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Brooklyn, 17, New York

SABLOVE

April 13, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I read in a recent magazine article that you receive many letters each day asking for favors, giving you advice, or requesting information. I hasten to say that this is none of these. My only wish is that its message may get to you personally. That would give me the greatest pleasure but since the same article also mentioned that you could no longer keep up with your mail as you used to, I'll just hope that my feelings get to you, somehow. In any case, I must express them.

I was able to attend college from 1933 to 1937 by working with the NYA and elsewhere at night and on Saturdays. I don't have to tell you what those years were like. During that time, the only bright hope and faith in the future which is so closely associated with college days that I was able to feel, stemmed from the great man who was at the head of our government. After I was graduated, this same thought was the only ray of light in the gloom of the hopeless employment situation. My first job was with a small business that got its start only because of the protection of the NRA. It then took me almost ten years to achieve a permanent status as a teacher at a decent salary. I feel that my youth is gone but I am satisfied with what I have accomplished. I want to say that I can never disassociate my youth and hopes from thoughts of you and your husband. I feel as many other people do that Mr. Roosevelt's death is a great personal loss no less than that of the parents whom I have already lost. As a teacher of social studies and a grade adviser I always try to fight for the things that you stand for and to encourage my charges to do the same. We are now following and saving the record of everything you are doing on the Human Rights Committee of the UN. You were once kind enough to send me your picture and I keep it on my desk for the students to see and to remind me of my purpose.

I am not very skillful at expressing myself but I can't let another April go by without writing these things to you that I have wanted to write since April 12, 1945. It seems to me that it is important for every fighter for progress and democracy to be reminded that there are people behind them backing them up as well as those who snipe and criticise and undermine them.

Sometimes I cannot help feeling that we are part of the last generation and that we aren't going to go forward into the age of atomic energy. Thought of atomic bombs that raze the population centers of the world have left me without much hope for the future and without a desire for a family. I know this should not be and I am fighting against it. I want you to know that you are the symbol to me of the future I am trying to see.

I have often been inspired to wish I could have taken a part in the issues fought by Thomas Jefferson, Thomas Paine, Andrew Jackson, and Abraham Lincoln. Whatever else I think of the age in which I live I have concluded that I am thankful I have lived in the days of Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt. God bless you.

Sincerely yours,

Mildred W. Sablove

Mrs. Mildred W. Sablove

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SACHAR

Dr. A. L. SACHAR
BRANDIES UNIVERSITY
WALTHAM, MASSACHUSETTS

MRS. ROOSEVELT WILL GLADLY MAKE FIFTEEN MINUTE COMMENCEMENT
ADDRESS JUNE 16th.

Malvina C. Thompson

SACHAR

Sachar:

My time at Brandeis
was most interesting &
stimulating & I was
delighted to be able to
be with you

You & Mrs. Sachar
were very kind to send
me such a lovely orchid.

With many thanks
I see good wishes to
you both

