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Dear Helen Ferriss:

Operation Underground is a most extraordinary book but it does give a pretty sympathetic picture of Germany, and while I think that may be good, I do not think we need to make it quite so bad for the German children, because on the whole, they have suffered so much less than children in the occupied countries.

There are two other questions in my mind. I think it should be clearly stated in the beginning that this is fiction because some of it is pretty nearly true and yet not quite true, and that is always a bit dangerous.

Very cordially yours,

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Dearest Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thank you so much for your splendidly understanding report on OPERATION UNDERGROUND. What you feel about this book from your far greater knowledge than mine is what I myself instinctively felt about it when I read it. I wish that it were still in manuscript form in order to have it basically revised.

Unfortunately it is in page proof. But I am going to tactfully pass on to the publisher in the case your very excellent suggestion about stressing the fact that the book is fiction, not fact.

We all are most appreciative of your having read this very long story when we know you are so busy, but we did need your help. I am telling the publisher that most regretfully we cannot include it among our Junior Guild selections.

Cordially,

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