

Roosevelt National
Memorial Committee
1945

AMERICAN RED CROSS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

CHAIRMAN'S OFFICE

4/28/5

April 27, 1945

To E.R.

I will call on you at 11 a.m.
Monday 4/30/5 at your
apartment in New York.

The names in the attached
list are suggestions only.
You, of course, will have
names to suggest and they
can either be added to the
list or supplant names
already thereon.

Joe

Admiral Leahy
Dear Leahy

Confidential
Memorandum
for E.R.

April 27, 1945.

ROOSEVELT NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Planning Committee

The Roosevelt National Memorial Committee, to consider a suitable national memorial to the late President Franklin D. Roosevelt, will be made up of a Planning Committee and several Advisory Committees.

The Planning Committee will consist of thirty men and women, most of whom were close enough to the President or to some of his interests to know something of his ideals, hopes and plans. For obvious reasons, it is highly desirable to restrict the number of members of the Planning Committee to something like this number. Any committee of only thirty cannot possibly include, of course, all the names that readily occur to one. No attempt, therefore, has been made, for example, to include at this time in the Planning Committee all the Cabinet Members. Some have been chosen not because they were Cabinet Members, but because they had a close personal relationship to the late President or because they represented distinctly a field in which he was interested. Other Cabinet Members may appear later on some Advisory Committee.

The functions of the Planning Committee generally will be (1) to consider all proposals that have been made and are being made for a memorial to the late President; (2) to sketch in broad outline the kind of national memorial it believes would be appropriate; and (3) to submit to the Advisory Committees the Planning Committee's suggestions for discussion.

The full or partial composition of the Planning Committee should be announced as soon as possible.

The Advisory Committees will consist of men and women representing fields in which the late President was interested, such as Labor, International Relations, Science, Health, History, and other subjects. They will be repre-

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sentatives not only of all parts of the country, but may represent all parts of the world. There may be many of these Advisory Committees and their total membership will probably be quite large. Each Advisory Committee will counsel and advise the Planning Committee.

As is usual in such cases, Congress will have its own Committee to consider what governmental recognition shall be given to the late President. I have been assured that any such Congressional Committee will cooperate fully with the Planning Committee.

See suggested names attached

April 27, 1945.

ROOSEVELT NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Suggestions for Membership on the Planning Committee

(Hold to thirty if possible)

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1. PRESIDENT HARRY S. TRUMAN,
Honorary Chairman

Suggested Members

<u>Name</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Interest</u>	<u>Description</u>
2. Adams, Frederick B.	New York	Personal	Chairman, Executive Committee, Air Reduction Company, Inc.; Vice President and Trustee, The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis.
3. Allen, George E.	Washington	Personal	Vice President, Home Insurance Company; Vice President and Trustee, The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; Trustee, Georgia Warm Springs Foundation.
4. Baruch, Bernard M.	New York	General	
5. Buck, Solon J.	Washington	Library	Archivist of the United States; Chairman, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library.
6. Burke, John S.	New York	Infantile	President, B. Altman & Co.; Vice-President and Trustee of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; President of B. Altman Foundation and Friedsam Foundation, both of which have supported GWSF from the start.
7. Bush, Dr. Vannevar	Washington	Science	President, Carnegie Institution of Washington and Director of Office of Scientific Research and Development.
8. Conant, Dr. James B.	Cambridge	Science	President, Harvard University
9. Daniels, Josephus	Raleigh	Press	Newspaper publisher
10. Ethridge, Mark F.	Louisville	Press	Newspaper publisher (Louisville Courier Journal)
Field, Marshall	Chicago	Press	Newspaper publisher; Trustee of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis

(a) 12.	Ford, Henry, II	Detroit	Public	Executive Vice President, Ford Motor Company (Trustee, The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis)
✓ 13.	Frankfurter, Felix J.	Washington	General	Justice, United States Supreme Court
?(a) 14.	Gifford, Walter S.	New York	Public	President, American Telephone and Telegraph Company (Trustee, The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis)
✓ 15.	Harriman, W. Averell	Washington		U.S. Ambassador to U.S.S.R.; Trustee of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis
✓ 16.	Hopkins, Harry L.	Washington	Personal General	Chairman, Munitions Assignment Board of United States and Great Britain; Trustee, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library; Member, Central Committee American Red Cross
?(a) 17.	Macomber, John R.	Boston	Public	Chairman, Board of Directors, The First Boston Corporation (Trustee, The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis)
✓ 18.	McCarthy, Leighton	Toronto	Personal Infantile	Trustee, The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; Trustee, Georgia Warm Springs Foundation
✓ 19.	McIntire, Ross T.	Washington	Personal Health	Surgeon General, U. S. Navy; Member Central Committee, American Red Cross
✓ 20.	Morgenthau, Henry, Jr.	Washington	Personal	
✓ 21.	Morison, Samuel E.	Cambridge	Library	Professor of history, Harvard University; Trustee, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library
✓ 22.	O'Connor, Basil	New York	Personal Infantile Library	President and Trustee, The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; Chairman of the Executive Committee and Trustee, Georgia Warm Springs Foundation; President and Trustee, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library; Chairman, American National Red Cross
✓ 23.	Perkins, Frances	Washington	Labor Personal	
✓ 24.	Rosenman, Samuel I.	New York	Personal Library	Trustee, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library

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| 25. Thompson, C. Mildred | Poughkeepsie | Political | Dean, Vassar College |
| 26. Walker, Frank C. | Washington | Political Library | Trustee, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library |
| (b) 27. Wallis, Sumner | Washington | International | Former Under Secretary of State |
| (a) 28. Woodruff, Robert W. ? | Atlanta | Public | Chairman, Board of Directors, The Coca Cola Company (Trustee, The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis) |
| 29. (Woman) | <i>Mary Horton</i> | | |
| 30. (Woman) | <i>Helen Lehague</i> | | |
| Added | <i>Henry Wallace</i>
<i>John Golden</i>
<i>Ed Flynn</i> | | |

Notes: (a) Although these four men are Trustees of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, they are not suggested in that capacity. They are suggested as representing the public rather than as being close to FDR. The fact that they are Trustees of The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, however, gives them an interest and assures their working well with Committee. Also their geographical location -- Boston, New York, Detroit and Atlanta -- is good. There may be facts that make them personally obnoxious, but if so I am not aware of them.

(b) Put in to represent someone close to FDR representing international affairs -- without going into State Department at this time. If there is a personal equation here I do not know of it.

Henry Kaiser

Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune

William Green

Sidney Hillman

Phillip Murray

Harrison or whatever member from the Brotherhoods Frances Perkins thinks
the best representative

Archie MacLeish

General Marshall

Admiral Kind

Anne O'Hare McCormick

Dorothy Thompson

Jim Patten - Farmers Union

David Lillienthal, TVA

Langdon Marvin, because he represents both Harvard and is one of
Franklin's oldest friends.

