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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
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United Nations  
New York, New York

May 8, 1947  
*Submitted 9/20/47  
about him  
(Wall)*

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

My mother, Mrs. Maj von Dardel, has now received a letter from the Consulate General of the Soviet Union to whom you had so kindly referred her letter of November 30, 1946. The Consulate General advised us to address ourselves to the Russian Red Cross, Moscow, for further information, which we had, however, already done through the mediation of the Swedish Red Cross without obtaining any answer until now.

As I am in the United States now for studies at Cornell University and am, at the same time, trying to initiate some American action in favor of the release of my brother, Raoul Wallenberg, I hope that I may count upon your further interest and help in this matter. I am very confident that something may be done from this country as I have been assured by many United States authorities and influential persons, among others by members of the former War Refugee Board, Mr. Lesser and Mr. Olsen, by officials of the State Department and by Senator Vandenberg and by the assistant to the President, Mr. Niles, that the United States is very much concerned about my brother's fate as his entire work was initiated and financed by the War Refugee Board as my mother wrote you in her letter of November 30.

I am enclosing a copy of the article of Miss Dorothy Thompson in the BOSTON DAILY GLOBE, April 18.

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT PAPERS, GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1945-1948,  
VON DARDEL, GUY

Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt -2-

May 8, 1947

Though her personal opinion of Mr. Wallace must stand for her own account, the article may show you the very great interest in my brother, Raoul Wallenberg's, fate which is developing in the United States.

I am addressing this letter to you and appeal to you as a member of the Human Rights committee to help to get my brother the human rights which he has undoubtedly deserved more than perhaps anybody else.

Very sincerely yours,

*Guy von Dardel*  
Guy von Dardel

ELEANOR ROOSEVELT PAPERS, GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE, 1945-1948,  
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From THE BOSTON DAILY GLOBE, Friday, April, 18, 1947

The Wallenberg Affair May Seem Small, But You Would Not Call  
It Insignificant!

An Open Letter to Henry Wallace by Dorothy Thompson

Dear Mr. Wallace:

You are being pretty well panned here, but I am writing with a serious and I think constructive suggestion.

I see you are going to Sweden. While there, you might inquire whether anything has been heard officially about Raoul Wallenberg. Until April 1, I believe, nothing had. Your reputation as the champion of the common man and the four freedoms, together with the confidence you deservedly enjoy from the Soviet Union, may enable you to accomplish on your trip something for the ends you desire.

You might even think it worthwhile to cancel any projected appointment with Johannes Steel in order to attend to this matter. Without referring to his past, spent in the services of German armament traffic after the last war, he is writing articles in the French Communist press attacking American policy and the American press. As an avowed anti-Communist, you ought not to cultivate such acquaintances.

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The Wallenberg affair may seem small, but you would not call it insignificant.

You must recall that in the Spring of 1944 President Roosevelt issued a powerful appeal to the Hungarian people to protect the Hungarian Jews and those who had fled there, and that the War Refugee Board raised funds for a rescue mission. Action, extremely hazardous, had to be disguised under the colors of a neutral country. But an intrepid man was found in the person of Raoul Wallenberg, connected with the Swedish legation in Budapest.

His actions are recorded in a book by Rudolph Philipp, which you can obtain in Sweden. Wallenberg managed -- by pleas, bribes, threats, intrigues, and by his influence on the amorous wife of a Nazi Minister -- to save 100,000 Jews. He issued papers of protective Swedish citizenship to several thousands. He organized rescue missions in all neutral legations. He



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snatched victims from the Gestapo, even at the railroad stations where they were being deported. Seldom in the course of human history has so much been accomplished by one man. In Budapest a street was named for him and a memorial monument begun.

The Nazis knew who was foiling their plans. But he escaped and lived to welcome the "liberating" Russian armies, who took him and his property under "protection." Since then not one word has reached official channels about him, but returning prisoners have reported him a prisoner at forced labor in the U.S.S.R.

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Since official channels have failed, your personal intervention with the Russian government might succeed. Sweden--small, and so near Soviet frontiers--finds it hard to do more for her citizen, especially since the new-type, jet-propelled, radio-directed robot bombs were tried out over her territory from the German station at Peenemunde, now in Russian hands. With your passion for peace, you might--at the same time--obtain permission to visit this station and set international fears at rest.

But if this is too difficult, you can surely obtain news of and justice for a man who responded to a plea from President Roosevelt, in whose name and for whose policies you claim to speak. For you are a citizen of a powerful nation and of "one world." The U.S.S.R. is greatly indebted to you. I am sure that on issues that must command your humanitarian sympathies and sense of honor you will not prove less intrepid in facing the leaders of the Soviets than in facing the President of the United States.

