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~~Shank~~

Dear Mrs Roosevelt

Leaving this country of yours. I want to tell you personally what I told every American I met during my lovely stay of 3 months in Virginia, how we in Holland have been living during war-time on and by the radio speeches of your husband Mr. F. D. Roosevelt. The things he said, his voice, his choice

of words kept us up and gave us strength  
to go on! Listening to the voice of a real  
gentleman in those times was for us, who  
were living in the midst of brutes, the  
fermas, a real treat! - I wished  
(not really!) you could have seen us then  
huddled together in a very small hiding  
place on our attack listening to a for-  
bidden radio, cold and hungry - but  
full of hope. Mr. Roosevelt's speeches  
have been "life" for us! And that is

what I wanted to  
hoping that you are  
too silly, but that your  
words as a great ex-  
friend  
I am yours

Charles

Home address:

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life "for us": And that is

what I wanted to tell you -  
hoping that you do not think this letter  
too silly, but that you will accept these  
words as a great esteem from a Dutch  
friend

I am yours very sincerely

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Amsterdam

New York City  
November 22, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Many thanks for your nice note of November 13, about the books I sent you and Miss Thompson, and for the postscript asking if Natalie and I were going to see you again. Nothing short of a broken leg would keep either or both of us from coming to see you at any time you have two extra chairs at your table or two extra cups in your teapot. We called Miss Thompson two or three times since our return from our round-the-country junket, in hopes we could take you both to lunch or dinner and return, in some small part, your past hospitality, but she explained that you were rather thoroughly tied up with your UN work. We left word with her that we would be very happy to see you at any time convenient to you. Since our schedule is approximately as informal as yours is difficult, we both agree it is best to let you name the date, rather than suggest one ourselves.

I understand my friend Fala is ailing--somebody wrote a piece about it. If true, tell him an admirer is rooting for him.

Sincerely,

Bruce  
MAULdin