To Tony

I am very much interested to hear of the series of lectures being sponsored by you and dedicated to my husband's memory.

My congratulations and every good wish to you in your efforts to disseminate knowledge.
15th January 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Through the local library in Oxford, North Carolina, a series of lectures are being sponsored by a Negro physician, Dr. E. E. Toney and a group of friends and interested persons. These lectures have now been dedicated and named the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Lectures. They deal primarily with the contributions of the Negro to America and they are largely attended and supported by both Negroes and whites throughout the entire community. A great contribution to race relations is being made through these lectures and I feel that they constitute a fine example for other communities to emulate.

As an appointee of President Roosevelt and one who has been inspired by his idealism, though I am a citizen of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania and a Pastor in that city, I am especially proud of what Dr. Toney and his group are doing in Oxford, North Carolina as that is my birthplace.

The next program of the series of lectures will be held in April and the group would very much appreciate a word of greeting from you at that time.

With sincerest best wishes, I am

Sincerely yours,

{Signature}

Marshall L. Shepard
Recorder of Deeds, D. C.
R. Sheridan

233 Tuttle Alley
Westfield, N. J.
Feb 22, 1927

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I finally had my interview with Mr. Stuart here in Westfield yesterday. It had been a case of one or the other one of us traveling out of time. He sent me a copy of the letter he wrote to Mr. Roosevelt. It was rather long, so I'll quote just for your information.

"I feel, as a result of my interview with Mr. Sheridan, that he is very worthy of consideration if the Hoppers Company is looking for a
man of his experience."

"I do not feel that the W.D.H. Cup, is in itself a large enough unit to engage the services of Mr. Sheridan and, therefore, it is for this reason that I am suggesting the above action in this matter."

The interview lasted about two hours, and I guess we "covered the waterfront."

Thank you for your interest. Will keep you posted on future developments.

Sincerely,

Richard Sheridan
July 7, 1947

Dear Mr. Murray,

I am giving this note of introduction to Mr. R. J. Sheridan, a former neighbor in Hyde Park.

Mr. Sheridan is anxious to work in the labor union field and I shall appreciate it if you will see him.

Very sincerely yours,
233 Turtle Parkway
Westfield, N.J.
June 73, 1947.

Dear Mr. Roosevelt:

Here's that Thursday boy back again. I'm still having some trouble making a change in my work.

After reading about the over-riding of President Truman's veto of the Labor Bill, and knowing some of the conditions that may have to be changed in Labor-Management relations, I'm almost tempted to seek work activity in that area. I have often been accused of being too pro-labor, so perhaps that might be a
Place to work. I wonder if I could prevail on you to give me a letter of introduction to Mr. Philip Murray. I'm sure he'd be glad to meet you again.

P.S. [Signature]

R.J. Sheridan
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Under separate cover I am mailing you an advance copy of a novel I have written entitled "The Bright Promise," which is to be published by Little, Brown & Co. on August 25th and which is the September selection of the Literary Guild. The book deals with the years 1933-1945, and certainly without the inspiration provided by the late President I never would have been able to write it. Therefore, and also because I am a great admirer of his, I am enclosing a check for $1000 which I should like to have you make payable to whatever charity you think he himself would have chosen. Originally I was going to send the check directly to the Infantile Paralysis Foundation, but it occurred to me that you might consider some other cause to be in more urgent need at this time. I may add that I should appreciate your inscribing the check personally, because I'd like to keep it when it is returned to me in canceled form: you see, I happen to be a great admirer of yours, too.

My only request is that you feel under no obligation to give any publicity to the book and that under no circumstances shall you mention the gift which accompanies it. I shouldn't like to have you think that either is being sent you from any motive other than the deepest and most genuine respect for your husband. The novel itself is my public tribute to him, but this letter and its contents are a private and personal one.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Richard Sherman
My dear Mr. Sherman:

I have your letter and I deeply appreciate your great kindness, but I think it would be better if you drew your check yourself. This letter will take the place of my signature on your check.

The reason I say this is that the Infantile Paralysis Foundation has a good deal of money. That does not mean that they will not need more in the future, but I think they are well provided for at present.

Therefore, I thought you might prefer to send your check to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Foundation, 810 18th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Foundation has just begun to collect money, Mr. Frank Walker is chairman of the finance committee. They are going to do work in collecting material for a future biography by
Campobello Island  
New Brunswick, Canada  
August 8, 1947

Dear Mr. Sherman,

You are very kind to send me such a generous check for the Wiltwyck School which I shall forward to them immediately. I know the Foundation will be very grateful.

With many thanks and hoping that both of these groups will afford you satisfaction in their accomplishments, I am,

Very cordially yours,
August 2, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thank you for your letter. Since you suggest two projects, I have decided to divide the money between them. Therefore I am today sending a check for $500 to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Foundation in Washington and am enclosing another for the same amount payable to the Wiltwyck School. I am sending it to you rather than to the school because you did not mention the address. However, if you will be so good as to forward it no acknowledgment from the school itself will be necessary.

Sincerely,

Richard Sherman