Wishing you well in this endeavor.

Sincerely yours,

Dorothy Thompson

I am deeply sorry for  
you but I find it  
so hard either my  
husband or I are  
responsible for your  
loss.

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VON DER HEYDE

O. E. T. VON DER HEYDE, D.D.S.

Central Trust Building 2567 Broadway

ALTOONA, PENNA.

Mrs. Elenor Roosevelt,  
Madam,

Once again comes the frightful  
anniversary Aug. 17 of the murder  
of my only child, the ninth year!

Your power hungry husband  
and your gang are responsible.

When you enjoy your own children  
remember the 3000000 mothers who  
are doomed to despair. Your husband  
is responsible for the confusion all over  
the world. There is a day of reckon-  
ing, I think he has met it.

Once a year you will be reminded  
of this event. A. No! I'm not  
an irresponsible person, just a  
mother if you have driven to despair

A Broken Mother

Betha von der Heyde.

deeply sorry  
but you  
see how the  
you have  
take  
graben

this.

I think you have  
written less & your  
suggestion you might  
have been on Hitler's  
side in his wrong  
doing. If you are  
a refugee here you  
should not be a  
traitor

10/16



Better read all of this.

VON DER HEYDE

O. E. T. VON DER HEYDE, D.D.S.

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ALTOONA, PENNA.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

Madam: -

Do you don't know how you can be responsible for the death of 300000 boys and the wrecking of their homes, Well, Lady, need try to enlighten you and if you are not satisfied we can provide more. Your sympathy is: "sounding brass and tinkling cymbal". One does not desire sympathy from the offender.

Hitler said: "tell a lie often enough and people will believe you", so, you declare your innocence.

Some one in your government once said: "The people are too dumb to know." Some of us are too dumb. In Apr. 25 - 1939, "Propoganda in the Next War" was inserted in the Congressional Record. There you will read, written by Sidney Rogerson, edited by Cap. Hiddell Hart, author in Europe: "Great Britain's minds today are anticipating the easy sure way to involve the U.S. in war on the side of Britain by having Japan arrayed against Britain". The record on its own continues: "It amazes me how brazen people can be in laying plans to entrap us." But, it worked! Didn't it? Written in '39

Well, your dear? husband wrecked Hoovers administration thro' his evil propoganda during the depression and in order to make prosperity which he had promised, played into the hands of Britain by double crossing Japan and goading her into replying to our belligerence. Our sons were exploited for the benefit of the Roosevelt prosperity and the Democratic Party fund war <sup>profitable</sup> so they whittime to use it. Did any of your sons (over)

die in these wars? I never heard of it.

Liehn Lady, if Christianity comes first -  
and Patriotism second we will have proper  
Patriotism and it won't be killing a brother.

They tried to give us decorations for our  
son which we would not accept. Why decorate  
any one for foul murder! If I had been  
called up as some mothers are I would have  
waited until presentation was over then  
with all the force I had, would have  
been hurled in the officers face. Any  
mother who says she is proud to have  
a son die for a traitorous government -  
isn't fit to be a mother. I apologized  
to my son for bringing him into the world  
for this.

Your book is:  
"This I remember"

I also hope you will remember what  
I have written. I have a

hunch I won't hear from you  
again

Bertha E. von der Heyde

I think you have written this  
I guess <sup>might be</sup> ~~that~~ they  
I guess have ~~been~~ <sup>side</sup> doing - for  
much a longer time. I'd <sup>like</sup> ~~like~~ to see  
a ~~copy~~ -

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CENTRAL TRUST BUILDING 2507 Broadway.

ALTOONA, PENNA.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt

Madam:—

"A-g-a-i-n and a-g-a-i-n and a-g-a-i-n,  
I tell you mothers and fathers your sons shall not  
fight on foreign soil," this when their coffins  
had already been ordered. Who lied there?? A  
friend of mine said to me the night your  
husband made that speech: "I'd hate to have  
a son now."

Dear Lady, it never seems to worry you  
to have Stalin and his pals on your side, why  
worry about Hitler? He's dead! Was the Congress-  
ional record on Hitler's side when it quoted from  
the English Author who told of the plan to have  
Japan attack us? This in '39. The traitor is the one  
who played into their hands. If every mother  
did as I am doing I think some of this exploiting  
of our sons would be to hot to handle. No, I'm  
not a refugee. My ancestors have been here  
I expect as long as yours and are just as good  
Americans, you on the wrong track. When  
did you get down on refugees? I that you  
wanted them all in. As for my husband  
he voted for McKinley and your Uncle "Ted".