Gerald Morgan - at Groton with the President and his next door neighbor in
the country

Gifford Pinchot because he worked for years with the President on conservation

Nelson Brown o . of Syracuse University

John Winant

Mark Ethridge

Barry Bingham

Isiah Bowman - Johns Hopkins

Mayor LaGuardia

Charlotte Carr

Will Hayes

Rabbi Wise

Bishop Spellman

Bishop Oldham, Albany

Anna Rosenberg

BASIL O'CONNOR - 120 BROADWAY - NEW YORK 5

Dear Eleanor:

*Just message to me
y'd let him know. at 10:30
Please transfer him to
Monday, 20th May 1945
about 30 at a time*

Your letter of the third from Washington was not received in my office here in New York until 11:36 a.m. Friday morning. A release was made on Thursday afternoon, for the Thursday evening papers and Friday morning papers, containing the names of all of the members of the Planning Committee who had accepted membership at the time of the release. This was pursuant to schedule. A copy of the members of the Planning Committee is enclosed.

I will telephone Harry Hopkins in Washington next week so that he will understand that it was nobody's fault that his suggestion was not carried out. I think we can work out the situation however, if necessary, to cover the names suggested by Harry. They strike me as names of individuals who would fit naturally into some Advisory Committee as we had planned. If this doesn't seem satisfactory, we might create a "General Advisory Committee" and ask them to serve on that, calling the other Advisory Committees to which we heretofore referred, "Special Advisory Committees." This would upset our plans considerably, however, and I would hope we wouldn't have to do it. Even after that I'm sure there would be those who would think of other names of equal merit. The series of Advisory Committees was intended in part to care for just such a thing.

I would like to see you about this and the monument for the late President's grave, of which I now have sketches, estimates, etc. Since I will not be in New York tomorrow, I am asking Mr. Koons to telephone you tomorrow morning to arrange an appointment for me Thursday morning, May 10, if that is convenient to you.

Faithfully yours,

Basil O'Connor

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

Enclosure

ROOSEVELT NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Membership of the Planning Committee

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HONORARY CHAIRMAN
President Harry S. Truman

TEMPORARY CHAIRMAN
Basil O'Connor

MEMBERS

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8. Douglas, Helen Gahagan	Los Angeles	Congresswoman
9. Early, Stephen	Washington	Secretary to the late President Roosevelt
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11. Flynn, Edward J.	New York	Lawyer
12. Frankfurter, Felix J.	Washington	Justice, United States Supreme Court
13. Golden, John	New York	Playwright and producer
14. Hooker, Henry S.	New York	Lawyer

15.	Hopkins, Harry L.	Washington	Chairman, Munitions Assignment Board of United States and Great Britain; Trustee, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library
16.	Houghteling, Jas. Lawrence	Washington	Director of the National Organization Division of War Finance Division of the Treasury Department
17.	Leahy, William D.	Washington	Fleet Admiral
18.	McCarthy, Leighton	Toronto	Trustee, The National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis; Trustee, Georgia Warm Springs Foundation
19.	McIntire, Ross T.	Washington	Surgeon General, U. S. Navy; Member, Central Committee, American Red Cross
20.	Morgenthau, Henry, Jr.	Washington	Secretary of the Treasury
21.	Morison, Samuel E.	Cambridge	Professor of history, Harvard University; Trustee, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library
22.	Norton, Mary T.	Jersey City	Congresswoman
23.	Patterson, Frederick D.	Tuskegee	President, Tuskegee Institute
24.	Perkins, Frances	Washington	Secretary of Labor
25.	Rosenman, Samuel I.	New York	Trustee, Franklin D. Roosevelt Library
26.	Sherwood, Robert E.	New York	Writer
27.	Thompson, C. Mildred	Poughkeepsie	Dean, Vassar College
28.	Wallace, Henry A.	Washington	Secretary of Commerce
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2029 Connecticut Avenue
Washington, D.C.
May 1, 1945

My dear "Doc":

I went over the list very much more carefully on the way down here, and in the evening I talked over with Anna the people you have suggested.

Anna is troubled by some of the omissions just as I have been and I feel that we should include on the committee, Henry Wallace and John Golden; Eddie Flynn as a friend and not political, and in quite a different category from Jim Farley, also Robert Sherwood.

Anna also feels as I do about Mr. Macomber and Mr. Gifford - they are unknown quantities to us as to their close connection with the President and they do not stand out in either of our minds as being particularly close to Franklin's interests, except in the case of infantile paralysis, and of course, where this memorial is concerned, many of the projects which will come up, will be more closely tied with Franklin's social philosophy than with his purely humanitarian projects like infantile paralysis.

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We also feel doubtful about Mr. Robert W. Woodruff of Atlanta. These people could all be on sub-committees and could all continue their interest in the National Foundation, but it seems to me that they would not be as generally sympathetic on the type of thing that this memorial fund might want to do.

I also think that at the first meeting of this planning committee, it would be well for you to suggest that you called them together because of your sense of responsibility, being president of the library and also of the Infantile Paralysis Foundation; that the committee itself should be responsible for electing its own chairman. It seems to me it would be a mistake if you were president of all three, though I realize that your organization is the one that will have to raise the money because they know more about it and have the pattern all set. My idea would be that someone be made chairman, and that you and someone else be two vice-chairmen. This, of course, is purely suggestion on my part and I think you should work it out as the committee feels is best at the first meeting.

Very sincerely yours,

(Signed Eleanor Roosevelt)

WA DEPT "DOC":

WVA J. TAYLOR
MEMPHIS, TENN. D.C.
3050 CONGRESS ST. WASH DC

2029 Connecticut Ave
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Very sincerely yours,

Washington, D.C.
May 3, 1945

My dear "Doc":

I went to see Harry Hopkins this morning and he was very much interested in the committee, but felt we had left off some very important people. He is very anxious that you should invite them and announce them at the same time you announce the other members of the committee because he feels that without them, the committee will be very incomplete.

I hope you can do this if possible.

Very cordially yours,

O'CONNOR & FARBER
COUNSELORS AT LAW
120 BROADWAY
NEW YORK 5, N.Y.

May 15, 1945

ROOSEVELT NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Miss Malvina Thompson,
Hyde Park, Dutchess County,
New York.

My dear Miss Thompson:

This will acknowledge receipt today of your memorandum enclosing check for \$1,000. to "Anna R. Roosevelt" for the sum of \$1,000. and endorsed by Mrs. Roosevelt to the memorial fund. Said check has today been deposited in the bank account established for that purpose.

Sincerely yours,

Barclay O'Connor

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Send Copy.
[1945]

Roosevelt Memorial
Comm.

Dear "Doc":

I have been thinking over what you said this afternoon and I do not quite see how even the formation of such a committee ^{as} ~~which~~ we have thought of, ^{could} ~~can~~ prevent the President and Congress from doing whatever they want in the way of a memorial.

The type of committee which we have in mind, which would represent Franklin's friends and his varied interests, would really be the outlet for the voluntary contributions of the people of the country who wish to see his interests perpetuated and who believed in some, at least, of the things in which Franklin believed and for which he worked.

Congress on the other hand represents the government and will want to create some kind of a material monument which expresses their pride in a man who typified a period in history of which they are proud, even though again, some of them did not agree with everything which was done during that period.

