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1115 C Street, San Rafael, Calif.
April 8, 1945.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House, Washington, D.C.

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My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Is there any chance of some member of your household staff wanting a vacation during the coming summer months? (June 15th to about Sept. 10th) If so, I should like to be the substitute, if you think I might be satisfactory.

As the inclosed letter indicates, I am a teacher in the public schools here. Financing a summer vacation is a serious problem. We receive meager salaries for only eleven months of the year; during August, no income whatever. Paradoxically, just when I have time to indulge in change of pace and scene, my funds are low. After five years of confinement in one town, I feel the need of "recharging my batteries", so to speak, by working temporarily, in a new place.

Incidentally, this is the first summer in nineteen years, that I am free from family responsibility. (I am a widow, my two daughters are launched on their own careers.)

While I could find work in some office, or as tutor, or as companion to an adult; I have a deep-seated longing to be permitted to know you.

Since reading your childhood story, I have marveled at the gracious, kindly outlook you have, on people. Evidently as a young, sensitive child you disappointed your beautiful mother by failing to duplicate her pattern of physical perfection. How natural and easy it would have been for you to become bitter, or shy and withdrawn! With quick observation, lively humor, and keen mind you have cultivated constructive thoughts, refusing to bid for attention by a sarcastic, negative reaction to life.

My background includes a B.A. degree- Iowa State Teachers College; a summer of graduate work at Columbia University; a Master of Arts Degree- 1933-University of California; and teaching in various states. Prior to my present position, I assisted Dr. John Louis Horn, Head of the School of Education, Dominican College, here, as Director of Teacher Training.

Rev. Frederick H. Avery, rector of St. Paul's Church; and Dr. John Louis Horn, 20 Hillcrest Drive; of San Rafael, have given me permission to give their names as references.

Should you consider using my services this summer, would you grant me a personal interview when you come to San Francisco within the next few weeks?

Very truly yours,

Marguerite Cadwallader Layton
(Mrs. Marguerite Cadwallader Layton)

St. Paul's Church
Rev. Frederick H. Avery, Rector
San Rafael, California

March 8, 1945

Mr. Oliver R. Hartzell
Superintendent of Schools
San Rafael, California

Dear Mr. Hartzell:

Due to the similarity of our positions, I know how frequently one receives letters of complaint regarding the service he is trying to render. It is therefore, a pleasure to write a letter on the other side of the picture.

My daughter Carol is a pupil at the E Street Grammar School. She is not a brilliant student, but an earnest one. However she has the good fortune to be a pupil of Mrs. Layton of the sixth grade of that school.

Mrs. Layton is the most stimulating teacher it has ever been my experience to know through the reaction of a child in school. Her interest in teaching children rather than subjects is more refreshing than I can possibly express to you. My own youngster, under Mrs. Layton's tutelage, has been stimulated in her desire to learn, and has forgotten the concept of school as a necessary nuisance. I could only wish there were more members of the teaching profession with Mrs. Layton's sympathy, wisdom, and vision.

Very sincerely yours,

(signed): Frederick H. Avery

Notation:-

Mrs. Layton:

Congratulations!

Please return this to me.

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