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Al. Wright

Do - say I read your  
Plan for an Int. Police Force  
+ it does not seem to me that  
it conforms with any plan  
which the Soviet Union  
would agree on -

Thank you for letting me read it

Alice Morgan Wright

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393 STATE STREET  
ALBANY, NEW YORK

October 20, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Your thoughtful reply to the letter which accompanied the first draft of the enclosed Plan was of great help and encouragement.

Since that outline was prepared changes in the world situation have been continuous and rapid; but in so far as I have been able to grasp their significance they have strengthened my belief in the basic idea that there must be developed an international allegiance transcending the national and that service in its cause must be voluntary. A conscripted world police force would inevitably, I think, lead to world totalitarianism.

Accordingly I hope that you will find in the enclosed draft a clearer setting-forth of the idea and a more practical proposal for its realization, in conformity with the suggestions which you so helpfully made.

Faithfully yours,

*Alice Morgan Wright*

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October 16, 1947

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

In the crisis which confronts us two main questions are seen as the horns of the dilemma on which the world now dangerously rides:

1. How can the Member Nations of the United Nations entrust their security to an armed international police force unless a strong federal world government has first been formed to control the force?
2. How can the Member Nations relinquish such part of their individual sovereignty as would be necessary for the creation of a federal world government unless there is first established an international police to maintain the peace among them?

Agreement could never be reached as to which of these undertakings should have priority. The transition from the individual sovereignty of nations to collective sovereignty and the transition from the instability of national armies poised for assault to the stability of a unified world police must proceed simultaneously and with equal pace.

The plan which is enclosed is based on this idea. An earlier draft of it was circulated last February among statesmen, educators, clergymen, military experts, pacifists, delegates to the United Nations and others. Many of these persons gave generously of their time to its consideration and wrote in reply constructive comments and advice. With these in mind we have made the second draft. If it seems to you to contain the germ of an idea which might develop into a sound and practical plan will you give us your advice on how to proceed with it? And will you tell us also whether in your opinion it conforms to Article 43 of the Charter?

Faithfully yours,

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THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

21 August 1947

Wright, M  
~~Bx 3999~~

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Your letter of August 18th enclosing a letter of August 8th from Mrs. Mazie Wright, about her son, Melvin Eugene Wright, has been received.

I will have this case checked and inform you of the outcome.

Sincerely yours,

*James Forrester*  
James Forrester

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

*Mrs M Wright  
RFD, Box 903  
Miami 35, Fla.*

~~Just~~ all I can  
do is to send your  
letter to the Secy  
of the Navy as I no  
longer am in touch &  
have no influence -

Take out facts &  
send Secy of Navy  
Secy: Master of young  
man write me & I am  
referring it to you  
for your consideration

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY  
WASHINGTON

SEP 11 1947

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

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

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Voluminous correspondence from Mrs. Wright is on file in the Department. Although she tells substantially the same story in most of her letters, exhaustive investigations were conducted by various naval activities and her allegations were found to have no basis in fact. The records at the United States Naval Hospital, New Orleans, Louisiana, all local Navy dispensaries at the Naval Base and the Headquarters of the Eighth Naval District were thoroughly checked.

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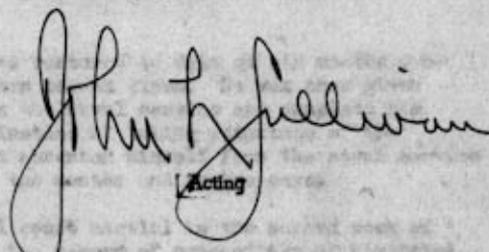
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Your interest in Wright's case has been noted and your letter with a copy of the enclosure will be considered together with all other facts pertinent to his case at the time the record of proceedings of his trial by court martial is reviewed in the Department.

I trust the foregoing information will serve the purpose of your inquiry.

Sincerely yours,



John L. Sullivan  
Acting

Encl.

