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ROBINSON



Best Wishes



Thank, please
L. J. Robinson

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

will write you after the first of the year. I sincerely hope you will be able to carry on your excellent work in the United Nations.

I am planning to sell my home and move to Seattle in the very near future and will send you my new address.

A big hug and lots
of luck
very sincerely
Bob Robinson

Best Wishes

FOR A MERRY CHRISTMAS



AND A

HAPPY NEW YEAR

Dear Bob ROBINSON

How very kind of
you to remember
my birthday. I shall
read "The Lady &
the Scumburgide" as
soon as I have some
free time to do the
things I want to do &
not the things I feel
obliged to do.

The SA of the US
starts Oct 14 + up until
election. I am doing all
I can in support of
Gov. Stevenson.

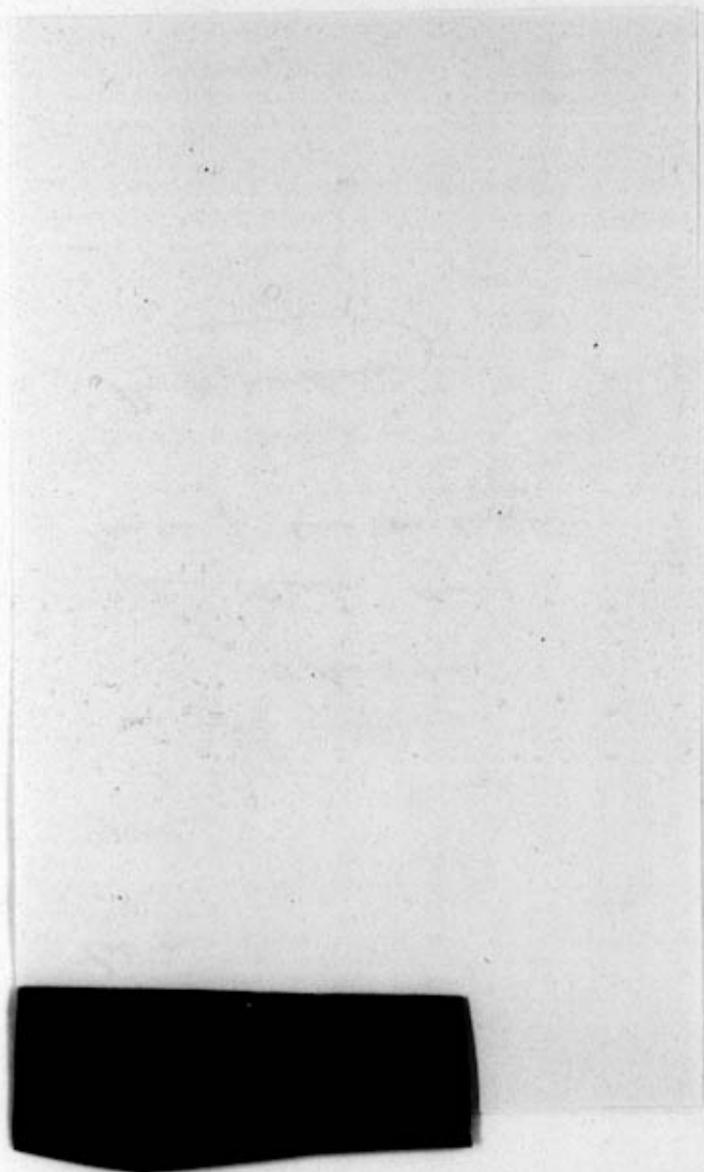
How are you. Do

let me know how
things are going for
you.

With many thanks
& all good wishes
— V. Sue for

Please thank Miss
Barber for her subscription.

Keep address



ROBINSON, R.

November 18, 1947

Dear Bob,

I am very happy to get your letter. I know how difficult it is to make up your mind on something new and I wish very much I could loan you the money that you need.

Unfortunately, at the moment I have none at my disposal, for it is only by saving on my monthly income that I can build up any kind of principle as that is the way my husband's will was made. All that I can spare at the present is given to my son Elliott who is trying to turn the farm into a commercial farm and the start of that takes a good deal of money. I am distressed at not being able to help you out. I hope you can do it through a bank or through a mutual low interest loan. Isn't it possible to get an F.H.A. loan on your house? What would be the cheapest thing you could do.

