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Dear Mrs Roosevelt:

I am going to try to paint a word picture of my family and so express our feelings about our country today. It is important only because we are so average.

We have four sons John 20, a junior in medical college, the twins 16 and Stephen 13 years old.

John is doing his first service in surgery, is active in a liberal church group as program chairman. He is interested in social service and socialized medicine but doubts if it can be worked out without politics entering in to make it a travesty of the ideal.

The twins we sent to a private school in New Hampshire for three years because a public school system was unable to understand that they could not keep pace with a brilliant older brother. It took \$5000, our car and war bonds went into it. But it was a happy, successful project. As a result we have happy, well adjusted boys back in a high school here in our area.

Young Stephen is an average, sporty adolescent who loves girls, athletics, and whatever comes next on the program and hates it the next. You have been through that. A boy scout of course.

island is an Engineer^(Dr) at Bell Aircraft and has
about 10 years. He went there at the end of the
depression, in which we lost our beautiful old home on
Chautauque Lake. The place for which we had won the
first prize in New York State for Home Grounds Improv-
ment in 1936. Cornell Home Bureau was the sponsor.

My husband is a Scoutmaster, because he believes
in developing young America and feels it is a privilege
as well as a duty to his country.

I worked thru the war years, first as an Employee
Counsellor and later as an auditor in the A-bombs plant.
Recently I have been doing substitute Case work for
Travelers Aid Society in Buffalo. There we meet the cross
section of America - and Europe to a limited extent,
Tourists from Europe as well as immigrants come
thru Buffalo and often needed our assistance.

I also do volunteer social service work with recreational
high school groups at the Y.M.C.A. and neighborhood
house.

I have studied Labor relations for several years in
the University of Buffalo and Cornell Extension and
feel I have fairly good insight into Labor problems.

But - Here we are as a family - as a nation at
frightening crossroads!

The fear of High Cost of Living - the fear of
war with our defenses all down to a minimum,

of a congress⁽³⁾ that listens to Wall Street and
'business' and not to an average American
family such as ours.

We have earnestly tried to bring our children up
to respect and love America and our way of life
under a democratic system of government. My family
and my husband's family for as many generations
back as yours, have sought to preserve this system
because they also believed in it.

But now! Can we respect the politicians
in Washington who hurl all kinds of epithets at
each other, who are so busy fighting each other
that they do not resolve their true and mutual
problems of government nationally and internation-
ally?

We feel completely frustrated in the thought
that as La Guardia so aptly said, 'there is no one
down there in Washington working for the people.'

We feel that one of the world's greatest tragedies
was the death of your husband. We are glad
that you are in a measure making the spirit
of Mr. Roosevelt felt in the United Nations.

But can you tell us how we as average
Americans can make ourselves a stronger

dynamic influence in these affairs as
both feel that upholding democratic
principles is the duty of every intelligent American
today more than at any other time in our
history. We must prove ourselves to be in
the right.

Very truly yours,
Mrs. Edwin F. Sharp

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March 21, 1947.

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
Miss Elizabeth McClave
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San Francisco, Calif.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I thought you'd be interested in my enclosed script of your recent visit to the University of Redlands. It is self-explanatory of how I reacted to your splendid, stimulating address.

I'm sorry my brief meeting with you again following the address was so brief. But I fully realize the demands on your time. I did want to refresh your memory on our previous meeting in the winter of 1942 in Boston, when you received your Phi Beta Kappa at Radcliffe. I was then a feature writer on the Boston HERALD, and "Covered" you the entire day from the Russian luncheon to your talk about the "ivory tower" at Radcliffe. And I recall how thrilled I was over my front page, by line story the next day, with your picture... I was reared in Fort Worth and attended college at the University of Texas and my master's from Duke... So, I've met many people with whom you're acquainted. Only recently have I forsaken the fourth estate for the FIFTH. I'm very busy but the work is fascinating.

Again, I'd like to commend and congratulate you on your inspiring work with the United Nations. I am sure your part in the organization's efforts to insure peace will bear fruit.

Cordially,

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Memo
FROM

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**NEWS
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To Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt

a news story concerning you was broadcast over KPRO

on LADIES OF THE VALLEY
with Marjorie Sharpe

at 11:15 a.m. Monday, March 12th, 1947.

We thought you might be interested in having a copy of it for your files.

"At least two thousand people packed the Redlands Memorial Chapel Saturday evening. The reason, Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt was the principal speaker. And the enthusiastic acclaim that greeted her was sufficient cause to understand why she's been nominated for one of the Pulitzer prizes this year. As Eleanor Roosevelt, looking regal in a simple black dress, with a gold and diamond lapel watch on her shoulder, walked onto the platform, the entire audience stood up. So, as far as the eye could see, men, women, and children paid their respects to the former first lady... There's a noticeable change in Eleanor Roosevelt. She's still the gracious, friendly person she always was, but there's a mellowness about her. She's not as outspoken as she was when Mr. Roosevelt was in the White House. And she talks, and speaks, in a diplomatic tone, employing tact, and sometimes, evasiveness, so typical of career diplomats. ... Eleanor Roosevelt is a lady. She was schooled to be a lady, from the time she was a young girl and studied in France. And, being the mother of five children naturally has imparted to her a humanness that's understanding and warm... As the first lady, she entertained and was entertained by the most important people in the world... Her present assignment, as chairman of the Human Rights Commission of the United Nations, calls for all the experience, both personal, and impersonal, that she can muster... Her talk Saturday night was straightforward, to the point, and, in many instances, revealing... But the question and answer period pointed up Eleanor's personality to a T... To some questions, she emphatically answered NO, and to others, she talked freely with ominous implications... Her subject, IS THE UNITED NATIONS AN INSTRUMENT FOR PEACE was answered time and again... Eleanor Roosevelt declared it HAD to be an instrument for peace, or the world will face destruction... Among the many interesting remarks that Mrs. Roosevelt made was that Americans usually expect other dignitaries to understand, and speak, English... And that speaking a person's language was so vital to understanding his point of view at all... Mrs. Roosevelt advocated that all college students learn several languages... And she should know, she's quite a linguist... After speaking tonight at the Wilshire Ebell, Eleanor Roosevelt leaves for New York, and you can just bet she's traveling by plane... She's still a first lady, and is carrying

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the banner high for America and Americans..... Congratulations
to the University of Redlands for making it possible for so many
of us to hear her.... By the way, today's the wedding anniversary
of the Roosevelts... They were married on March 17th in 1905...."

REMAINDER OF FIFTEEN MINUTE SCRIPT