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Mr. & Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt

Dear Sir & Madam

I have some problems and I do want your help please. Mrs. Roosevelt is there any way that I can come and visit you just to talk with you about our problems here and condition? there is so many things I want your help on, how to go about doing, I have sold bonds and stamps, help in the Red Cross drive also war fund drive but I don't know how to go about doing big things, because my race is not in there thing, why? because they feel so left out of everything, you take like movie shows and all of the war shows don't have no colored in there fighting, no here the only colored they show is one clowning about how many potatoes he can peel and we are wondering what they are doing, now here close to town is an army camp, Camp Swift well its no place for the negre soldiers to go, no U.S.C. Well we need places for them to go and have fun and they want have

to think other things. the whites has
a nice re. S. O. here. I think the Colored
boys need one too. you see Mrs Roosevelt
things like that is hard. to win this
war is to fight together and be friends
not hate one another. I have heard
some of them say we don't care who win
this war we are treated so mean we can't
be treated no meaner. that's not the way
for a soldier to feel because this is a
swell country and I wish all my people
know how much I ^{love} here. the red, white &
blue means so much to me. I wish I
could tell every body what it really
do mean to be free I wish I had
a way to go from town to town and
sell bonds and talk with my people and
let them know what we must do
we have ability to do in these small
towns to do what we want. and I do
want you to please give me some ideas
how to go about. do you know Mrs
Roosevelt there is a man over us all
and he sees and knows all things. we
must treat our fellow man right
when we learn these kind things

and friends how to love one another
he will take a hand. do you know
what a negro is the best friend a white
man can have and will be his
friend until the end. no matter how
cruel some of them treat them. he shall
always be his best friend. I've sold more
war bonds than any colored in this country
and I love doing it. now in this 4th
drive I will do more. if we had a. n. s. d.
it is so much I could do. Mrs Roosevelt.
I wish you could understand me. if I
had some one else here ever me to tell
me how to go about doing things its
a lot I could do. this thing is
in my blood and I can't do any
thing about it but sell bonds and stamps
and keep selling them and put the ideal
into other's heads and make them see what
we must do. if I could just talk to
you and you show me how to go
about this thing. Mrs Roosevelt you
can't know what it means to be living
in this country it is something to fight
for and die for. I want to work for
this country I want to do something

and keep doing it. I just can't sleep
at night for thinking there is so
much my people can do. but they
feel so left out. the white man says
nigger get in your place but that's
hard to do because he don't know
that because he says ride the
train if front of the white then
again he says get in the back of the
bus. when you go to the movie he
says go upstairs. So where is our place?
we can't please every body all we want
is to be treated right and help get this
mess of a war over with soon.

Sincerely
Fatha Maxwell