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R. Robinson
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Box 320 Route 2
Beaverton, Oregon

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I have waited this long to write in order to give you definite news of our progress. Penny and I had an enjoyable trip from New York to Portland. It was our first real vacation since we were married.

After a month of preliminary investigations in Portland, I found that the particular business opportunities in which I was interested required considerably more capital than was available to me.

I went to see Dr. Odgaard and he suggested that I take a complete series of tests from the Veterans Vocational Guidance Center, at Reed College. I followed his advice and found that I was naturally adapted to the fields of: 1-selling intangibles, 2- creative writing, 3-law, 4- personnel work. Creative writing appealed most to me, but I found that there would be a long period before I became skilled enough to bring in any substantial amount of income. I then investigated the field of life insurance. The idea of giving real service to people also appealed to me. The insurance salesman(engineer is the better term), diagnoses a man's financial objectives and then prescribes a planned method of saving which provides protection and security for both himself and his family. I then investigated various insurance companies to determine which would offer the best training. I then associated with the Equitable Life Assurance Society of the U.S. , the third largest in the country. For the first two years I receive a salary of \$200.00 per month plus 50% of the regular commission on all my sales. During the first two years I attend various schools run by the company which provide the necessary training. Eventually I intend to obtain my own insurance agency. Also in my spare time I intend to go to night school and take some courses in writing, etc, and follow writing as a hobby. If in time I prove myself to be acceptable to the public as a writer, I could then devote my full time to such a career.

We are staying with my family at the present time and looking for a home to buy. We want to build a home but find that building costs are almost prohibitive and present day building materials are inferior. Housing is at a premium in Oregon since our state is number two in population gain in the U.S. We have an opportunity to buy a 20 year old, three bedroom, large house in good condition and in a good district. The man who owns the house is a friend of ours and is being sent to Salem, Oregon by his company. Therefore, he is forced to sell his home and leave Jan. 1, 1948. The owner has a 100% GI loan at 4% interest with 16½ years left to pay on his \$7700 mortgage. The GI appraisal board values his home at \$9500. He wants \$1800 for his actual equity in the home which is a very fair price. Our furniture and household goods are in storage in New York and will cost us about \$700 to have shipped to Portland. If we buy the home it will be necessary for us to purchase a stove, refrigerator, and washing machine, which would require a \$400 to \$500 down payment. We need approximately \$3000 cash to buy this home, have our furniture shipped, and purchase our necessary appliances. I have \$1000 in cash in the bank plus \$600 of war bonds. By cashing in the war bonds,

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which we hesitate to do, we need to borrow approximately \$1500 to \$2000.

As a business proposition would you be willing to loan me \$2000 at a low rate of interest on a 5-7 year term basis?

I have hesitated to approach you concerning a personal loan, since our original understanding specified that such a loan would be for business purposes only. Please feel that I would understand if circumstances prevented your extending such a loan at this time.

I have an opportunity of going into business as a silent, non-participating partner with my brother in the grocery business sometime next year. I had considered attempting to borrow \$3000 to aid him in this project. It would be a good business investment, since George has several years experience in the grocery business and during the last 18 months has managed a store and increased his gross sales in that period roughly 200%. George wants to buy his own store next year and go into business for himself.

Naturally at the present time my first consideration is for a home for my family. This grocery business opportunity with my brother is not an immediate problem; I have not committed myself to George as to my ability to invest money in his business. I am working very hard and putting in some 12 to 14 hours a day selling insurance and studying. I enjoy my work very much and we are all much happier here than we were in New York, except that we do want our own place very much.

I hope you are in good health and spirits and our thoughts are with you often. You have been and always will be the greatest friend we have ever had, and please believe me when I say that your friendship means more to us than any possible financial aid which you could extend. Perhaps it would be better for me to borrow this money from a bank. Your advice in this affair would be greatly appreciated. Please give our kindest regards to Tommy. We wish you all possible success on your coming trip.

Very sincerely yours,

Bob Robinson