December 26, 1947

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I have written the manuscript for a text-book, "A Guide for Oral Communication," which Prentice-Hall, Inc., will publish sometime during the spring. The book is intended for use in college freshman English classes which include work in speech.

In the book I should like to reprint a passage from one of your talks, "The United Nations and You," which was printed in Vital Speeches of the Day, Vol. XII. I should like to use the first six paragraphs of the speech.

Vital Speeches has given me permission to use this passage, but I should like to clear with you before going ahead.

If this is satisfactory with you, I shall greatly appreciate a note indicating your permission.

Thank you very much.

Sincerely,

Leland Schubert

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My engagement in Toronto is on April 15th, not April 12th.

I was told the same thing that you were told and immediately notified the president of the Amer. Women's Assoc. that I could not speak if there was discrimination such as had been alleged. The Pres. assured me that this accusation is not true, that they were offering tickets to any groups or individuals who wished to buy them. They do not have any Jewish women in their membership because none has applied.

Mrs. McLean, the president, knows exactly how I feel about any discrimination, and that I would not speak for a group which practiced it.
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
29 Washington Square, West  
New York City, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I believe you are scheduled to speak in Toronto on April 12th, under the auspices of the American Women's Association. This organization, I have been advised, is a purely social group and is not interested in any public welfare generally.

It is because I am so familiar with all you stand for in public life, and how you abhor prejudice, no matter in what guise it appears, that I am writing this note.

I have been told, on unimpeachable authority — as a matter of fact, by a leading Toronto Minister — that the American Women's Association does not hesitate to show decided objections to Jews — they do not welcome them at any of their functions on the theory that "Jews would be uncomfortable in their group." I may be doing them an injustice but this sounds to me like anti-Semitism, despite its being put in a polite and gentle form.

Unfortunately, Toronto is known as a hot-bed of racial prejudice. The American Women's Association do not hold themselves aloof from this movement.

All that I have said in this note, and more, can be vouched for, should you desire to make inquiry.

May I repeat that I am only moved to write this note because of my admiration for your devotion at all times to tolerance and understanding.

Thank you!

Very cordially yours,

Florence Schukkind

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Mrs. McGeachy of Johannesburg will be delighted to go to H.P. with her husband on Monday and spend the night. She plans to arrive around 6:30 and will communicate with me further.
Please call, as I plan to have to go to a meeting at 8 and must have dinner at 6.30.

If they prefer to come next day for lunch or for night, Mrs. A. also has to arrive early to go to Bank College.