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TRIAL AUG 14-47

Miami Florida

Aug, 8, 1947.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,

Dear Lady;

I am one of your steadfast admirers, first as a mother, then as the late President's wife; and First Lady; I too am a writer of verse, and copy; but want to come to you now first as an American mother; appealing to you for a tiny favor; in effort, but to me of such great value, it could not be weighed except to say; life or death of three people; through an oversight; in the transference of papers from my Son's 15<sup>th</sup> Coast Batt, to the Fort Huachuca Base; where he was to be left to await the repudency discharge, made out by his Chaplain and Commander, after 27 months, excellent record of service in S. U.S.A. and due to both parents being critically ill, he was not to go out again with his Batt - to Okinawa, as he was; never fatigued and had a broken and fractured right arm and wrist, since he was a Pariter 3/4 P. officer; and a Pilot of small craft - he could do neither in his condition, so considered not too much value to his Batt any way! The boy's father had been ill for some 18 years, the boy could have been exempt from service; but altho denied service in Navy in 1934 - on account of defective eye and Color Blindness, he was accepted into Navy Seabee in June 1942 - and came back to States late 1944. His first visit home, he found conditions such that (Red Cross) suggested the "Dependents Discharge" and the father doing (Army Civilian Duty -

to help finances while Son away; was injured, and sent to Hospital for operation; which Army Compensation paid for; but as soon as discharged from hospital; and compensation ceased: It so happens there were 3 pieces of Cotton left in the incision causing an infection; of months duration before it was reopened and removed; but the infection had gone through the system and has caused the Bladder operation Jan 28-47- and a kidney operation June 3-47- Worry over Son and new strain set up Peptic Stomach ulcers, and at this date the doctor says; if the Son were home; to work and relieve the destitute condition of the Parents; they would both get well and the Son would also improve; as nerve tension is causing loss of one eye; according to Dispensary records of Air Base in Jacksonville Florida; The Mother 57 yrs old; has had the heartache of both husband and Son, illness and herself has curvature of spine, arthritis; and in June 1945- because of Son's trouble - fell and had another injury to spine 5 points, causing internal injury - shook loose kidney; and lay bedfast for 4 months: Because of this operation of father Son was given leave home, and was to take back with him, doctor's certificate of parents health and request by parents notarized; these he had and started back: But he was so ill when he arrived for his blood operation; he was still having spells of fever and chills, from fever he had in Pacific Islands - also vomiting, blood streaked disintery; bad legs & feet, over taxed heart; constant headache and various other things: Sleeplessness then complete exhaustion in sleep 12 to 18 hours

So the diarrhea grew worse enroute from Miami to New Orleans; so his sanitary condition was awful after 36 hrs on a day couch, and so sick and his right hand still stiff; just out of cast - couldn't handle all those Navy buttons - so while he sent all his salary and allotment to parents, he had only 10<sup>00</sup> for expense back to Calif. He decided to look up a lady we knew a cripple, uses crutch; from Mobile Ala. - but thought she could get a War job in New Orleans; noused up a nurse maid, altho 38 yrs old! The lady for whom she worked; was kind to my Son; put him to bed and the ladies cleaned his clothes: He became delirious during night, and in a Coma for 3 days - high fever and delirious! On the 20<sup>th</sup> of May 1945 - he was due back at Camp; but on that day; he came to and had air mail letters sent to his Commanded and Chaplain and his mother! All were acknowledged received; (later) but his appeal to Comds of his Battalion was turned over to Comds of Receiving Base to send travel Clearance for boy then over leave; as I said previous; papers were transferred along with application for discharge! But there was a slip up some where no one sent any Clearance! The boy sent another letter to Comds - which he now, admits being received; but was last mail call before sailing and says now, in writing; they would have held up the ship sailing for an hour and sent the Clearance; if they ever known all this heartache my trouble were to come because they did not do so; they notified the Commandants office and also the Base Chaplain - to carry through for Wright

