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

Dear Madam:

(I read your articles in the New York World Telegram) and have often been tempted to write you pointing out the injustice and unfairness of your comments on subjects affecting our daily life, about which you can not possibly know anything. Up to now I have restrained this desire, knowing how useless an ordinary American's comments would be to one who thinks, she has a solution of all problems.

I was overwhelmed however, by your article headed "Hysteria Over Meat". How can you possibly pretend to know anything about an American housewife's problems when you spend such a large part of your time and your eating away from home. It seems there is hardly a day, that you are not eating out at luncheons, teas and dinners. On none of these occasions do you have to provide the food or the ration points for it. I do not believe you are qualified to tell us what the meat situation is. If your comments were limited to subjects that you may personally experience or be directly informed on, it is not likely you would disturb the lives of so many people.

There are many Government-Agencies involved in the meat mess, none agreeing on why it is in such a mess. The added writing of one who can not possibly know what she is talking about, only makes things worse.

Very truly yours,

T. J. MacDermott
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South River, N.J.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Will you please autograph the enclosed card for me? I assure you I shall appreciate it very much as it is for my "Famous Americans" collection.

Many thanks and sincere good wishes.

Yours truly,

Malcolm McDermott