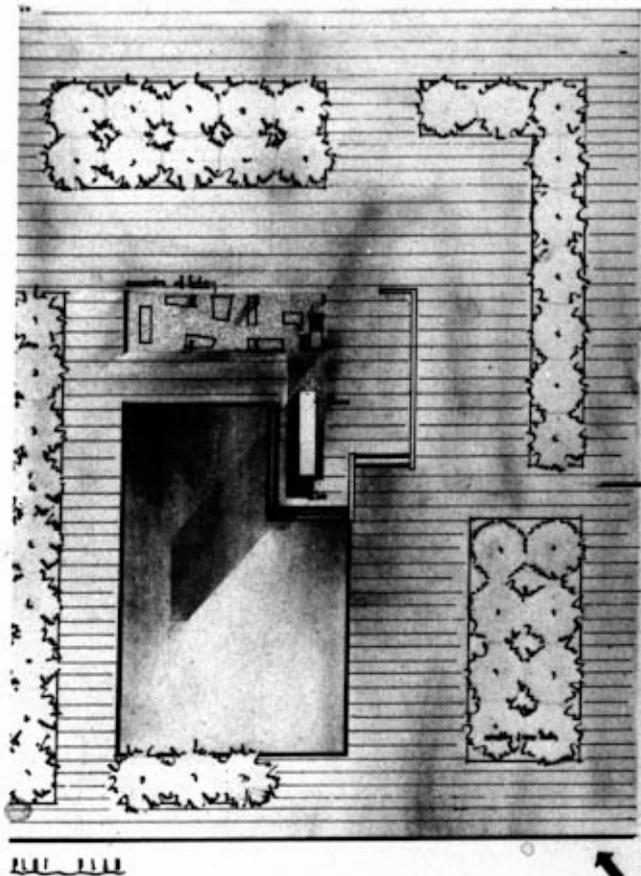
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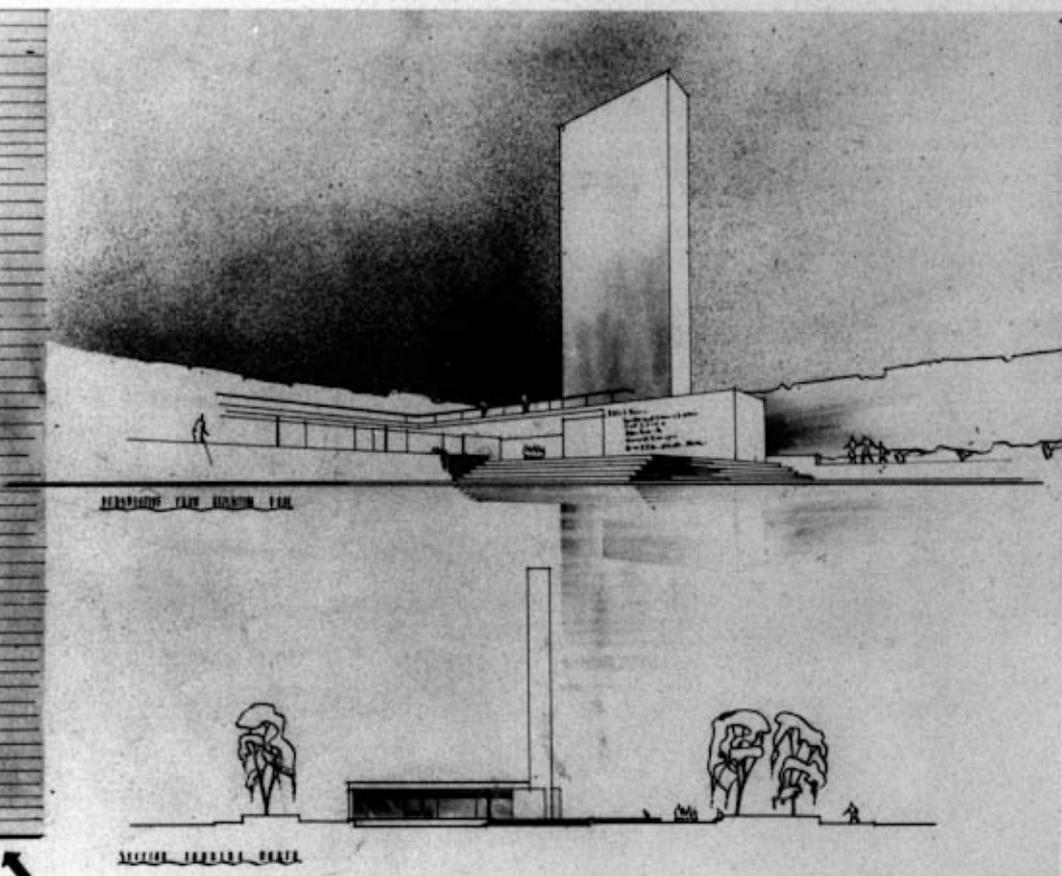
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*29 Wash Sq West Nyk*

COMMEMORATING THE ANNIVERSARY OF DEATH OF THE UNFORGETTABLE FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT WISHING PARTICIPATE IN HOMAGES WHICH WHICH I ASSOCIATE MYSELF RAISING MY THOUGHTS AND PRAYERS TO GOD THAT SUCH AN EXAMPLE OF SUCH A GREAT MAN SANCTIFIES IN THE SPIRIT OF MEN OF GOOD WILL IN THE WHOLE WORLD FOR FUTURE PEACE AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING =

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Do you have Mrs. Henrietta Hebit's recipe for making  
Whole Wheat Bread?

