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I do not think the Highlander Folk School is communist but it is very far to the left for the South & therefore accused of being communist

I have not been able to keep in close touch with the School & therefore have given very little support

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I think not. Communist [illegible] for [illegible] attended [illegible] in close [illegible] that [illegible]

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Please forgive my intrusion upon your time. But it is important to me to find out your impression of the political interests of the Highlander Folk School in Tennessee.

Inasmuch as you have contributed to the school, I assume you have investigated it thoroughly. I would like to know if you consider it a truly democratic institution.

I have just given time and energy and money (small amount) in the interest of the school, and will continue to do so only if it serves the best interests of democracy.

I do not want to be a red-baiter — nor do I want to be "hood-

winked". I am a liberal who refuses to go to either far left or far right.

I understand that in your liberal interests, you have been "hood-winked" — and are, thus, wary.

I have confidence in your opinion.

I feel that, worse than being "taken in" oneself, is the danger of unwittingly "taking-in" one's friends.

In my effort to aline myself with forces of democracy — I find it difficult to put my faith in any organization unless I can be sure of it. P. A. C. interests me — but I'm not sure of it, either.

Will you help me?

Yours sincerely,

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