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Thank Mrs Roosevelt town.

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The N.Y. World-Telegram
New York, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt :

I thought you might like to see the enclosed column I wrote about a statue of the President on the Capitol lawn.

The response is avid.

Cordially,

Grover C Hall Jr.

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Alabama was the first state to be visited after his election. All Montgomery remembers that on January 21, 1933 the President rode up Dexter Avenue and made a speech from the place where Jefferson Davis took the oath of office.

The President had become 51 years old the day before. His face was lean and unlined in those days. He was a splendid looking man who appeared to be 40 years old. No one could foresee that day that in the next 12 years Roosevelt would kill himself.

It will never be forgotten by any creature of The Advertiser that as he rode up Dexter Avenue with Gov. Miller that day, he turned to the old Advertiser building and tipped his hat.

Standing near the place that Jefferson Davis left forever warm, the President spoke to a nation that was gasping for its economic breath. He spoke of his plans for the Tennessee Valley. Now these 13 years later, the Tennessee Valley is one of the mighty sinews of this country. The TVA succored Oak Ridge in producing the atom bomb in war; it bestows the bounties of nature upon a region of people in Alabama. Some of the wealth it has produced feeds into the state treasury to educate Alabama's young and safeguard the health of its citizens.

There is no need to recite what Roosevelt did for Alabama. The great majority of its citizens will always remember and never forget.

Alabama loved Roosevelt as it has loved no other President since Jefferson Davis. Its gratitude to Roosevelt is greater than it was to Andrew Jackson for making the wilderness safe from the Indian demon.

Why not a statue on the Capitol gransweard? Why not now?

England has already made arrangements to place his statue in London's Grosvenor Square. Why should Alabama be in arrears of a foreign country?

Why not a statue of the 32nd President, draped in his Navy cape, leaning on his cane, his feet conspicuously out-thrusting? That is the way most of us think of him. Why not place it across the walkway from the statue of Jefferson Davis?

Hundreds of inscriptions, all wonderfully appropriate, might be devised. Perhaps this one in his own words would be desirable:

"This nation has a rendezvous with destiny."

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

You will please pardon me for informing you of the following, of which I am proud: My grandfather George Hall, first mayor of Brooklyn, N.Y. in 1834 and again in 1854 was related to you and that makes us cousins but I do not know how far removed. I just want you to know that we all think you are the present day's No. 1 lady. Incidentally, I do wish that something could be done to stop George Sokolsky from maligning the Roosevelt Family; he doesn't skip more than one column without doing so; I don't see how one can be so bitter and hateful. Allow me to give you my thoughts and admiration of your late husband:

"Thank You God for Franklin D.
The wonder man You gave us,
You gave him to us just in time,
So Franklin D. could save us".

Yours very respectfully,

J. M. Hall

John M. Hall
508 Wolvin Building,
Duluth 2, Minn.

Mr Hall

I was very much interested to know we are related, ~~to~~ Mr Geo Hall was my great grandfather. My grandfather was Valentine G. Hall. He died before I was born.

There is no way I am afraid of

Mr Sokolsky

from writing as he does as long as we have freedom of speech. It no doubt is more profitable, ~~[illegible]~~

With many thanks for your kindness in writing

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Hall, L.

Mrs. Leonard C. Hall
2400 La Siesta Drive - Bakersfield, California

November 13, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Following is a copy of a letter I have today written to Mr. Drew Pearson. You will find the letter self explanatory, and I shall appreciate your interest.

"May I offer a suggestion in regard to the "Friendship Train" which is now so successfully touring the country and which once more attests to the kindness and generosity of the American people.

"This is my suggestion, Mr. Pearson, which if carried out I believe will do much to sell the American people's desire for peace and world friendship to the people of Europe who may be benefiting from our generosity, but who in many cases do not know or have been deliberately not advised from whence the aid comes.

"Why not, AND RIGHT NOW, when public sympathy for the starving people of Europe is mounting day by day, through wide radio and press publicity put on an intense nation-wide drive asking the millions of people in our great "melting pot" to write personal letters to relatives and friends in European countries, explaining the purpose of the Friendship Train, and telling what we are doing in our own local communities and throughout the entire nation to alleviate the sufferings of the people of Europe in order to cement a greater friendship in the interests of peace.

"The American people have always been responsive to helpful suggestions, and I believe that if an appeal were made to them at this time to write the above suggested letters, an immediate response would result in the greatest letter writing peace campaign in our history. We can't lose, Mr. Pearson, but we can gain so much in the interests of world peace and harmony.

"I am mailing a copy of this letter to Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt whose support would be of great value in carrying out a "Flood Europe with Letters" campaign."

Respectfully
Mrs Leonard C. Hall

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705 Malone
Denton, Texas

September 29, 1947

[Hall, O.]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt:

In the course of one's life there come times when the individual wants to single out one person and give him a present, a Token, to show appreciation or recognition for his ability and character.

I am a woman of 27, a former teacher, and now an expectant mother. My husband and I are humble, ordinary citizens, who have an abiding faith in God, and who believe in honesty and integrity.

Thank
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such outstanding personalities.
So this is my tribute to you,
my token, my present: a
written testimony of your greatness.
And I salute you, Mrs. Roosevelt,
for being the kind of leader that
makes young women, like myself,
want to make the community
and the world a better place
in which to live. God bless
you always, and may He
especially be with you now
in your work with the U N!

Sincerely and respectfully,

Mrs. Orval L. Hall

These thoughts I had I
have hastily written in
my memo pad. I hope
you don't mind their
being sent in their
original form, as I
want to send
them without
delay.