I think therefore, they will want to erect some thing in Washington, ~~and~~ ^{if} we can get them to make it ^a simple stone such as Franklin had in mind for Jefferson, and if we can get them to erect the wings of the library because it is already government property, we will be able to use most of the money collected under the auspices of the committee, for a foundation ^{fund} ~~which~~ will carry forward a really living memorial and work for the continuation of the things in which Franklin believed.

I haven't talked to Sam since I talked to you but I think it would be wise if you would talk to him. He may

not agree with my point of view, and you evidently did not when you called me, but I would like you at least to think about it.

I am writing a letter to the President also as I do not want him to think ~~that~~ we are not appreciative of whatever he and the Congress had in mind. I enclose a copy of the letter.

I will be glad on Monday to see you anytime between 10 and 12 and I will try to go over the list of names you sent me with care and think up new ones if I can.

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA
GENERAL SERVICES ADMINISTRATION

*National Archives and Records Service
Franklin D. Roosevelt Library
Hyde Park, NY 12538*



Cross-reference:

Draft of letter, Eleanor Roosevelt to Harry S. Truman, n.d.
[4/26/45]

Harry S. Truman to Eleanor Roosevelt 4/30/45

Harry S. Truman to Kenneth McKellar 4/27/45

Harry S. Truman to Sam Rayburn 4/27/45

These documents filed in Box 4560, Correspondence
between Eleanor Roosevelt and

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between Eleanor Roosevelt and Harry S. Truman

May 11, 1945

Dear Mr. O'Toole:

I understand that you are introducing a resolution calling for a National Institute to study and treat infantile paralysis sufferers as a memorial to my husband, and that you are suggesting that it be done under Sister Kenny and Dr. Fishbien.

I think you must have forgotten that there is at present a national foundation carrying on under very competent medical leadership, which has adopted Sister Kenny's methods as far as they were practical and useful.

It seems to me that what you propose would be a complete duplication and I am sure very much against my husband's wishes.

I very much appreciate your desire to honor my husband's memory and hope you will not mind my writing the above.

Very sincerely yours,

SEVENTY-EIGHTH CONGRESS

DONALD L. STODOL, N. Y., CHAIRMAN
GRAHAM A. BARDEN, N. C.
SCHUYLER OTIS BLAND, VA.
ALLEN T. TREADWAY, MASS.
C. W. (MONT) BISHOP, ILL.

House of Representatives H. S.
Committee on the Library
Washington, D. C.

Washington 25, D. C.
May 15th, 1945.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
Hyde Park, New York.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The resolution which I introduced provided merely for memorial in honor of your late husband. Subsequent to its introduction I announced that the memorial I had in mind should be in the nature of an institution here in Washington for the treatment and research in connection with infantile paralysis and kindred diseases.

It was my intention in order to get the best available information for the preparation, erection and carrying out of such a work to call before the Committee Sister Kenny, Mr. Basil O'Connor and Dr. Fishbein so that they might make recommendations. There was no intention to run any institution that might be in opposition to the National Foundation. However, if you do not desire me to proceed, I will obey your wishes.

Tomorrow, I am introducing as Chairman of the Committee on the Library a joint resolution authorizing the Secretary of the Interior to incur expenses in connection with the preservation, maintenance, repair, protection, and administration of the Home of Franklin D. Roosevelt National Historic Site, during non-occupancy of the property by life tenants, and for proper guarding of the grave of President Franklin D. Roosevelt.

In closing, I hope that you will permit me to write not as a member of Congress, but as an ordinary citizen. I do not believe that anyone could have had a greater affection for your husband than did my family and myself. We always felt that he was one of us and the day he died my oldest lad who is twelve said, "Pop, I don't like to say it but I couldn't have felt worse if it were you."

Not wishing to prolong the note, please let me say on behalf of my family and myself as citizens of the Republic that we sincerely and deeply wish to express our appreciation of your great husband and of yourself. We feel that we too are the little people and that you both have done much for us.

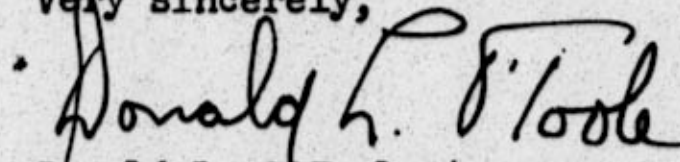
Thank for
Mr. O'Connor
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see him

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While your sorrow indeed must be great, the immortality of his record and life must give you some degree of satisfaction.

Mrs. O'Toole joins with me in hoping that God will spare you for many years to come for not only do we Americans need you but so do all of the people of the world.

Very sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, reading "Donald L. O'Toole". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, stylized initial "D".

Donald L. O'Toole,
Member of Congress.

May 17, 1945

Dear Mr. O'Toole:

Many thanks for your very nice letter. Mr. O'Connor is in the Pacific for the Red Cross, but should be back in two or three weeks, so please do contact him before you do anything on infantile.

I doubt if the District needs a specially large place, and perhaps some help for the present facilities is all they need.

I am deeply grateful to you for your letter and touched by what you say about my husband and myself. I expect to be in Washington in early June on personal business and I hope I may have an opportunity to see you.

Very cordially yours,

May 14, 1945

My dear Mr. Kefauver:

I, of course, think your proposal of a commission to be named to confer about a memorial to my husband is very much wiser than to have a definite project suggested.

I asked Mr. D. Basil O'Connor to name a committee to establish a foundation to do something, if possible, in the way of a living memorial hoping that that committee could receive the checks of the average person who wanted to contribute, since it never occurred to me that Congress would consider doing more than some tangible memorial such as my husband once said he wished they would undertake instead of the Jefferson Memorial which was built, namely, a large and massive stone in that green triangle down by the Archives Building with a very simple inscription.

If Congress felt that it wanted to do more, the most fitting memorial would perhaps be to add the wings he ~~always~~ hoped would be added, to the library at Hyde Park. It is government property so it would be entirely in the hands of government in the future.

These two suggestions are merely thoughts which have come into my mind in reading your letter.

I shall be more than glad

ESTES KEFAUVER
3d DIST. TENNESSEE

HOME ADDRESS:
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
SELECT COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

SECRETARIES:
HENRIETTA V. O'DONOGHUE
LUCILE P. LAMON

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE:
ROBERT S. BRADY
McMINNVILLE, TENNESSEE

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, D. C.

May 11, 1945

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am enclosing three copies of H. R. 2943, a bill I filed shortly after the passing of our beloved President. The purpose of this, you will observe, is to provide a commission to consider proposals and formulate plans for an appropriate memorial to your late husband's memory.

Under the proposal a commission of 7 is to be named, 3 persons to be named by the President, 2 Senators to be appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, and 2 members of the House to be appointed by the Speaker.

The resolution has been referred to the Library Committee of the House. I have conferred with Mr. Donald L. O'Toole, chairman of the Committee, and with other members of the House about it. Their feeling coincides with mine in that we must have a fitting memorial and that your opinion, as to the type of the memorial, should be the guiding influence in our determination.

