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I am afraid I cannot
give you any detailed
answers to your question.
I had no special
training for any of the
work I have done. I
have handled a great

deal in my life & I
have learned all I
could from everyone I
came in contact with.
My husband's position
& my interest in his
work gave me opportunities

to use what I
learned
with many regrets
that I cannot be
helpful.

General Delivery
Pasadena, California
June 24, 1949

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am taking a course in Sociology at the University of Southern California this summer. The course is entitled "Leaders and Leadership". After considering the qualifications of a leader I chose you as the most influential woman in world affairs as the subject for my term paper.

I feel that a personal letter from you would be of great advantage in answer to some pertinent questions which must be answered, according to the outline given by our instructor, Mr. Vincent.

I have just completed reading a biography entitled "Eleanor Roosevelt" by Ruby Black, which has been extremely interesting.

I am sure your answer to the following questions would be far more reaching with significant emphasis on facts testifying to the rightness of you as a great leader among women:

1. Your preparation of the role as a leader. *How*
2. Apprenticeship training for assumption of authority on educational and social economic status. *How*
3. Significance of aid in preparation for the role by associates and associations. *learned all I could from everyone*
4. The nature and demand for your call as a leader. *Learn 20%*
5. Mental qualifications as to marginal uniqueness and special talents. *Learn 20%*
6. Your grasp of meaning to a social situation. *I don't know what you mean*
7. What things give you prestige in supporting your status as a leader. *I don't know*
8. How are you judged and what is the judgment as to qualitative tone of your performance and group esteem of it. *I don't know*
9. The significant facts testifying to and the psychological measurement as to your leadership. *I haven't any idea*

These are but a few question. However, I would appreciate your special interest in my behalf.

I might add that I have been a resident of New York State all my life until the past three years and have visited the Roosevelt Hyde Park Estate many times with my family and uncle who resides there,

I trust that this urgent request will not be an added burden to your busy schedule and that you will have the opportunity to give an early reply so that my term paper may be completed by July 12,

Respectfully yours,

Thomas W. Plankenborn
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The League of Women in the Emigration

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To

Mrs. Roosevelt

New York - USA

Dear Madam,

We thank you for your letters in which you showed deep apprehension for our precarious position. Permit the Women in the Emigration to wish you a merry Christmas and a happy New Year, good health and success in your thriving work.
May your life be blessed!

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