Thank you for the above kindnesses & stamps enclosed  
for your early reply.

With best wishes.

yours truly,  
J. McClinton  
209 G. Street  
Union City, Indiana

I have not been a  
Sponsor or a  
Subscriber to Father  
Parents Club for  
several months

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163 Ocean Avenue  
Brooklyn 25, N.Y.  
April 4, 1947

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

As a sponsor and foster parent of FOSTER PARENTS' PLAN FOR WAR CHILDREN,  
55 West 42nd Street, N.Y.C., I think you will be interested in having the  
following brought to your attention:

In the past two weeks, three employes at FPP have been fired for union  
activity and a fourth has been pressured into quitting. Some weeks ago  
a group of the employes decided to join the Social Service Employees Union,  
UOPWA-CIO. Edna Blue, our director, agreed to recognize the union.  
Subsequently, however, Mrs. Blue started a campaign of intensive intimi-  
dation. In addition, relatives of the office manager came to work at  
FPP, who, in conjunction with the many relatives and personal friends of  
Mrs. Blue and the office manager already employed, formed a favorable  
nucleus for the management. A rival AFL union, introduced by the super-  
visory personnel, was voted in at a meeting held at the office at which  
management was present.

Although after the election all the employes joined the AFL union, the  
union has permitted the discharges for union activity to go unchallenged,  
and we do not seem to have further recourse.

The enclosed copy of Mrs. Blue's notice of dismissal to me speaks for  
itself. It is significant that, although Mrs. Blue speaks of the  
necessity for cutting down salaries, she has since announced that general  
wage increases would go into effect. It is clear, then, that management's  
aim in the matter is purely to break the union and to maintain a dic-  
tatorial hold over the employes.

It is, indeed, unfortunate that an organization of this nature should be  
in the hands of an undemocratic, anti-union, tyrannical director. I am  
confident that you will agree this should not go unnoticed and unprotected.

Sincerely yours,  
*Miriam Gruber*  
Miriam Gruber

P.S. May I have a copy of any protest you may send and, if possible,  
permission to quote?

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*I have not had a  
response to the letter  
in several weeks*

C O P Y

FOSTER PARENTS' PLAN FOR WAR CHILDREN, INC.

American Headquarters -- 55 W. 42nd Street - New York 18, N.Y.

March 27, 1947

Dear Miriam:

I am writing this letter to you because I feel it is 'expedient'. I was also given to understand that you were afraid you might get it.

I am also enclosing two weeks pay for you although legally and morally there is no need for me to do so. We had a committee meeting recently and I was advised that neither our contributors nor our committee could give our employees any security. There are also laws from which we are excluded, for the protection of the children for whom this money is meant. Our work is to try to piece their shattered lives and bodies together with the hope that they may find some security in a world where strong healthy people would cash in on them (sic.)

The office staff has already been cut down and we have no intention of replacing all the people. Our intention is to whittle it further. We will have to get the kind of people who can afford to work for little money and who do not depend on social security and other benefits.

It will be very easy for me to replace you with someone who can afford to do your job for \$35.00 per week, (if we get anybody at all.)\* I would never have taken you on at the rate of \$45.00 per week as a permanent worker. I was away when you were hired. This salary was given to two veterans until they could get other work. Both Norman and Howard assured me many times that I had been more helpful to them than anyone else...lately I heard that Norman's 'thanks' was "expediant."

The entire happening has been a very fortunate one for me. My work is raising money for Europe's children and lately for maimed children especially. I must scrape and scrimp and will cut down in every way so that the children receive the help that is coming to them now while there is still time.

I am not offering you your job at \$35.00 per week because I know you are concerned with security and the benefits that must come from working with a commercial firm. I cannot sit by and see them taken from war children. Our salaries which are based on a 30 hour week are too high. I have checked this with many sources. Our errand boy gets 80 cents an hour! Now that it is easier to get help we must correct this.

Sincerely yours,  
/s/ EDNA BLUE

\*I was employed since August, 1946, as a case history writer (for publicity and public relations) at \$45.00 per week, the same salary paid to others doing similar work. The two veterans referred to in this paragraph were hired on a permanent, not a temporary basis. Norman Bloom, a case history writer, was employed for over a year when he was summarily dismissed on the ground of insufficient work and replaced one week later by an employee receiving \$35.00 per week. It was for this reason that we decided to organize.

Miriam Gruber