There are pending, as you know, in the House and in the Senate, other resolutions, which propose specific types of memorials. My feeling was that we should provide a commission, such as suggested in this resolution, to consult with you about the matter and also to take into consideration all the various proposals that have been made. This commission could then make its finding known to Congress, and then the memorial would be authorized.

After filing this resolution I received many letters and messages from people all over the

Mrs. Roosevelt

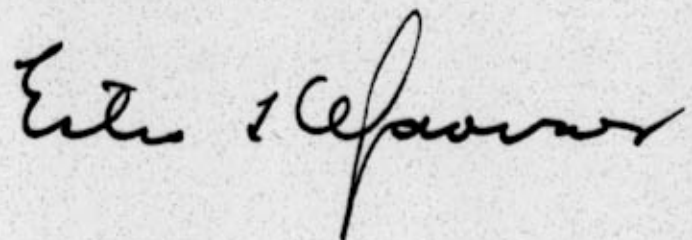
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country, saying that they felt that it should be arranged so that the people, not only of this nation but of other countries, could have an opportunity of participating. I am enclosing copies of three letters I have received, which are typical of the types of messages that came to me. I also have several checks on hand, which I am holding until a decision has been made. I am certain that, after the memorial has been decided on and definite plans have been made, people will demand that their contributions be accepted to pay the cost of this tribute. A plan of appointing a commission to consider the proposals would, of course, include proposals for a living memorial, which would be active and permanent. Personally, I would like to see the committee recommend a living memorial and also a memorial something like the Lincoln or Jefferson memorials.

I am very anxious that we move forward with this proposal. I hope that you may indicate to Mr. O'Toole, the Speaker of the House, and to other appropriate Congressional leaders your wishes in this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "E. J. Caffery". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, looping initial "E".

H. R. 2943

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 18, 1945

Mr. KEFAUVER introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Library

A BILL

To provide a commission to consider proposals and to formulate a plan for an appropriate memorial to the late President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*
3 That there is hereby established a Franklin Delano Roose-
4 velt Memorial Commission (hereinafter referred to as the
5 "Commission") to be composed of seven members, as
6 follows: Three persons to be appointed by the President
7 of the United States, two Members of the Senate to be
8 appointed by the President pro tempore of the Senate, and
9 two Members of the House of Representatives to be ap-
10 pointed by the Speaker of the House of Representatives.

1 The members of the Commission shall select a chairman
2 from among their number. No compensation shall be paid
3 to the members of the Commission for services as such.

4 SEC. 2. It shall be the duty of the Commission to study
5 proposals for a permanent memorial to Franklin Delano
6 Roosevelt, and to select from such proposals, or to formulate
7 as the result of its study of such proposals, a plan which,
8 in the opinion of the Commission, will provide the most
9 appropriate method of preserving for all time the memory
10 of the late President and of his untiring efforts to better
11 the lot of mankind. The Commission shall submit such
12 plan to the Congress not later than six months after the
13 date of enactment of this Act.

14 SEC. 3. In the execution of its functions the Commis-
15 sion—

16 (a) is authorized to employ and fix the compen-
17 sation, without regard to the civil-service laws or the
18 Classification Act of 1923, as amended, of such steno-
19 graphic and clerical assistants, and such experts as may
20 be necessary;

21 (b) may avail itself of the assistance of any de-
22 partment, agency, or officer of the Government, and
23 any such department, agency, or officer is authorized to
24 render such assistance.

25 SEC. 4. The Commission may make such expenditures

1 as may be necessary in the execution of its functions. All
2 expenditures of the Commission (including necessary travel-
3 ing expenses and subsistence expenses, incurred by members
4 of the Commission while absent from their places of resi-
5 dence upon the business of the Commission, and by em-
6 ployees of the Commission while away from their designated
7 posts of duty upon the business of the Commission) shall
8 be allowed and paid upon the presentation of itemized
9 vouchers therefor approved by the chairman of the Com-
10 mission.

11 SEC. 5. There is authorized to be appropriated not to
12 exceed the sum of \$ for the purpose of carrying out
13 the provisions of this Act.

**79TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION**

H. R. 2943

A BILL

To provide a commission to consider proposals and to formulate a plan for an appropriate memorial to the late President of the United States, Franklin Delano Roosevelt.

By Mr. KEFAUVER

APRIL 18, 1945

Referred to the Committee on the Library

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E. N. LAND
3822 Mission View
Chattanooga4, Tennessee
April 19, 1945

Representative Estes Kefauver
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. Kefauver:

I have read with interest your proposal introduced in the House for a permanent memorial to honor our late beloved President.

I would like to make a suggestion, that the funds for this great work to be contributed by the "People" of our country.

The millions of our people who loved him so much and to whom he fought for so hard and gave his life.

I am enclosing my check for \$100.00 as my part to honor the greatest man the world has ever known.

Please do not use my name publicly in this matter and I wish you every success in carrying out your plan for this great work.

Most sincerely,

(Signed) E. N. Land

Washington, D. C.

House of Representatives
Congress of the United States

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE
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COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY

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P. O. Box 101
Sweetwater, Tennessee
April 19, 1945

To Congressman Kefauver

Dear Mr. Kefauver:

I am certain that you know, as do millions of others, that there has never lived, and died a greater and more loved American than Franklin Delano Roosevelt, and I don't think it possible to give too much honor to this great departed leader.

I believe as I am sure millions of his friends do that a monument, or memorial similar to those of Washington or Lincoln should be erected there in Washington in his honor and that the common people be given an opportunity to contribute money to help pay for the structure.

I have heard others here in our little town say they thought this should be done, and I believe it is the general feeling throughout the nation.

Respectfully yours,

(Signed) Rev. Thomas J. Stevens

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Congress of the United States
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Washington, D. C.

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729 E. 10th Street
Chattanooga, Tennessee

TO CONGRESS OF THE UNITED STATES

Dear Congress:

As a citizen of the U. S. A., I feel that you should pass laws that a memorial project be established in Chattanooga in memory of our beloved Commander-in-Chief, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt; if you like you may decide to have it in Washington, D. C. Let it be for the benefit of him and the nation as whole.

We'll never have another leader again like Mr. Roosevelt (another Moses leading his people out of trouble to victory after victory) to head our government.

Yours truly,

(Signed) Willie James Kennedy

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—FREE



Estlin C. Fairbank
M.C.

Mrs. Franklin Delano Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Walter

May 22, 1945

Dear Mr. Kefauver:

I have your letter of May 17th and I would prefer to have Mr. Frank Walker appointed from the other committee.

Mr. O'Connor called the first people to be members but no one is elected chairman until they meet. I think Mr. Walker would know the Congressional people better.

I expect to stay with the Secretary and Mrs. Morgenthau when I am in Washington and will let you know if I have any free time.

Very sincerely yours,

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ESTES KEFAUVER
3d DIST. TENNESSEE

HOME ADDRESS:
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
SELECT COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

May 17, 1945

SECRETARIES:
HENRIETTA V. O'DONOGHUE
LUCILE P. LAMON
FIELD REPRESENTATIVE:
ROBERT S. BEADY
MCMINNVILLE, TENNESSEE

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I very greatly appreciate your letter of May 14th.

