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NEWBOLD MORRIS  
PRESIDENT

May 8, 1945

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

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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thank you so much for letting me know about Mrs. Morgenthau's interest in the theatre and music. I am sure there are many ways in which she can be helpful to our infant institution, the City Center of Music and Drama.

I have met her on occasions, but unless I had heard from you, I would have assumed she would not be in New York very frequently.

With many thanks and best wishes,

Very sincerely yours,

*Newbold Morris*

May 7, 1945

Dear Mr. Morris:

I do not know whether you need any help on your Civic Center project, but Mrs. Henry Morgenthau, junior, who has been ill recently, is going to have time I think, to devote to things which should be done at home. She is an excellent critic of theatre and music.

Do you need anyone to help you read plays and help plan the season's offerings? I know she would do a magnificent job and it might be something which would give her an interest and not tax her strength too much, besides being a great help to you.

Very cordially yours,



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The President,  
White House,  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. President:

With all due respect for your intelligence and native wit you have overlooked the proper person capable of gaining the cooperation of Russia with the United States and Great Britian, in order that peace may reign over the world. That person is Eleanor Roosevelt. You, and Mr. Byrnes, and all others have failed in getting Russia to cooperate, and I insist, for the safety and security of the peoples of the world that you forthwith despatch Mrs. Roosevelt to bring about this, so desirable a thing.

In her article "MY Day" published in papers of this date, I quote: "Russia has a very important place in the world of today". You and Mr. Byrnes failed to impress upon Russia her importance in the world of today. I quote further: It is to her that the Indonesian people have appealed. It is to her that, I imagine, both factions in China are appealing. Her influence for good can be very great, but it will depend largely upon the ability of Russia, Great Britian and the United States to work together and to keep the rest of the world working together". Now, Mrs. Roosevelt has that certain knowledge required to get Russia to cooperate with the United States and Great Britian, that you and Mr. Byrnes do not possess.

All that is necessary is to turn over to Mrs. Roosevelt a copy of all the agreements that Russia has signed, and failed to carry out, and she will have them do the needful, and peace will again reign. Since the atomic bomb came later than the agreements, leave that out of it.

Your action in this matter will be a test of your sincerity for peace in the world.

My action is that of one of the sovereign people who is exercising his right as a ruler.

Yours sincerely,

*W. N. Morris*

C/c Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
C/c Mr. James F. Byrnes  
Secretary of State