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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:-

In the Ladies' Home Journal of March you said, "No lend lease butter is going to Canada." How then do you explain the fact that a man of my acquaintance - a resident of the State of New York - went to Canada, bought five pounds of unrationed butter at thirty-eight cents a pound, stamped LEND LEASE and bearing the name of a N. Y. dairy operating within a few miles of his home? Such misstatements coming from you show either a complete disregard for accuracy or a deliberate endeavor to mislead the thousands of unthinking readers who believe you have access to the truth, and meticulously disseminate it.

Truly yours,

March 6, 1945.

Elizabeth - Francis Kleckner

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October 27, 1945

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
29 Washington Square W.
New York City

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

As I believe Miss Delano told you, I have been writing a child's story of President Roosevelt's boyhood based on the stories his mother told me through the years. I am sending you the manuscript - Miss Delano is good enough to say that she will deliver it - in the hope that you will read it and make any suggestions. I want very much to have the book as you believe the President himself would have liked it.

When I finished the first draft, I asked Miss Delano and Mrs. Robinson, who had known the President as a child, to read it and make any suggestions. Their suggestions have been incorporated into the finished manuscript. I wrote Judge Rosenman some time ago asking whether he would read the chapters dealing with the President's public life, but I have had no reply. I would be grateful if you would suggest someone who might read and criticize those chapters, unless you feel that it is unnecessary.

I want very much to have the book completely authentic and, without making the boy seem a goody-good, to show the background for and the development of the characteristics which made him the great man he became. The artist, Lawrence Dresser, to whom you were very kind when he was at Hyde Park last Saturday, will also make his drawings correct.

I do hope you like the book. If you will let me know when it is ready, I will send for it.

Sincerely yours,

Rita Halle Kleeman