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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

In connection with the celebration of the First Anniversary of the inauguration of the Philippine Republic next July 4, 1947, I am putting out a Special Edition of my weekly newspaper, "The Visayan Star" on that day. Because of the importance of the occasion, which has both national and international significance, I wish to add color to this extraordinary number by way of including "Messages" from officials of international fame.

I shall appreciate it very much if you will be kind enough to furnish me with a "Special Message" on the First Anniversary of my country's independence to grace a page in this edition; and which I hope I shall receive at the earliest date possible.

Thanking you very much, I remain

Very respectfully yours,

*Timoteo L. Robles*  
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*Good wishes etc*

*happy as I know my  
husband and have seen  
that a good patent should  
be made out of it by  
some one of the already  
old people but prefer  
a man from Brazil  
I know he is at least  
a very good man*

São Paulo, the 31st of October 1945

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I acknowledge receipt of your letter dd. September 25th last, in which you inform me that as you do not understand Portuguese the contents of my letter remained unknown to you.

However, as I would like you to understand me I am rewriting same with the help of an english-speaking person, as I cannot express myself in English.

The contents of my letter were as follows:

" Please excuse my liberty in writing to you.

Inspired by your late husband's fight for freedom and justice for the people, his personality and strong character, my wife and I decided to name our second son, born on the 29th of January 1945, Franklin-Delano-Roosevelt-Brasil-de Abreu, proving in this manner our two countries' friendship.

It has been my greatest desire to ask your late husband the President to be my son's Godfather, which wish I tried to realize through the kind mediation of São Paulo's Consul General.

However, due to the President's illness the Consul thought it advisable to refrain from this request at that time.

Two months later the world lost President Roosevelt.

I decided to wait some time before renewing my request.

This I did in December, asking you indirectly, through the mediation of Mr. Carter, the cultural atacheé to the American Consulate.

Not having received until now any reply, I decided to ask you personally to give me your kind decision whether it would be possible for you personally to be my son's Godmother. "

You see my boy is growing up and should be baptised soon.

L.P.T.O.



Geraldo Rocha de  
São Paulo, Brasil - de chbrn

To  
Mrs. Roosevelt  
from my son  
Franklin - Delano  
Roosevelt - Brasil - de chbrn

Geraldo Rocha de chbrn

São Paulo, the 31th of October 1947

Brasil - de chbrn  
São Paulo, Brasil - de chbrn  
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