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Juliana

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt.

Do excuse me for procuring you the 401st letter of the day you open this one - but I do want to apologize to you for not having myself more in hand when I was with you. I struggled so hard, but I failed and I could have slapped myself for I can't think of anything to do I hate more in a situation like that.

It was so good to see you.

Its wonderful to think back to it, of how you were. Its wonderful to think there are people like you - that its possible to be like you.

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I do want to tell you still how everybody in the whole allied world felt like your own people when the terrible news reached them. Take Holland - that's an example of one allied country. In spite of its terrible isolation, then still, everybody felt that the President's was one of the few very big, solid pillars on which the world and its future rested. Everybody felt it as a loss as terrible as could be imagined (and before: not imagined.)

But when we forget this poor world for a moment, what a wonderful passing it was in the end for himself. That, when one thinks, gives a very grateful feeling. For did he not give at his physical utmost, like any soldier or underground fighter?

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So forgive my writing (I write with a fairly clear conscience as at least nobody could think of answering this kind of letter).
I'll always remember this visit, in particular.

Yours, in admiration, friendship and gratitude for ever,

Juliana

Tomorrow we leave Ottawa, and the next day we sail from New York.

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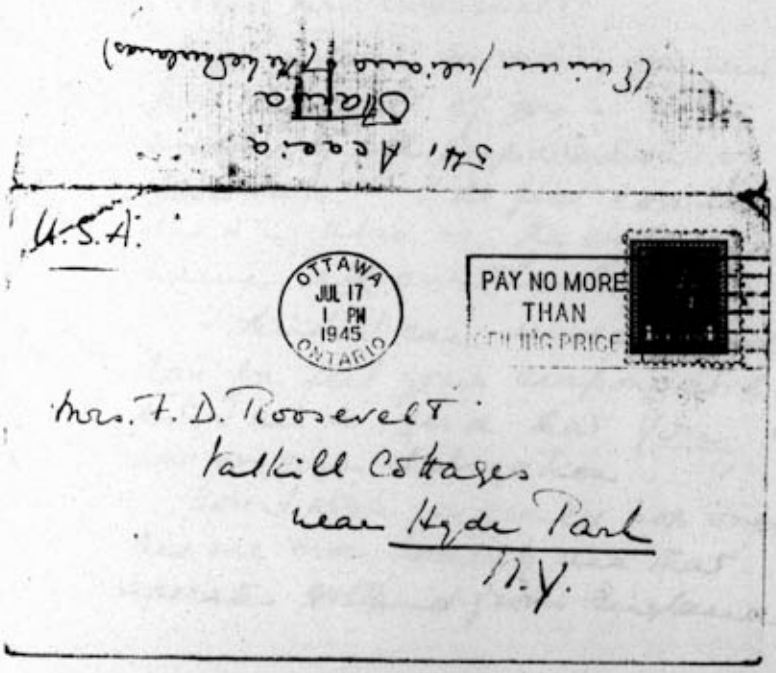

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