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c: Miss Thompson

Lee Vaughan

April 28, 1947

Mrs. Gladys Vaughan
167 Hancock Street
Brooklyn, New York

Dear Mrs. Vaughan:

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Sincerely,

Edgar B. Nixon
Acting Director

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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York

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167th Street
Brooklyn 16, N.Y.

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Walter D. Nixon
Acting Director

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Vaughan*

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Phillip*

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June 7, 1947

Dearest "Bennett":

Immediately upon receipt of your letter I made inquiries about the operation you wrote me about. The two doctors I asked are well known neurologists and I got two conflicting statements.

One doctor said - there is no such operation as "leucotomy", but there is one called "lobotomy". According to him, it is not a difficult operation and in the hands of a skilled surgeon, there should be no difficulty. He thinks there is a doctor in Oxford by the name of Knes, and others in the London University Hospital who are familiar with this operation. Naturally he was unwilling to say more about the advisability of such an operation as he knows nothing about the case personally.

The other doctor knows about the operation and claims it is resorted to after years of protracted insanity, but only after everything else has been tried. He too, could not say anything more without knowing the patient personally.

I realize this will not be much help to you, but doctors are always unwilling to commit themselves in cases for which they are not responsible.

I am terribly sorry that you have this anxiety and I do hope that medication and rest and quiet will make John well again. What a terrible price we pay for being so stupid as to have wars.

Much love,

Dr. Gurwitsch called and I asked him about the letter. He said that there was no such operation called "leucotomy" but there was one called "lebotomy." It is the same operation Abe's daughter had. It has nothing to do with inherited insanity and it could happen to anyone. He also said that it was not a difficult operation in principal and in the hands of a skilled surgeon there would be no difficulty.

He said that there is a doctor in Oxford by the name of Kanes, but he is not at all sure of the spelling and there are skilled surgeons in London University Hospital. He cannot say anything more about the advisability of having such an operation for this patient as it would have to be advised by someone who knew the case.

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MOCADOR, N^o TADWORTH, SURREY.

TELEPHONE, REIGATE 3088.

May 26th.

Dearest Eleanor,

Leucotomy
I have been hesitating for some time to trouble you, knowing how busy you are all the time, but I should be most grateful if you would tell me whether you have had any definite experience - I mean among your friends - of the operation Leucotomy, which I believe originated in America and came over here about six years ago.

I have been almost distracted about John, who came home from India 18 months ago, in a very nervous state, and has been getting steadily worse ever since. He has had all sorts of 'treatments' which have only made him worse, and now I am advised to consider this operation, and simply hate the idea. I know of one case, done 6 years ago, which was a great success, but that was for inherited insanity, and well worth while to try anything. But poor John is not at all like that, and as there has never, to my knowledge, been any tendency even to neurosis on either side of our families, I can't in the least understand why he should have got into such a state and feel that it is chiefly due to the experiments of medical science. He did, however, have a bad fall from a horse, some years ago, on to his head, and had concussion, and one of the

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CHIEF, ST. LOUIS HOSPITAL

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doctors think that may have had something to do with it. He had a very bad time in Burma, and is the imaginative, sensitive type who was totally unfitted for that sort of thing, and of course our hospitals are crammed with neurotic cases due to the war, and, I gather, still more so in America. It is awful what damage has been done to so many young men who ought to be at the best time of life, and I think it will take at least three generations to undo the havoc - if we are not all blown up with an atomic bomb first! What a world!

If you have no knowledge of Leucotomy, don't trouble to reply. I don't want to bother you unnecessarily, but I am nearly out of my own mind with worry and feel I must not leave any stone unturned.

With much love always,

Benjamin
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Much love,

MOGADOR END, NE TADWORTH, SURREY.

REIGATE 3088.

Bennett

Vaughn, Mrs. Phil
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October 27th.

Dearest Eleanor,

I have ordered a little book to be sent to you, which I think may be of interest. It is written by the Miss Strachey who used to give literature classes at Allenswood, and is an account of the impression made upon her as a young girl at Les Ruches, by Mademoiselle Souvestre, just before the quarrel with her partner there. M^{me} Bussy wrote "Olivia" about 15 years ago, but has only just recently had it published. Léonie and I have both liked it very much, and thought you might. It is quite short and so would not take up much of your very valuable time!

I often listen to Alastair Cooke's broadcasts, and there was such a nice one not long ago about you! You are certainly the eighth wonder of the world and I am proud to have the privilege of calling you a friend and think it wonderful of you to retain even recollection of one who is so insignificant! But even so, I venture to disagree with you occasionally about politics and wish your Administration realised better than it appears to do the danger of our Socialist government. I remember saying in a letter to you

about two years ago that it would probably bring us to the
verge of economic ruin, and you replied that you did not think
there was any danger. I suppose the average American knows
as little about conditions here as we know of your country,
but whereas Americans have up to now had every excuse for
isolationism, we have had none for our persistent insularity.
Before this war America could hardly be expected to think in-
ternationally, but we have always had reason to do so, and
yet, even now, the average Briton thinks far more about the
contents of his pocket than anything else, and fails to take
any account of European pockets! I sometimes feel that your
generosity has resulted chiefly in giving this government a
chance to deceive the working men of England by bribing them
with a false sense of security which must before long result
in a tragic awakening, unless some miracle happens. It is sad
for those who really care for their country, and I think it's
misfortunes have made me really patriotic for the first time.