Tuesday, before receiving your letter, I talked with Mr. Rayburn and he seemed to be in favor of the resolution which I filed, provided it would not interfere with any plans which you or the President had made, or with the work of the Committee headed by Mr. O'Connor. I suggested to him that perhaps Mr. O'Connor's Committee could be included as part of the joint committee proposed in my resolution. The resolution provided for 3 members to be appointed by the President, 2 by the Speaker of the House and 2 by the President pro tempore of the Senate.

Upon passage of the resolution, if the President saw fit to appoint Mr. O'Connor, I feel reasonably sure that this Committee would like for him to carry on as Chairman of the large joint Executive-Legislative Committee. After the Committee is officially established by Act of Congress and its existence is made known, this will give the people an opportunity to make their contributions toward a memorial. All of us know that they want this opportunity.

If you think well of the idea I would be very glad if you would write Mr. O'Toole and Mr. Rayburn.

I note that you will be here on June 8th. I would be delighted to have the opportunity of talking with you when you are in Washington, if your time permits. If a visit would be practical, I would be glad if you would have your Secretary call my office and I can come to see you at any time that would be convenient to you.

Sincerely,

*Let this
Suggest they
all come to see me at
Lake Arrowhead*
Eli *1 of June*

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

OFFICIAL BUSINESS—FREE



Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

ESTES KEFAUVER
3D DIST. TENNESSEE

HOME ADDRESS:
CHATTANOOGA, TENNESSEE

COMMITTEE ON JUDICIARY
SELECT COMMITTEE ON SMALL BUSINESS

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives

Washington, D. C.

June 12, 1945

SECRETARIES:
HENRIETTA V. O'DONOGHUE
LUCILE P. LAMON

FIELD REPRESENTATIVE:
ROBERT S. BRADY
McMINNVILLE, TENNESSEE

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Hyde Park, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Saturday morning, about 9:30, I called Mr. Morgenthau's office to see if it would be convenient for me to visit you. I was distressed to learn that you had just left to catch the 10 o'clock train. Your note to me said that you would be there the 8th and that I could call on you then. Unfortunately, I had an emergency meeting of the Sub-committee of which I am Chairman, beginning early Friday morning, which I could not leave. If I had known, however, that you were going to be in Washington only one day, I would have made arrangements somehow.

I am terribly sorry I didn't get to see you to discuss the memorial commission and the memorial to the memory of your husband. I am continuing to receive letters from people, all over the country, expressing a desire to join in making a memorial possible. It seems to me, therefore, that the logical course would be the establishment of a memorial commission to study and make recommendations as to the type of memorial and the method of allowing interested citizens to participate.

Mr. O'Toole, Chairman of the House Committee, is out of town and I do not know if you made your desires in the matter known to him while you were here. In any event I hope that you will let him and me know your wishes in the matter.

Again, let me express my keen disappointment in not getting to see you and have a visit with you while you were here.

Sincerely,

Estes Kefauver

June 14, 1945

Dear Mr. Kefauver:

I think it would be well if as soon as the Memorial Planning Committee has met and organized and chosen a chairman, you and Mr. O'Toole met with that chairman.

I have talked with a number of people because I think the thing closest to my husband's heart was the gathering together of material covering this period of history in the library at Hyde Park, and making it available for historians of the future.

It is quite true that no authoritative history can be written at the present time, but some able person could write a contemporary preview. In doing so, he could see what needed to be collected and how the papers already in the library, needed to be arranged. It would be a great help to the archivist in charge and I think probably the first thing which would have interested my husband. This however, is something which should be discussed with others.

Very sincerely yours,

May 15, 1945

Dearest Esther:

Franklin felt as I do that all he wanted as a memorial in Washington was a great stone in the triangle by the Archives Building which was what he wanted instead of the Jefferson Memorial. He felt it was better in a massive stone because the greater the simplicity the more it would make people think of the person and what the person meant than the actual building, or monument would.

He also felt that if any of us were moved to do something in the way of a memorial, we would do it for people who are alive and need help. His interests and the causes for which he fought, were so many, there would never be a year, if an foundation were established, were something could not be found where help was needed.

We will take this memorial question up when I get a chance to come out to see you.

I do not think, dear Esther, that we have really got out of touch. The other night I was tired and restless and that does happen now and then and I was conscious of not being in the proper mood for human contact.

Much love dear in which Tommy joins.

OFFICE MEMORANDUM
The American Foundation

Clear -

Memorial
file

In line with my memo on
Memorials — do you recall
that inscription on the 42nd
Street Public Library (to right of
entrance, looking east):

"
Beauty does not ever
die, eternal voice and inward
word"

That's it.

It's the vitality & permanence of
beauty for which I am arguing
— as against the vitality and
permanence of "good works" —

Σ

On the nature of the Memorial for F.D.R.:

This memorandum is a head-on attack on the position of the group (a group always prominent in the discussion of any kind of memorial to any great man, or to any great purpose), advocating a "living" memorial.

"Living memorial" is only a phrase.

Will anybody contend that the Washington Arch and the Lincoln Memorial are not "living" because they are things of static beauty? They live with vitality and permanence, not achievable by human intention only. Throughout ages to come, they will be a reminder and inspiration to millions in the sense that no variety of "living" memorials that I can think of could possibly be.

A "living" memorial, in the usual conception, takes the form of awards, Noble prizes, scholarships, professorships, research funds, endowments of ideas, generally. A memorial of this kind is already erected to F.D.R. in the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, which is a better example of the "living" type than most other existing examples. Even this Foundation, however, cannot be projected into the future with any certainty.

For it is an infallible truth that one generation cannot control the ideas of the next, or administer the framework that will preserve those ideas. But this generation can conceive and design and execute structures of stone or bronze or concrete that will preserve in authoritative and imperishable beauty a timeless conception. This is true of the Washington Arch. It is true of the Lincoln Memorial. It is true of the Washington Monument.

Roughly speaking, the memory of Washington and Lincoln has been incorporated in non-living memorials - the Washington Monument in Washington, the Washington Arch in New York City, the Lincoln Memorial in Washington. These "non-living" memorials triumphantly live. On the other hand, the memory of Theodore Roosevelt and Woodrow Wilson have been incorporated in "living" memorials, which, to some of us, seem pretty "dead."

How many people of the country know, or are affected, or are thrilled, by Roosevelt House? How many of the population have been inside it? -or care about it?

How many people know, or are moved by the Woodrow Wilson Memorial - i.e., the activities of the Foundation that bears his name? Most people could not even tell you who have received the Woodrow Wilson awards.

The "living memorial" is an artifact - an appealing phrase. But I should hate to see the nature of F.D.R.'s memorial determined by language. Because the phrase, "living memorial", is appealing, and because it rests upon a very general misconception, there will be many people urging upon you the "living memorial" as opposed to the object of permanent, static beauty. Hence these observations for whatever they may be worth.

