Dear Mrs. Roosevelt

Leaving this country of yours, I want to tell you personally what I liked in every American I met during my lovely stay of 3 months in Virginia, how we in Holland have been listening during dear time on and by the radio speeches of your husband Mr. T. 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 Germans, a real treat. I wished (not really) you could have seen us huddling together in a very small living place on our attack listening to a forbidden radio, cold and hungry, but full of hope. Mr. Roosevelt’s speeches have been... life ‘for us.’ And that is what I wanted to clapping that you are not silly, but that you were as a great friend. I am yours. Charles.

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I am yours very sincerely

Charlotte A. Matthews.

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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,

Bill

[Signature]