Still no one sent any Clearance! He called me on phone, as he had no money for telegrams I have the telephone Bills; for a doz-night letters and Telephone calls to Calif - to his Battalion asking answer collect; no answer! Then I went to phone called 7<sup>th</sup> Naval Base - and they advised my writing, "Commander of "Receiving Base" in Calif which I did; and he about 10 days later answered my air mail letter! saying to go to 8<sup>th</sup> Naval Base in New Orleans; he will write them to send boy back to his own base; under guard:

In the meantime; the boy had gone to the Navy Hospital on Lake Ponchartraine and signed in & out on Gate log book, with serial number, show I.D. card; and talked with doctor; who checked him over; and said O.K - I will not detain you; if you have your ticket to coast; he did and so doctor gave him a statement to travel as of that June 5-1945 but that was in case he should start diarrhea again he had to have O.K - from Battalion to cover, A.O.L. Time; on first ticket collection; M.P.'s - came though with Conductor and if not correct O.K - taken off to Brig; in next stop - since he was rushing the 2 doctors letters about parents, to complete discharge he did not want to be delayed - So went to the Red Cross; presented the doctors certificate and showed I.D. Card - leave papers; and ask them to wire his Batt for Clearance and loan him money for food He went back to house where ill; to get his bag; and left telephone number & address at Red Cross to call him if Clearance came in time for 10 P.M. train

No call - so near train time; he called there; a -  
different girl was on duty - didn't find telephone  
number; but only address; in "Rural Tel - district  
of Maitre"; So told him over phone; no money and  
Clearance was not mentioned in return message.

He again called me from New Orleans to Miami, and I  
had just been injured in second fall - father  
bed fast for 6 weeks after operation; we called  
a neighbor; paid him to kill some young frying  
chickens; to send our son 15.<sup>00</sup> for food to California  
as soon as Clarence came; But no Clarence came.  
It was most aggravating and puzzling! Then  
came the letter go to 8<sup>th</sup> Naval Base. I telephoned  
the message - he was ready to leave when the  
Share Patrol drove up, and claimed him as a  
stragler, under arrest; He was shocked to be under  
arrest; after all the money and efforts spent to  
get back to his base; depending on those people  
and woman paying his food while there; for  
which I wrote I would adjust; He was taken  
to Brig - accused of 26 May A.O.L. and Missing Ship  
No matter what he said they paid no heed  
and he was Court martialed, and 2 days before  
his trial; the lawyer told him they were going  
to cut out all detail about his own illness &  
doctors statement and put him on stand to tell  
he was only support and both parents ill; and  
plead guilty; and ask Clemency of Court; they  
would dismiss case, with probably a fine and  
30 days - and he could finish the application  
for discharge there, as it was a Clearing Base  
and not have to go back to Calif - So he

believe them; and did as told. did not see they were changing it, to protect the doctor who broke a rule, when he let an A.O.L. man walk out of hospital, to make own way back! Should have had him sent back to Base. from there so he was sentenced to 22 months in Perry Prison rates of Petty officer 2<sup>d</sup> reduced to 3<sup>d</sup> and all insurance cancelled; pay stopped; all benefits removed; and a B.C.D! — Well he about collapsed! They told him the case would take a long time to look up all the proof - of his claims; if he would plead guilty it would be quick and easy! So while he was worrying about Mother in bedfast with Spinal Injury - no money for Mr. Father just out of hospital - no income, and he unjustly tricked into pleading guilty with his income for parents cut off - he about lost his mind; he could not believe his Navy would do that to him! The lawyer lied to him! He was hurt! And they did not return to him his doctors statement; letter from family where sick about illness. leave papers; or 5 day Extension telegram They did return his ticket! So he finally wrote a letter to the Cripple lady, from the New Orleans Brig - begging her to go to his parents and take care of them; they were alone and no money She came as soon as she could raise R. R. fare by nursed us till Jan - 1946 - when she got a position as switchboard operator at the Riverside Laundry and is still there! So he was sent to Perry Prison; and the nerve shock & worry caused him to become forgetful and letters were very

