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21 February 1947

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
29 Washington Square  
New York 11, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

*for*

I regret to advise you that as a measure of economy, it has been decided to cancel entirely any flag raising ceremonies at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Hospital at Peekskill, N. Y.

However, I do wish to thank you for your kind cooperation in offering to participate with us.

Sincerely yours,

*W F Heavey*  
W. F. HEAVEY  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
District Engineer

Heavey's office called about ground breaking ceremonies in April & in prev. letter we said that you would be at H.P. in the morn. They would like to make arrangements to pick you up & take you there. After the ceremonies there will be a train going into N.Y.C. which they will be all taking & would also like you to join them.

Mrs. Levy would like to pick you up on Wed. Where & at what time?

*John  
the speaker  
let - New York*

*Parking  
April 4th*

RECORDED BY CHARLES MORGAN

Thank you for your letter of Feb. 3, giving  
me the arrangements for April 8th. I will  
be at Hyde Park in the morning, but I will  
have to return to NYC in the afternoon

Pending  
April 8th

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3 February 1947

REFER TO FILE NO.

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Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
29 Washington Square  
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Confirming telephone message from your secretary, we have set Tuesday, 8 April 1947, as the date for the ceremony at the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Veterans Hospital, near Peekskill, New York.

Final arrangements have been made with the National Broadcasting Company to start the ceremonies at 1:30 P.M. on the above date. If satisfactory to you, I should like to call for you at about 10:30 A.M. on 8 April. We plan to have a small group for luncheon en route to Peekskill, arriving there just before 1:30 P.M., and we should be back at your residence at Washington Square at about 3:30 P.M. We would like to program you for three minutes on the air.

As work will actually have been started before 8 April, it has been planned to base the ceremony on the raising of the flag for the first time and the invocation of the site in front of the Administration Building of the Hospital. All these details will be confirmed to you on Friday, 4 April, by telephone. — *W.F. Heavey*

Thanking you for your courtesy,

Sincerely yours,

*W.F. Heavey*

W. F. HEAVEY  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
District Engineer

*I will be at Peekskill to meet  
Secretary Dr. S. in afternoon*

See page 12 of the book  
So mentioned page  
The Memphis Tribune, October 1947

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ORIGINAL RETIRED FOR PRESENTATION

*Frank  
April 1947*

January 27, 1947

Dear Colonel Beavey:

I appreciate your pho-  
ing about making another time and  
I could attend the ceremonies on  
either April 7th or 8th, if it is  
convenient?

Very sincerely yours,

Col. Heavey about this and said that they  
could have the ceremonies any time from  
the 15th of March until about the 10th of  
April and any time convenient would be  
okay for them.  
Wh. 4-5500

WAR DEPARTMENT  
UNITED STATES ENGINEER OFFICE  
120 WALL ST., NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

OFFICE OF THE  
DISTRICT ENGINEER

2 January 1947

*Thank*

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
29 Washington Square  
New York 11, New York

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Reference is made to previous correspondence from this office requesting your presence as a guest speaker on 15 January 1947 at the ground breaking ceremonies for the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Hospital, Crugers Park, Peekskill, New York.

Because of unsatisfactory proposals at this time by contractors, this office is forced to defer the planned ceremonies until Tuesday, 25 March 1947. I will write to you again prior to 25 March 1947, and it is earnestly hoped that it may suit your convenience to participate in the ceremony on the latter date.

*Sorry that they  
will be at 12:30  
and morning*

Sincerely yours,

*W F Heavey*

W. F. HEAVEY  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
District Engineer

*per [unclear]  
Y to [unclear]*

*I am sorry  
will not be able to  
be present on March  
25 as I have an  
eng to speak at  
Symposium Univ*





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I very much  
appreciate your  
invitation to be  
present when the  
ground breaking  
ceremonies of the  
FRR hospital take  
place

When you know  
the actual date, I  
will let you know

~~the~~ I can be  
present or not.

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19 November 1946

Ref.: Veterans Hospital  
Peekskill, N. Y.

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt  
29 Washington Square  
New York 11, N. Y.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The nineteen hundred eighty-four bed Veterans Administration Hospital to be built near Peekskill, New York, will be named the "Franklin Delano Roosevelt Veterans Hospital". The date tentatively selected for the ground breaking ceremonies is 15 January 1947. It is our earnest hope that you and your family will attend the ceremonies and that you will participate as one of the guest speakers.

The date of 15 January 1947 is only tentative because we will not be able to make a definite determination until bids for the construction of the hospital have been received. These bids are to be received in this office on 23 December 1946 and we will be able to send you the definite date shortly thereafter.

In addition to yourself, the proposed panel of speakers is:

Honorable Thomas E. Dewey, Governor of the State of New York  
Lt. General R. A. Wheeler, Chief of Engineers, U. S. Army  
Maj. General P. R. Hawley, Veterans Administration  
Honorable Ralph F. Hopkins, Mayor of the City of Peekskill

Wide publicity is to be given these ceremonies both in the press and on the air and a large representative audience is anticipated.

It would be very much appreciated if you would advise us at an early date whether or not these arrangements meet your convenience and that you will be able to be present at the ceremonies.

Sincerely yours,

W. F. HEAVEY  
Colonel, Corps of Engineers  
District Engineer

Campobello Island  
New Brunswick, Canada  
August 3, 1947

My dear Professor Ward:

In answer to your letter  
of July 17th, my husband did read  
Emerson, but he studied at Harvard  
under Professor Royce.

Very sincerely yours,



July 17, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

In my study of the works of Ralph Waldo Emerson as literature I have noticed that several of Emerson's sentences bear a close resemblance to some of the public statements of President Roosevelt. Beyond the obvious reference to consistency as the "hobgoblin of little minds" I have in mind Emerson's reference to fear in Nature; "the good neighbor in politics"; the ideas expressed in politics that the great man, when he came, would apply to politics the hitherto unused power of love and that man has "the right to be employed". There are other suggestions so numerous as to suggest an exhaustive study of the matter. Prof. Austin Warren of Iowa, whose knowledge of Emerson is exhaustive, has been struck with the same impression but suggests that the influence may have been exerted by intermediate sources. I, therefore, would be very grateful if you would inform me as to whether the President read Emerson and, if so, to what extent; whether, as has been suggested, the influence of Emerson was exerted through Prof. Royce of Harvard; or any information which you might have pertinent to the contemplated study.

I should not trespass upon the time of such an active person as you without feeling that the requested information would be of great value to peoples' understanding of two great Americans.

Very sincerely yours,

*Robert S. Ward*  
Robert S. Ward  
Asst. Professor of English  
University of Miami  
Coral Gables, Florida

Please reply:  
Turbots Creek  
Kennebunkport, Me.

Ward  
He did read Emerson to the Student at Hyde Park  
Hyde Park, N.Y.

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L Wardell School  
District # 88  
Mason, Co.  
Jan. 30, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

We have read lots about you  
and Pres. Roosevelt in our Weekly  
Readers. We like you because you  
are helpful. You were so kind  
to Marian Anderson. We like  
the books you choose for us, too.

So we try to help. We each  
bought our dime to help fight  
Polio. We hope you get your  
drivers licenses back soon.

Your friends,  
Yvonne Wilcox  
Charles E. Garnett  
J. M. Cline.  
Don. p. Smoot  
Third Grade

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,  
We brought our dimes  
today because it is Pres.  
Roosevelt's birthday. We like  
your books. We like Sammy  
by May Justus best of all. How  
is Tala?

your friends,  
Second Grade  
John Waller  
R. Massey  
Thomas G.  
Billy Rhoads  
Mary W.