I propose that the greatest artists in the country should bring their imagination to bear upon the conception of some definite, artistic structure of profound, permanent and authoritative beauty, to be placed somewhere where it will be daily reminding the millions of F.D.R. and of the trend in American life for which he stands. It could be located in Washington, the center of his work for so many years, or in the City of New York (which, after all, is his city), or it could be placed in the Port of New York, where the ships and airplanes from all the world would daily move by it, and where it would testify, for ages to come, to F.D.R.'s interest in translating the principles of American democracy in terms that would affect the democracies throughout the world.

Esther — 10 Mar, 1948 —

ESTHER EVERETT LAPE
SALT MEADOW
WESTBROOK, CONNECTICUT

May 10, 1945.

Dearest Eleanor:

Moved to send - for your consideration in
a free moment - some observations on "memorials". These
are thoughts set in motion while I was passing the
Washington Arch after leaving you yesterday morning.

Much love,
Esther.

I was - shall I tell you - profoundly
depressed after I left you yesterday - at
having been out of close touch with you for so
many years and thus having lost that
natural touch and contact on which the beauty
and serenity of human relations depend.
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But I let myself that this is
a selfish reaction and that I am
deserving a punishment included -

And I guess I had better
let myself that a little more
sternly! Love -
Esther

June 8, 1945

Dear Justice Frankfurter:

I have been thinking ever since I read your letter and at the same time I have had an opportunity to talk with Mr. Shipman and his assistant, Dr. Nixon, at the library at Hyde Park.

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They are both/young men with a deep interest in developing the library to be useful to historians in the future, and to the general public so that they may have an interest in history. They are, however, conscious of the fact that alone they are not going to be able to achieve satisfactory results.

I am wondering whether you and the Memorial Committee might agree with me in thinking that Franklin's own personal desire was to have them not only get his own papers in order and accessible at the library for future historians, but papers of others that would illuminate this period. Some one of stature, a sense of history and acceptable to the important men of this day, would have to do this job. Would the Memorial Committee feel that this might be a beginning, do you think? I thought perhaps Mr. Morrison of Harvard whom I know was with Franklin from the start in organizing the library, of whom Franklin thought very highly and who knew a great deal of what Franklin dreamed, might not

undertake to work in the library, realizing of course, that one can not write the real history for many years, but that one must write something contemporary and collect the material for future historians.

Many people should be made to write their particular memories and little bits of history which they helped to make - simple people should write what certain things during the last twelve years have meant in their lives, or this period of history will not be properly understood in the future.

It seems to me that one of the great contributions of the past twelve years is that so many people have come to be aware of government and of its real obligation to make life worth living for the people.

Very cordially yours,

ROOSEVELT NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

120 BROADWAY

NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

6 September 1945

Dear Eleanor:

This is a report to you on the first meeting of the Roosevelt National Memorial Committee, which was held at the White House yesterday afternoon at three o'clock, and which was presided over by President Truman.

Prior to the meeting a complete agenda had been sent to each member, in the form enclosed herewith.

When we came to Number 3 on that agenda, the election of officers, Mr. Frederick B. Adams nominated and Mr. John S. Burke seconded the following officers, which I had discussed with James Roosevelt and which I understood were agreeable to him and to you: Honorary Chairman, Hon. Harry S. Truman; Honorary President, Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt; Chairman, Basil O'Connor; Vice Chairmen, Hon. George E. Allen, Hon. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Hon. Frank C. Walker, Hon. Helen Gahagan Douglas; Secretary, Stephen V. Ryan, Jr.; Treasurer, Hon. Thomas J. Watson.

At this point, Mr. Bernard Baruch introduced a resolution, which was seconded by Admiral Leahy, authorizing the President of the United States to appoint a committee of five to (a) nominate the officers of the Roosevelt National Memorial Committee, (b) enlarge the membership of that Committee, (c) study plans for a memorial, (d) call the next meeting of the National Committee, (e) report to the National Committee at that meeting.

President Truman appointed the following committee: Hon. Harry L. Hopkins, Chairman; Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, Hon. Henry Morgenthau, Jr., Hon. Frances Perkins, Hon. Frank C. Walker.

Various suggestions were advanced as to a possible memorial, and the meeting adjourned at 3:40 p.m. without considering further the items on the enclosed agenda.

The affairs of the Roosevelt National Memorial Committee are therefore now in the hands of the Hopkins committee.

Sincerely yours,

Basil O'Connor
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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
Dutchess County, New York

ROOSEVELT NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

120 BROADWAY

NEW YORK 5, N. Y.

August 31, 1945

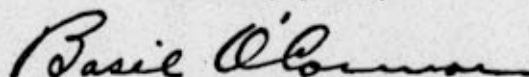
To the Members of the
Roosevelt National Memorial Committee:

Enclosed herewith is the agenda for the meeting of the Memorial Committee to be held at the White House, Washington, D.C., at 3 p.m. on Wednesday, September 5, 1945, to which is attached information with respect to the items of the agenda. I hope you will have an opportunity to study this information before the meeting. I am certain that you will find some of it interesting.

I hope I shall not be misunderstood when I say to you that this information is sent to you in your capacity as a member of the Memorial Committee and is not to be released for publication in any way whatsoever.

For identification for admission to
The White House please seek entrance at the
Northwest Gate.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Basil O'Connell".

Temporary Chairman

ROOSEVELT NATIONAL MEMORIAL COMMITTEE

Agenda for Meeting, September 5, 1945

1. Present list of members of Memorial Committee as of September 5th, 1945. (*See A attached.*)
2. Explain reason for forming Memorial Committee and purpose thereof. (*See B attached.*)
3. Elect officers of the Memorial Committee. (*See C attached.*)
4. Elect Executive Committee of the Memorial Committee. (*See D attached.*)
5. Elect a Chairman of the Executive Committee.
6. Authorize the Executive Committee (through a sub-committee or sub-committees, if it so elects) to study all proposals made for a national memorial to President Roosevelt, and to consider said subject itself and as a result of said study and consideration and such other studies as it may choose to make or have made, to report to the Memorial Committee not later than December 31, 1945 what, if any, national memorial or memorials it believes should be created in memory of President Roosevelt. (*See E attached.*)
7. Authorize and direct the Executive Committee, in case the Memorial Committee shall decide that there shall be a national memorial to President Roosevelt, to cause to be organized a non-profit membership corporation under the laws of the State of New York or the District of Columbia to carry out the purposes of the Memorial Committee, and to cause to be elected as Members and Trustees thereof the members of the Memorial Committee; and to cause to be elected as the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees thereof the Executive Committee of the Memorial Committee; and to cause to be elected as officers thereof, the officers of the Memorial Committee. (*See F attached.*)
8. Report on funds received by the Memorial Committee. (*See G attached.*)
9. Report on, and Summary of, suggestions received from members of the general public. (*See H attached.*)
10. Report on, and Summary of, suggestions received from members of the Memorial Committee. (*See I attached.*)
11. Composite Summary of all suggestions received from members of the Memorial Committee and the general public. (*See J attached.*)
12. Report on Gallup Poll. (*See K attached.*)
13. General discussion on question of Memorial.
14. Discuss fund-raising in connection with Memorial. (*See L attached.*)
15. Adjourn.