disconnected and misspelled; and they had offered  
him a B.C.W. - but he had refused; thinking of  
his future after the war, in making a living;  
or fraternizing with his Buddies of 2 1/2 yrs in S.W.P.  
I sent word to his Comdr and Chaplain in Okinawa  
who began a series of complaints to the Secy of  
the Navy and Chaplain in Wash. D.C. - but they  
clain constant brush off - because the boy had  
pleaded guilty! I have letters of that date July 9<sup>th</sup> 45  
which read; you can see they pleaded my  
case different than I told you; and altho treated  
for dysentery; and spitting blood; vomiting every  
morning till noon; not able to eat breakfast; he  
worked a pressing machine in laundry; with  
that wrist just out of cast, now its stiff and  
he can't use it very well for lettering his trade is  
Commercial Artist. yet they would not consider  
his own illness - Finally after much pressure  
from Comdr & Chaplain of Batt - who informed  
the Navy the charge was false! he did not  
miss ship; he was not to go out! They did  
after 7 months in Perry Prison; put him on a  
6 months probation! But why didn't they turn  
him loose; after 7 months suffering & privation  
that surely would have paid for the 20 days  
which also were not his fault - he dated  
the letter May 20 - day due back: and he made  
5 contacts to get back - his Batt - 2 times - which  
navy has acknowledged of by Comdr. Butler his  
Chaplain Fowler; and Red Cross telegrams to Hume  
and doctors' statement from Hospital thru the

letters I sent to Comdr. of Receiving Base; beside all  
the telegrams and letters I sent - of course some  
were not delivered, since they sailed, but were  
mailed to them. Now back to 6 months probation  
before it started he was home <sup>was</sup> ten days  
and he was so thin and nervous, he couldn't  
talk; his heart was broken at his empty  
sleeve, and he was so proud of his service  
bars; and Seabee Emblem: As I his mother had  
gained world wide publicity on poems about  
the "Seabee", receiving a pin of honor from Genl  
Comdr. Spaulding of Block yards, in Wash. D.C. - and  
a letter of Commendation from Admiral Ben Morell  
for another; and they were published in books  
of poems, ~~and~~ where ever a Navy paper was  
published; So he was justly proud of his "Seabee"  
But terribly hurt at loss of rating he worked so  
hard for; and had received letters of Commendation  
for 13 days work round the clock; had volunteered  
to pilot barges of Ammunition through those dangerous  
uncharted shoals in around Marian's and never  
lost a barge! as they were so often straggled  
by japs; enroute; He swore he would get those  
rates back; and wear his V Pin! So they went  
to "Port Huenehue" again for probation; and he was  
in charge of detail - 3 other men; and at Station  
in Calif - 2 got lost; and separated in crowd -  
He was in no mental or physical condition  
to be responsible in the first place; but it  
was purely accidental, and altho my Son  
and one man hung around Station all

day thinking maybe men would come back, and what saved them was; they went to Stationmaster at once, explained loss; and he fed the 2 boys as they had no money; and finally decided to turn in without them; more narry & newer Strain! being late! meant a Capt Mast again they felt like beating those two boys to death however when they got to the Base; they were there! So ten days went by - before Capt Mast headaches day and night - narry of consequences finally it came. and due to fact. they stayed in Station; all the time; the Captain said O.K. I'll let you off all of you: but don't let me see one of you up here again! or else! They were told "Or Else" meant back to Penit Prison for full time! They were all so relieved; they could have kissed the Captain! But scared to death to move or breathe from that on! My Son went to Red Cross to see why no clearance papers ever came in answer to his request the Red Cross Head - Mr. McClosky: said he did receive the request - records on book and answer; and he did ratify legal office of the telegram; So legal officer went with Son to Red Cross; and there was the Records - So legal officer; went to Comdr. and told him; So the Comdr. told them to cross Wright's name off the "Pearl Harbor theft" as he only had 4 months to go to discharge! Well he had

been under so much nerve & worry. he wrote me the good news; and June 15, he would be out. and they took movies of "Seabee Base" that day; if ever billed, try to get money to see it, sent a receipt for Creol Sauce; for Wieners! out of his paper; and said: now tonight I can sleep!