I wrote your husband if he took us  
into the war the spirit of every crucified  
boy would haunt him thro' eternity and I  
think they are. Why have so many of  
(over)



P.S. We fighting Americans...  
recall against our leaders...  
know that to do about it... 11/11/17

your husbands associates, in this war, including him died, suddenly committed suicide, could it be their conscience? Roosevelt, Knox, Hopkins, Stethimus, Wyant, Summer Wells(?) etc was I a "liar" when I said I didn't hear of any of your sons dying in the war? Or wasn't it Patriotic to die?

Nothing you can do or say, and I mean nothing can hurt me now.

Come to think of it wasn't it silly to call me a refugee? The refugees didn't fight. The Americans did the dying.

What I have told you is documented so your charge of lies is invalid. I speak for thousands of mothers who are not articulate. Don't fool yourself mothers aren't all crazy enough to say they are glad to have their sons die for the insurance money.

Butter E. von der Heyde





Marianne von Dobeneck  
90 Morningside Drive  
New York City

Dec. 15 1947

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

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Although it is a long time ago since I received your letter in answer to my request, to help me in speeding up matters (Ida von Dobeneck, Munich, departure to the United States, I still hope you will accept my thanks.

I am very grateful for your effort, and although it was without result, the thought to have found sympathy and understanding have helped me a great deal.

May I also send my very best wishes for the holiday season.

Sincerely yours

Marianne von Dobeneck

DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
WASHINGTON

*von Dobeneck*



In reply refer to  
VD 811.111 Von Dobeneck, Ida

*Send copy  
advised  
10/3/47*

October 9, 1947

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Mrs. Shipley has brought to my attention your letter of September 23, 1947, transmitting the enclosed communication from Miss Marianne von Dobeneck, of 90 Morningside Drive, New York, New York, who is anxious to have her mother come to the United States from Germany.

The records of the Department show that Miss von Dobeneck's approved visa petition according preference status within the Greek quota to her mother, Mrs. Ida von Dobeneck, was received from the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice on November 15, 1946, and that it was forwarded promptly to the American Consulate General at Munich. Owing to the long waiting list of first preference applicants under the Greek quota, who are the beneficiaries of petitions bearing an earlier approval date than that executed in favor of Mrs. von Dobeneck, there will be a considerable delay before her turn for a first preference Greek quota number will be reached. The priority status of first preference applicants on the waiting list is determined as of the date of the approval of the petitions on their behalf by the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the Department of Justice.

As Mrs. von Dobeneck was born in Corfu, Greece, she must be charged to the quota of that country regardless of the fact that her birth occurred when her father was German Consul there. Section 12 of the Immigration Act of 1924, as amended, provides that for the purposes of the Act quota nationality shall be determined by country of birth. The only exceptions are for minor children accompanying alien parents and wives accompanying their alien husbands.

I am

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,  
Apartment 15-A  
29 Washington Square, West  
New York 11, New York.

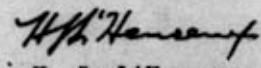


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I am sorry that Mrs. von Dobeneck does not have more favorable prospects for a visa and I can only suggest that she keep the Consulate General at Munich informed of any change in her address, in order that that office will be able to reach her without delay when her turn for a first preference number under the Greek quota is reached.

Sincerely yours,



H. J. L'Heureux  
Chief, Visa Division

Enclosure:

From Miss von Dobeneck,  
September 15, 1947.

*[Faint handwritten text, likely a letter or note, mostly illegible due to fading and bleed-through.]*



81-11102 Von Döbeneck, Marianne

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I would like to write to you about my mother and the problems I have to bring her to this country. Maybe you could suggest some way to me in which I could shorten the agonizing suspense of waiting for her. Mother is now 69 years old, but living through the war alone in Munich with all the horrible experiences of bombing, food and starvation have made her ill and weak. Since I am a citizen

you now. understanding at that time, gives me the courage to write to you to remember the incident, but recalling your kindness and I never regarded parting with the hanging; I should not expect you wrote a very kind letter to me. I must assure you that you had heard, how difficult it was for me to part with it. It was a piece my mother sent to me from Munich. After handover and handlocked Bavarian linen for Christmas of the New York Herald Tribune, gave you a hanging of Many years ago, Miss Emma Bugbee

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
Washington Square, N.Y. N.Y.