With my love as always and my best wishes,

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November 29th.

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Dearest Eleanor,

I had your nice little note yesterday. Many thanks. I am glad you liked "Olivia". It seemed to take me back so far! The world was so different then and I so often long for many things that I did not appreciate at the time. I find it difficult to believe that it is a better world nowadays than it was then, in spite of all the marvels of science, which only appear to make people want more and more unessentials, and to ignore the basic values of life. I am very sad at the deplorable state to which this once great country has been reduced and can see very little of any silver lining to the cloud of ignorance and greed that is blinding our people to the truth. I would like to think that I am being too pessimistic, but fear not.

However, this is really only meant to bring you all my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year, and for all the happiness that life can bring you.

And my love as always,

"Bennett."

Mrs. Philipp VAUGHAN

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Le Délégué

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Monsieur,

France honoured, in awarding
you the Médaille Militaire, the
Immortal President Roosevelt
and Army which, under the sign
of the Star Spangled Banner,
have left a beautiful record in
the native country of Napoleon,

Be it accepted, Madam,
the homage of my admiration
and complete devotion:

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A great reward for you and the
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Dominique VECCHINI
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CARTE POSTALE

In the name of the people of Corsica

I hail Mr. Roosevelt

Médaille d'Or

The noble Wife of regretted President
the greatest citizen in Humanity:

Blanche

VEERHUSEN

I very much appreciate
your interest in writing
me.

I could not undertake
to do any work in
organizing a campaign
such as you propose
as I am so busy.

If such a campaign
were started under the
right auspices, I
would help by writing
or speaking about it.
I agree with you, we
should share our
good fortune

New England Furniture Company

87th STREET AT MARQUETTE AVENUE
Minneapolis, Minn.

May 14, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park
New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

A group of us discussing the shortage of food in England feel compelled to do something about the situation. We feel that you in a much greater way could direct a movement in the country; such as a donation program whereby each family went without its customary dinner one night per week, and send its equivalent in money or food directly or indirectly to England.

It is obvious, from a purely humanitarian standpoint, why we, as the richest nation should do this, and secondly, as a debtor nation to England for their part in 1941. A large scale campaign should do much in alleviating this situation.

We realize that you must be called upon frequently to aid in various campaigns but hope that you can see your way clear to give this your public support.

Very truly yours,

W. E. Veerhusen

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*Right amount possible to pay
now at this time*

Velez

September 30, 1947

Dear Mary,

I am enclosing a letter
I received. Is there any chance of
this doctor being accepted in the
child psychology course?

Affectionately,

Dr. Mario Velez
34, R. Marconi
Sao Paulo, Brazil

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October 7, 1947

GEORGE S. STEVENSON, M.D.
Medical Director

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
29 Washington Square West, Apt. 15A
New York 11, N.Y.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Mrs. Lasker has referred to me your letter from Dr. Mario Velez. I have written to Mrs. Enochs, of the Children's Bureau, who seems in the past to have had responsibility for matters of this sort under the authority of the State Department.

As advisor to the U.S. Public Health Service, I am sure that the National Mental Health Act offers nothing outside the United States.

The National Committee for Mental Hygiene has fellowships for training in child psychiatry, but these are designed for persons who have already pretty good grounding in that field. Nevertheless, I am asking Dr. Barhash of our staff to inspect the possibilities critically to see if there is anything that can be worked out.

Thank you for referring this matter to me through Mrs. Lasker. I know from past experience that anything that can be done for psychiatry in Brazil will meet a distinct need.

Sincerely yours
George S. Stevenson
Medical Director

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MRS. ALBERT D. LASKER
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TELEPHONE LEXINGTON 2-9391

October 7, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have inquired from Doctor Stevenson, the Director of the National Committee for Mental Hygiene, about the possibility of getting a fellowship for Doctor Mario Velez. It seems that the fellowships that we have available are limited to citizens of this country, but Doctor Stevenson will make a canvass of the possibility of fellowships from other sources, and will write to you directly so that you may send the information to Doctor Velez.

Thank you so much for having Mr. Blanchard phone us to say that he would arrange to let us have seats at some of the UN meetings. We have asked him to let us know when you reply to Mr. Vishinsky, and hope we may be able to be there at that time.

With warm good wishes,

Affectionately,

Mary L.

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29 Washington Square, West
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