He did! he had a pass only 10¢ so had to hitch hike ride to Oquard to mail letter, got down O.K. - but while there, two boys bought him each a glass of beer; to celebrate his good luck; with the Capt Mast & Seal Harbor Cancellation! Beer always makes him sleepy so he decided, he would rest before starting to walk back; fell asleep and relaxed after such long nerve strain; slept till 11 A.M.

Late again: He was scared stiff - he started to walk and remembered the warning and said he would rather be dead than go back to any prison as a second offender he had seen what happened: So he wrote me, and then called me long distance to wire money to come home; he was afraid to go back; but since his Chaplain was home now in Pittsburgh Pa. maybe he could get the Secy of Navy to understand, the awful trials he had been in; about us and how ridiculous it would be to think he would deliberately do wrong when so near out; and his parents

needing him so much; as we had sold  
my Electric Sewing machine, Elect Sweeper -  
Persian rugs; tapestries; bed spreads -  
Camera - movie projector; rings jewelry -  
smile coat; seal coat; paintings; silverware  
every thing of value; our bank acct; our hospital  
fund of 500.00 we had borrowed 500.00 on my  
husbands Insurance Policy; and all in all we  
were down and out; and had paid 300.00 down  
on a little unfinished frame cottage; no walls  
no ceiling; only 800.00 at 22.50 a month to  
exist; through his trouble and had some  
chickens and turkeys; but the mark was too  
heavy I had to sell them. Well he arrived home  
and the "Chaplain Fowler" paid his own expense  
into Wash. to see "Sect of Navy" but only got as far  
as - Capt Hunter Wood Jr - who would not promise  
any consideration of the case; until he had an  
official report from Base the boy was A.O.L.  
no official report came till July 1946 - from 7/16/46  
Then Woods was very mad at me; for  
writing; saying to do some thing time was  
passing! He made statement to "Chaplain"  
quote "I don't like cases where nonces interfere  
this case looks like a case of Mother & Son  
and the Son never grew up - funny? The  
Son is 33 yrs old the mother 57 - the father  
63 - The boy supported us since 1938 - mostly

lead his own large Art Studio with help - did work  
for 31 Theater Lobbies and my husband had been  
before his illness "Publicity Director" for 21 Theater  
fol (E.M. Low) from Bridgeport Conn. to Worcester Mass -  
So its funny to say he never grew up! So  
Capt Woods - was very antagonistic about the  
matter; and has blocked every effort to set  
the boy free! When "Senator Pepper" tried  
to defend the boy! "Capt Woods" sent a  
nasty insinuation to Sen. Pepper; that the boy  
did 3 things not tried for! which of course  
stop "Pepper" off cold! But I insisted to know  
what they were! So he had to produce  
them - #1 was 1942 before leaving U.S.A. to War -  
crowd out sight seeing - did not know cars run only  
every hour after certain time; missed car; so  
was one hr. late! for which passes were  
lifted for rest of time in Port: #2 - In S.W.P.  
1943 - on New Years Eve! Had been celebrating and  
2 tents talk back and forth; did not quiet down  
no one would tell who was making noise so  
guard turned in whole lot in tents, all got  
40 hrs - Extra duty - but Capt - forgot it - and  
never enforced it - #3 - Back in U.S.A. <sup>late</sup> 1944  
Crowd taken to Barn Blaine from U.S.O - come time  
to come home - no transportation - reported to  
C.O. - by phone - gave location So Cleared them at Cell

