August 28, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have just finished reading your comment on the recent magazine articles by Mr. James Aloysius Benedict Arnold Farley.

I would not for the world wish to hurt your feelings, but I believe the real Jim Farley has been found... the one who keeps notes concerning intimate conversations with people and then publishes them after a person's death.

I know a lot of folks who would have not the slightest interest in finding such a chronically bilious individual as Mr. Farley and I do believe anyone looking for the real thing would need look no further than the Collier's articles.

But, perhaps I am wrong.

Gertrude joins in sending our very best wishes.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
Hyde Park, New York
Neches -

Thank you for your letter about my job answer.

With every good wish.
September 24th, 1947.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I hope you may be interested in reading a copy of the letter I have just written to Gael Sullivan. If in some way we can arouse our leaders and convince them that the key to New York in 1948 is in up-state New York, then this state will be in the President’s column in the next Electoral College, otherwise it will go against us, in my opinion.

Sincerely,

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Hyde Park,
New York.

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York City, which I fear will be extended into 1960, we would still have come damn close to election had our rural drive had been state-wide.

When I started this letter, I had no idea of discussing the above. What I simply started out to do was to pay my personal respects to Bob Hannegan and yourself by saying this, and I hope I say the better emphasize it by putting it here, and that is that Bob Hannegan and you can run for my dough any time and there are a lot of other guys who feel the same way about it.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

N. G. Sullivan,
Democratic National Committee,
Hotel Mayflower,
Washington, D.C.
September 26th, 1929

Dear Goal:

Every once in a while we hear disturbing reports to the effect that you and Bob Hannegan are on the way out, to be replaced by somebody more acceptable to Wall Street. Rumor has it that you are on the way out because you are Democrat, O.K., and on the level. If you think that is ridiculous, let me tell you that yesterday I was talking over the telephone to one of our county chairmen in one of the counties near New York City, and he said the discussion was going around that you and Hannegan were on the way out and that Herbert Hoover was going to pick your successors.

While no one will be cockeyed enough to believe that, it certainly gives rise to some speculation as to how the story came about. I suppose it finds some encouragement from the Wallace speech a short time ago. Probably it could be argued with some sense that the calling of the roll of “Wall Streeters” does seem as though Horrible did the picking himself.

As the picture looks to me now, we stand to lose this state by 750,000 votes. I believe the days of our big city majorities are gone. I am told that secretly many laboring people are not exercised at all about the Taft-Hartley Bill — that they rather like it. It is not necessary for me to tell you that our Catholic brethren have gone capitalistic and are voting Republican, and you are not going to change that in 1928. You can, however, regain 300,000 votes in up-state New York which we have been losing for the past number of years. We can do that because the mistakes of the GOP, including rent control, price control, skyrocketing school and county real estate taxes and the local sales tax (in up-state New York) keep us in the fight.

A rededication to the principles of FDR and some attention given to the up-state rural voter can put this state in our column. The case with which we substantially decreased Republican majorities in several up-state counties in which we were permitted to concentrate our work is in the gubernatorial fight last year, is proof that with the proper efforts in up-state New York we can get the vote which FDR always had in up-state New York but which no gubernatorial candidate of recent years has ever been able to sustain. Even in the face of the dismal failures in New
York City, which I fear will be extended into 1948, we would still have come damn close to electing Head if our rural drive had been state-wide.

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Hon. Cecil Sullivan,
Democratic National Committee,
Hotel Hayflower,
Washington, D.C.