Sept. 15, 1947

Marianne von Döbeneck  
90 Morningglade Drive  
New York City

This document should not be  
used for anything but  
the purpose for which it  
was prepared. It is  
not to be distributed  
outside the office of  
the person to whom it  
is addressed.

Marianne von Doheneck  
90 Morningside Drive  
New York City

of the United States, I have the possibility to bring her to my home on a preferred quota. I have proceeded to do this as soon as was possible, but 2 years have past and mother is not yet here. All requirements have been met, but the latest delay arose from the reason, that mother was born in Corfu, Greece, daughter of the then German Consul Karl Spengelin, and for that reason must enter on the greek quota.

That in itself is not a tragedy, if it were not for the fact that the greek quota is so small that all cases had to be delayed for some time. Even that mother is a priority case does not seem to help matters. - That is the information I have and cannot believe. I fear that in some way I must be able to break through this situation. I could not live with my conscience if anything would happen to mother through neglect on my part. Mother has been always kind to many stranded Americans in Munich and has been only able to go on living in the hope of being reunited with her old friends. and able to stand all the hardships with my assurance that she will have it better soon here. I cannot fail her. Can you suggest any course for me to take? To whom should I turn to speed her departure. I would be deeply grateful for any suggestions you could give me.

Very sincerely

Marianne von Doheneck

Campobello Island, N.Y.  
July 23, 1947

My dear Mrs. von Fluss:

I am sorry but I can not give you permission to publish my letter in full or in part. It was a personal letter to you.

Judge Samuel I. Rosenman, 165 Broadway, New York City, might tell you in which speech my husband made the statement which you quote, or a library could find it in the Public Paper. I am sorry I do not remember the date.

Very sincerely yours,

Good Neighbors International



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*to letter in publication*  
*Judge Robinson August 1947*  
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*Annex*

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

In my recent letter to you, I used my own letter head because the political views I expressed were my own private views and not those of the organization, which I founded on the suggestion of your husband, the late President, because I did not hear of any one else doing it.

Between eleven and thirteen years ago, at least between eleven and fourteen years ago, in one of his fireside talks he said that he wished the people would organize Good Neighbor clubs, "because in time we are going to need each other." We have moved since that, three times, and I have lost the clipping. Is there any way that I can learn the date of this particular speech? It was published in the Los Angeles Examiner and if I could learn the date, I could copy it if not get one of their extra copies.

We have made some progress with the clubs, mostly with the Young Neighbor clubs, but it has been uphill work in some ways because I am not a wealthy woman. We have at present, Caucasian, Filipino, Mexican, Japanese and Chinese clubs. We had our first county convention in Imperial Valley last Nov. 29 and now have one club in San Diego and two in Phoenix.

My husband wanted to move to Los Angeles again so now I am hoping to organize some here.

Beside hoping to learn the date of that particular speech, I am asking if I may quote your letter to me of July 3, and if not the whole letter, at least the last paragraph. I presume you keep carbons. Your wishes in this matter will be scrupulously observed.

Very sincerely yours,

*Starr von Flue*





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July 3, 1947

My dear Mrs. von Fluss:

I do not think our position in Greece was taken in order to bring about war with Russia, but ~~our present position~~ believed it would prevent war with Russia. ~~There~~ has inaugurated an expansionist program and somewhere it had to be stopped. I do not think it had to stopped in just that way, and I am very much happier about Secretary Marshall's over-all plan. It seems to me to make sense.

*Re the coming  
Lafley*

However, you see that Russia who is nearly always an obstructionist, is making that difficult to carry through.

I am sure, however, that in time we can find ways to get on with Russia. Much of her difficulty arises out of her feeling of lack of confidence in us and her fear of us. That will change in the future but she does believe in force and therefore we have to be strong spiritually, economically,

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July 13, 1947

My dear Mrs. von Flusberg  
I do not think our opposition in Greece was taken in order to bring about war with Russia, but our present position believed it would prevent war with Russia. She has inaugurated an expansionist program and somewhere it had to be stopped. I do not think it had to be stopped in just that way, and I am very much happier about Secretary Marshall's overall plan. It seems to me to make sense.

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and politically.

I quite agree with you that peace has to come in our own hearts and it has to come at home before we can hope for it abroad, but all these things are new things and we have to have great patience. Perhaps the time we are going through is a time in which we must learn not to count too much on leaders but to be leaders ourselves and help those in important places with our backing and by making clear what we really want.

Very sincerely yours,  
Secretary of State  
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**Starr von Fluss**

**AUTHOR ★ COMPOSER ★ LECTURER**

June 23, 1947

*private*

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

If it seems too informal to address you thus, please forgive me because it seems as if I know you, although we have never met. Also my delay in getting typed the following views, which I wrote in pencil some time ago. It seems I could settle the fate of nations easier than some of my personal problems connected with members of my family.