but all 4 got restricted to Base for 30 days - So they  
did pay for each thing; but that was nothing  
unusual - But that was a year ago he told  
Sen. Pepper that - "Sen Pepper" stayed dead on heap -  
and boy has spent 7 months in Jacksonville Dug  
awaiting trial for 315 days (over leave) all the time  
the Chaplain made 8 trips to Wash. to see different  
people and each took time to look up records  
and answer; and so in Nov. 1946 - The Navy  
turned it over to F.B.I. - to pick him up and  
did - and every inquiry; of heap Capt Woods  
querred it - with nasty misstatements till only  
a month ago; I informed Sen. Pepper of the  
real reason of 3 things: I did not see Sen. Pepper  
personally I borrowed money and went to Wash  
but saw his Sect - Mr. Foker, who said go on  
home; the (Sect of Moy) will sign a B.C.D as  
was offered Wright in New Orleans as of that  
date. (If he is not permanently disabled - So  
I stayed in Jacksonville and told the legal  
officer; who says (quote: St. Cloud. Martin) I have  
made 4 attempts in Wash. D.C. - but cannot get past  
the Personnel Dept - and Capt Woods! It goes in  
circles back to him! in disciplinary board and  
the answer is always No Mercy! Try him on  
General Court Martial for (desertion) 315 days) - now  
he is A.O.L. - but did not desert - on leave  
with out pass. he is A.O.L. not A.W.O.L. So

Still quote: You and I will know to our dying day; Mr. Wright - that your son was wrongly accused, as our affidavits show; he was unjustly tried and sentenced: And if this first injustice had not been done; he would not have been in a position, or ill health to have caused through mitigating circumstances the last misfortune but wach - refuses to consider the first is connected in any way with the second - So all we can do is try him a second General Court martial: for 30 days absence: plead not guilty to any intent to desert; and present a brief with the trial papers; of circumstances; but since they will not allow us to even mention the first trial: how can I explain this one? Altho he was a psycho patient 2 months - he is O.K. - now - after 5 months in Brig - and medical Dept claims he is nervous has some defects but able to be back to duty - Altho the boy proved his will to do good by refusing a P.A.L. Status 3 weeks ago after 5 months confinement; for fear he may go to sleep in a movie, and be late for muster; and cause more trouble; for he knows inside he is a seething nerve strain; as his father cannot hope to live longer than next Feb or March, and if mental strain and worry is not lessened the mother will not last that long -

now she carries the greatest burden of all, and all the doctors can do for her; in her nervous state, is give (phenobarbital) to make her sleep and relax as now; she takes nerve and muscular spasms - at first were in arms, legs, toes & fingers pulled up - now it goes into stomach and under heart - Very serious! The doctors say the father would probably be relieved of the Ulcers in stomach if narry were removed - and live a while; or at least ease pain while he lasts - they cannot seem to over come the infection from first operation in 1945 - where this whole trouble started; and altho the bladder & kidney operation; the pus is rising again with pain & fever; so the bladder was drained again by instruments this last Tuesday ~~July~~ August 5 - and next week a new U.S. series of Xray will be taken to see what if any more can be done: He had 4 Blood & 4 glucose transfusions this last operation June 3 - 1947 - and is now practically a paralytic; very little use of hands & arms - from 194 lbs. to 128 lbs - and all this has been at the expense of the Wade County Hospital - and they are making a statement by letter to (Sec of Navy)

to be "Human" enough to give that boy a B.C.O.  
or any sort of discharge; but send him  
home to his parents, who are absolutely  
destitute; dependent now on Charity for  
food; medicine; hospitalization; and  
they feel sure; both parents and Son  
would improve; and a home be reunited  
after 5 long years; for what little time  
there is left for them to be together —  
And oh, so many people, say write  
to Mrs. Roswell - if "Our Late President"  
were alive; he would soon make clear  
work of such an injustice; for what  
if such were the case of one of his  
Sons! Then as if by fate this latest case  
of your Son Elliot came about: And you must  
know how it feels to have your Son -  
unjustly accused, only mine is in jail.  
and next is, this (if) they give him a  
B.C.O. at trial to let him out quickly as they  
are in sympathy with case! when it reaches  
Wash. D.C. - "Capt Woods" gets it first," he adds  
remark - changes sentence from any thing  
of 18 months to life - and "Sect of Navy" as the  
President are the only ones who can stop  
it! Please dear lady; can you help us, in  
Jesus name we ask it - and in memory  
of our Late President who