A

List of Members of Memorial Committee as of September 5, 1945

Honorary Chairman
Hon. Harry S. Truman

Temporary Chairman
Mr. Basil O'Connor

Mr. Frederick B. Adams	Hon. David E. Lilienthal
Hon. George E. Allen	Hon. Archibald MacLeish
Gen. of the Army Henry H. Arnold, U.S.A.	Gen. of the Army George C. Marshall, U.S.A.
Hon. Bernard M. Baruch	Mr. Langdon P. Marvin
Mrs. Mary McLeod Bethune	Hon. Leighton McCarthy
Lt. Comdr. Barry Bingham, U.S.N.R.	Vice Admiral Ross T. McIntire, U.S.N.
Dr. Isaiah Bowman	Mrs. Anne O'Hare McCormick
Prof. Nelson C. Brown	Hon. Henry Morgenthau, Jr.
Dr. Solon J. Buck	Comdr. Samuel E. Morison, U.S.N.R.
Mr. John S. Burke	Mr. Gerald Morgan
Mr. Cason J. Callaway	Hon. Philip Murray
Miss Charlotte Carr	Dr. Frederick Newell
Dr. James B. Conant	Hon. Mary T. Norton
Hon. Josephus Daniels	Mr. Basil O'Connor
Hon. Helen Gahagan Douglas	Rt. Rev. G. Ashton Oldham
Hon. Stephen Early	Dr. Frederick D. Patterson
Hon. Mark Ethridge	Hon. James G. Patton
Mr. Marshall Field	Hon. Frances Perkins
Hon. Edward J. Flynn	Hon. Gifford Pinchot
Hon. Felix J. Frankfurter	Mrs. Anna M. Rosenberg
Mr. John Golden	Judge Samuel I. Rosenman
Hon. William Green	Mr. Robert E. Sherwood
Hon. George M. Harrison	Most Rev. Francis J. Spellman
Hon. Will H. Hays	Dean C. Mildred Thompson
Hon. Sidney Hillman	Gen. Alexander A. Vandegrift, U.S.M.C.
Major Henry S. Hooker	Hon. Frank C. Walker
Hon. Harry L. Hopkins	Hon. Henry A. Wallace
Hon. James Lawrence Houghteling	Hon. Thomas J. Watson
Fleet Admiral Ernest J. King, U.S.N.	Hon. John G. Winant
Fleet Admiral William D. Leahy, U.S.N.	Rabbi Stephen S. Wise

Mr. Robert W. Woodruff

Hon. Robert C. Hannegan

B

Reason For Forming Memorial Committee and Purpose Thereof

Immediately after President Roosevelt's death innumerable suggestions were made all over the country for memorials to be erected in his memory or created to perpetuate his memory. Some action was taken in various places to implement some of these suggestions, and the possibility of that kind of action increasing seemed very real.

At the request of Mrs. Roosevelt, Mr. Basil O'Connor organized the Roosevelt National Memorial Committee, the primary purpose of which was to consider whether or not there should be a national memorial to President Roosevelt and if so, what the nature of that national memorial should be. The secondary purpose of the Memorial Committee was to channel, for the time being at least, all the suggestions that were being made and to give them such consideration as they seemed to merit.

*See 2nd O'Connor
Report to R. Rep.*

C

Elect officers of the Memorial Committee

Officers to be elected:

Honorary Chairman

Honorary President

Chairman

Four Vice-Chairmen

Secretary

Treasurer

D

Elect Executive Committee of the Memorial Committee

The Memorial Committee now consists of 62 members. It is obvious that a lesser number than that must be selected to consider intensively the purposes of the Memorial Committee and to conduct its activities. It is suggested, therefore, that there be elected an Executive Committee of the Memorial Committee consisting of not less than five nor more than twenty-one, and that at this time there be elected seventeen members of the Executive Committee, leaving four vacancies that the Executive Committee may fill if it so chooses.

E

Authorize Executive Committee to Study and Report on Proposed Memorial

It seems almost necessary to leave, in the first instance at least, to a group smaller than the Memorial Committee the question of determining what memorial, if any, to President Roosevelt would be appropriate. It is suggested, therefore, that this duty be delegated to the Executive Committee with obligation on the Executive Committee to report its recommendations to the Memorial Committee not later than December 31, 1945, for action by the Memorial Committee.

For the intensive study and consideration that will be necessary, there seems to be ample justification for authorizing the Executive Committee in turn to act through a sub-committee or sub-committees that will of course report to the Executive Committee as a whole.

To accomplish the foregoing, the following vote is suggested:

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Executive Committee of the Memorial Committee be, and it hereby is, authorized and directed (through a sub-committee or sub-committees, if it so elects) to study all proposals made for a national memorial to President Roosevelt, and to consider said subject itself, and, as a result of said study and consideration, and such other studies as it may choose to make or have made, to report to the Memorial Committee not later than December 31, 1945, what, if any, national memorial or memorials it believes should be created in memory of President Roosevelt.

F

Organize a Non-Profit Membership Corporation

If it is decided by the Memorial Committee that there should be a memorial to President Roosevelt, then it seems best that the execution of that decision be through a non-profit membership corporation, organized under the laws of either the State of New York or the District of Columbia, not only to protect those engaged in the activity, but also to make it clear that, at least so far as the Federal tax laws now stand, donations to such an activity would be deductible, if the appropriate exemption is secured, as it is assumed it can be.

Upon the incorporation of such an organization, its members would consist of the members of the Memorial Committee, its Board of Trustees would consist of the members of the Memorial Committee, its officers would be the same as the officers of the Memorial Committee and supplant them, and the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of the corporation would be the same as the Executive Committee of the Memorial Committee and supplant that committee. Upon the organization of the corporation, the powers and duties of the members, officers and Executive Committee of the Memorial Committee would be transferred to the members, Board of Trustees, officers and Executive Committee respectively of the corporation.

To protect the situation, there has already been organized, under the membership corporations laws of the State of New York The Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Foundation, Inc., which has been recorded in the District of Columbia, thus preserving the availability of that name in the District of Columbia.

To accomplish the foregoing, the following vote is suggested:

On motion, duly made and seconded, it was

VOTED: That in case the Memorial Committee shall decide that there shall be a national memorial to President Roosevelt, the Executive Committee be, and it hereby is, authorized and directed, to cause to be organized a non-profit membership corporation under the laws of the State of New York or the District of Columbia to carry out the purposes

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of said Memorial Committee, and to cause to be elected as the initial members and Trustees thereof, the members of the Memorial Committee; and to cause to be elected as the initial Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees thereof, the Executive Committee of the Memorial Committee; and to cause to be elected as the initial officers thereof the officers of the Memorial Committee, it being understood that upon said elections, the members, Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and officers of said corporation shall supplant the members, the Executive Committee and the officers of the Memorial Committee, the powers and duties of the members, Executive Committee and officers of the Memorial Committee being thereupon transferred to the members, Board of Trustees, Executive Committee and officers of the said corporation, respectively; and in the discretion of the Executive Committee of the Memorial Committee the existing corporation known as The Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Foundation, Inc. may be utilized to carry out the purpose of this vote.