In the Los Angeles Daily News of April 25, '47, beginning about Henry Wallace and wondering about the vote in Congress on the Hartley labor bill, etc., you seem to make a bid for wanting to know the reaction of the people to the items in that article.

I do not believe the people have gone ultra-conservative.

Our leader is dead. No one has arisen to take his place. The people are like sheep without a shepherd. I myself was considerably shaken and much confused with apparently he selected Truman as his successor instead of Wallace. I did not know much about Truman, it is true. I still wonder.

When I first wrote my answer to you, I felt sure that Truman was already defeated because of the loan to Greece. Now that he has vetoed the Hartley labor bill and the income tax bill which did not help us common people much, I would say the issue is in the future. However, the loan to Greece because of the purposes for which we believe it was given--military aid and a bid for war with Russia--it makes thousands of us sick at our stomachs. We have had enough of war.

My own personal opinion is that I would like the chance to make only one law for capital punishment--anyone in the world that advocated war, after a fair trial, if found guilty, have his head chopped off. Think of the lives it would save. That would have to be a law by UNO.



The people I have heard talk about the Greece loan, here in Los Angeles, on the streets and public conveyances, and on my recent bus trip to Phoenix, are aghast about the Greek deal, not if the loan had been for food, medicine, clothing and housing for a destitute people, but for political purposes, as the people fear. They do not know what to do or where to turn. But they say they are afraid to talk. In America! The land of the free! Freedom of speech!

People feel that the newspapers are full of propaganda, that personalities on the radio are paid by their sponsors, of course. They used to listen to the "Fireside Talks" for guidance. They felt he knew the facts and was sincere, even when things did not always turn out so well.

The laboring men and women that I hear talking think industry is out to break the unions, by fair means or foul. "They say" the warehouses are full, though people need goods, that there is a stock ahead so that workers can be laid off in want, to beg for reinstatement, on any terms, to break the unions.

"They say" a worse depression is coming in less than a year, then we had before, (although I can see no need of it. I feel there is a greater potential market than this civilization has ever known, but the people seem determined to bring on a depression by willing it so.)

The vote last fall, I believe, was the result of a whispering campaign, "Have you had enough?" meaning the hard war years and all they implied. I was not looking for the result, because I had been so busy I had not sat around talking politics. But when one of our Democratic leaders in El Centro, who had even run for a city office and been sent right out by the draft board, a college graduate, repeated that slogan, "Have you had enough?" and told me he was going to vote Republican, I was afraid. What clever people politicians are, feeding on the fears and greeds of the ignorant!

Neither reason nor fact could justify such a vote, but there it was. And it is plunging us into a maelstrom, if some miracle does not happen.

My firm conviction is that you are still right in believing that, when the Southern group is in the saddle, they can never carry the democratic party to

victory. That is not because of their geographical location nor of post-civil war prejudices, but because of their old-fashioned, narrow notions. Life has long passed these old (in their thinking) people by and they do not even know it. All they have left is the husks of prejudice which covered old conditions now changed. "New occasions teach new duties."

The reaction that people have is being tired of war and confused by events they see descending upon them like a juggernaut, with no place to run. They have lost confidence in their rulers, or have not gained it. Many people see the gnawing intolerance and are afraid we have the conditions here which bred the Nazism of Germany. Instead of doing something about it, they take it out in some kind of escapism.

Some people say, "we must have had some war criminals in our own country, but they escaped punishment." "And now they're trying to get us in a war with Russia."

The people need someone to say: "I believe--" "Hold steady--" "Do this for the good of humanity. If it does not work, we'll try something else." Those were words people could understand. "Take part in your government or you will lose it." "Right takes longer, but in the end is stronger than might."

Mrs. Roosevelt, where is the shepherd to guide the sheep?

Thank you, at least, for keeping a level head. Many people criticise you, but I think you are one of the greatest women of all time, because you not only have a brain and use it, but because of your courage, intellectual integrity, and vision, devotion to your country and to mankind at large; your ability to see the other fellow's side, and your innate sense of justice. *I could not afford to go to the Jackson Day dinner.*

You have had my intermittent prayers for years.

I admire so much your service for the United Nations.

Very sincerely,

*Starr von Fluss*

Starr von Fluss  
(Mrs. Will von Fluss)

P. S. If you should have time to answer, write me at  
P. O. Box #129, Tujunga, Calif. (L. A. City) If not, okay.