paid! These men have fought that ~~war~~  
may live without fear and want  
and my Son has served 3 long  
hard years in S.W.P. and now been  
gone over 5 years! He is stated - enlisted  
expired - no pay! There is it much left  
but we may salvage the house if  
he gets home before a hurricane as  
the shutters are all warped, made  
from packing boxes from Army dump  
and no one to close ventilators between  
roof and ceiling - roof would blow off  
and raise damage beds & furniture  
if it didn't blow away! A Capt McDonald  
of the dispensary at Jacksonville Air Station -  
thinks if some one of influence was  
to see "Sect of Mary" personally, or write  
him a personal letter, and ask him  
to consider this angle of this case; he  
would do so, and set the boy free  
so much evidence is compiled just  
recently: Beside no one who tried  
has ever been able to reach the Sect  
of Mary - they all get side tracked to  
some one else!

It's to a point now, where quick action alone can save the day; before another Court Martial Trial; which the Legal office has been Stalling off - in hopes he or some one else could reach over Woods head and get to Sect of Navy Personally!

Thank you, and may God Bless your Son, and the outcome as we pray for it; and we pray for your Son, and you try to help me for our Son; God will Bless us all - for he says - help and Pray ye, one for another! He does not say Pray for your selves! That can be selfish; but to help others is unselfish.

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The Sons name is Melwyn Eugene Wright 551-68-16  
was Pt. 2c - now reduced to S 7c - and is  
at U.S. Naval Air Station: Building X or Brig -  
Jacksonville Fla - under legal office -  
Sect Comdr. Drew Martin - U.S.N.R.  
Legal Dept - Box 2  
Same Naval Station

Love Sincerely his Mother: Mrs. Magic Wright  
168 - ~~St~~ 74 Ave) mailing address → R. 10-1 - Box 903  
Muskie 35 Florida

September 21, 1947

My dear Mr. Wright:

I am returning your manuscript as I am so busy at the present time, it will not be possible for me to read. I have so many official reports to read on the United Nations work I am doing, it leaves me practically no time for other reading.

So many manuscripts are sent to me I am afraid yours might be lost if I keep it. In any case my opinion on your novel would not be of any help to you. Why don't you take it to a literary agent who will be able to tell you if it is good?

Very sincerely yours,

I am returning your money order as I have a franking privilege.

Ralph A. Wright  
1006 E. 28th St.  
Los Angeles, Calif.  
September 15, 1947

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
Hyde Park  
New York, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

First I imagine that I should introduce myself: My name is Ralph Alexander Wright. I'm a native of Jacksonville, Florida, and I am 24 years old. Before the War I attended Florida A & M College in Tallahassee, Florida. At present I'm a student at the University of Southern California, here in Los Angeles. I am a major in Accounting.

Mrs. Roosevelt I am taking the liberty of sending you a copy of the manuscript of a proposed novel I have written. If you can forgive me for my rudeness in sending you this manuscript without first having asked your permission, and if you would be so kind, I would sincerely appreciate your reading the story and then forwarding me any advice, comments, and criticisms you may have to offer.

I understand that you are a very busy person Mrs. Roosevelt, and for that reason I don't expect you to get around to reading my manuscript immediately. However, I would appreciate a note from you informing me that you have received it and also telling me of some approximate time within which you will have finished reading it.

Enclosed you will find a Money Order totalling One Dollar (\$1.00) which will cover the mailing of the manuscript back to me. But not until after, I hope, you have read it.

Until I hear from you I remain,

Respectfully yours,

*Ralph A. Wright*  
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