G

Report on Funds Received by the Memorial Committee

The Memorial Committee has received and is holding in a special account the sum of \$3,528.04.

Up to August 27, 1945 there was received as contributions but not for memorial purposes (except to the extent of \$191.50) by the Georgia Warm Springs Foundation, \$38,893.71; and by the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis, \$8,583.01.

H

Summary of Suggestions Made by General Public

Approximately 480 letters were received from the general public containing 372 suggestions:

<u>Suggestion</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Monuments	86	23
2. Holiday — National	66	18
3. Medical	65	18
4. Educational	58	15
5. Miscellaneous	42	11
6. Currency — Stamps, etc.	40	11
7. Peace — International	<u>15</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>372</u>	<u>100</u>

H (continued)

Suggestions Made by General Public

1. Monuments	<u>No.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
Similar to those of Washington and Lincoln	21		
Statue (at various locations)	20		
Mt. Rushmore head	11		
Memorial building	3		
Peace building	2		
Shrine (similar to Mt. Vernon):			
Hyde Park	8		
Georgia Warm Springs	5		
Peace monument	2		
Arch	2		
Small busts of FDR (to be sold)	2		
Stadium	2		
Liberty bell	2		
Eternal light	1		
Church	1		
Cross	1		
Airdrome in each ocean	1		
FDR's bust in Hall of Fame	1		
Giant redwood tree	<u>1</u>	86	23
2. Holiday — National			
January 30th	56		
April 12th	<u>10</u>	66	18
3. Medical			
Medical research foundation	14		
(Includes arthritis, cancer, hypertension, heart disease and cerebral hemorrhage)			

H (continued)	<u>No.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
Infantile paralysis foundations and infantile paralysis hospitals 43 (Includes a World Foundation with a Georgia Warm Springs in every nation of the world)	43		
Veterans' hospital 4	4		
Research hospital 2	2		
Hospital for sick and maimed 1	1		
Clinic 1	1	65	18

4. Educational

Economic research foundation dedicated to free- dom from want and freedom from fear; racial relations; international thinking, etc. 5	5		
Radio foundation for broadcasting music free from advertising 3	3		
University 17 (This includes a university at Hyde Park with an international faculty; one containing all seats of learning; international universities of various types; a college for all races and creeds; an institution to propagate correct thinking; universities dedicated to peace and justice; international ethical and political schools; etc.)	17		
Scholarships 6 (This includes those to servicemen and their sons, those of a national nature and those of an international nature.)	6		
Universal trade school (Willow Run plant could be utilized) 1	1		
An association of study clubs in all the universi- ties of the world 1	1		
FDR Library to be a national shrine where people can go and study 1	1		
An international library containing writings in all languages on peace and its problems 1	1		

H (continued)		<u>No.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
A series of libraries located in principal cities to contain papers of FDR and books of the greatest economists, philosophers, etc.		1		
Record album of FDR's speeches		9		
Book of FDR's speeches		2		
Book of FDR's life		3		
Book of memorial tributes to FDR		3		
Film of FDR's life		<u>5</u>	58	15
5. Miscellaneous			42	11
6. Currency and Stamps				
Likeness of FDR on a bill, coin, bond or stamp			40	11
7. Peace — International				
San Francisco conference to be made into a permanent FDR parliament of nations		5		
Habitat for world organization in U. S.		4		
A "Little White House" in every nation as a meeting place for diplomats to dedicate their work to peace		1		
A "Good Neighbor Policy House" dedicated to the cause of friendship among peoples.		1		
A peace park in every community		1		
FDR's memorial should be in some field of internationalism		1		
Plant a tree in every school yard in the world and explain FDR's good will policies to the students		1		
Help destitute countries by selling a lapel button of FDR's latest photograph		<u>1</u>	15	4
<u>Totals</u>			<u>372</u>	<u>100</u>

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Summary of Suggestions Made by Members of the Memorial Committee

Of the 62 members of the Memorial Committee who were asked to submit their suggestions, 25 complied with the request and submitted a total of 44 suggestions.

<u>Suggestion</u>	<u>No.</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Educational	23	52
2. Monuments	9	20
3. Medical	7	16
4. Peace — International	2	5
5. Park	1	2.3
6. Recreational Center	1	2.3
7. Forest	<u>1</u>	<u>2.4</u>
<u>Totals</u>	<u>44</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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Suggestions Made by Members of Memorial Committee

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Education			
Foundation or college to perpetuate social interests of President Roosevelt	11		
Scholarship fund for exchange of students between nations	1		
Good neighbor foundation	1		
Foundation for development of natural resources	2		
A West Point for training public servants	1		
A Franklin D. Roosevelt Center	1		
Further development of the FDR Library	4		
Put FDR's papers in order and extend FDR Library to house them	1		
Enable National Film Library of Library of Congress to make its own resources widely available	<u>1</u>	23	52
2. Monuments			
Similar to those of Washington and Lincoln (Suggested, but second to some other memorial)	8		
Similar to those of Washington and Lincoln, possibly at Arlington	<u>1</u>	9	20
3. Medical			
Research Laboratory at Hyde Park	1		
Extend work of Georgia Warm Springs Foundation	1		

I (continued)

	<u>No.</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
Further work of National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis as a permanent memorial..	3		
Foundation for many purposes in addition to helping handicapped	1		
Institution at Warm Springs dedicated to handicapped and to furthering the study of infantile paralysis	<u>1</u>	7	16
4. Peace — International			
Habitat for world organization		2	5
5. FDR Park		1	2.3
6. FDR Recreational Center at Pine Mountain, Georgia		1	2.3
7. A Forest at Hyde Park		<u>1</u>	<u>2.4</u>
<u>Totals</u>		<u>44</u>	<u>100.0</u>

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**Composite Summary of Major Suggestions
of the
General Public and Members of the Memorial Committee**

<u>Suggestion</u>	<u>Memorial Committee</u>	<u>General Public</u>	<u>Total</u>	<u>%</u>
1. Monuments	9	86	95	25
2. Educational	23	58	81	22
3. Medical	7	65	72	20
4. Holiday—National	0	66	66	19
5. Currency—Stamps	0	40	40	10
6. Peace—International	2	15	17	4
<u>Totals</u>	<u>41</u>	<u>330</u>	<u>371</u>	<u>100</u>

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Report on the Gallup Poll

The attached copy of a letter from Dr. George Gallup, Director of the American Institute of Public Opinion, dated June 26, 1945, indicates that in the minds of the people Roosevelt stood for:

1. "The common man"	64%
2. Internationalism	16%
3. Infantile Paralysis	8%
4. Various	9%
5. War Leader	<u>3%</u>
	<u><u>100%</u></u>

AMERICAN INSTITUTE OF
PUBLIC OPINION

110 East 42nd Street
New York, N. Y.

Dr. George Gallup
Director

Mr. Basil O'Connor
120 Broadway
New York, New York

Dear Mr. O'Connor:

Here are the figures which I gave to you over the telephone. These results come from a national cross-section including, of course, persons from all groups and income levels.

We asked two questions: "What does Roosevelt mean to you?" and "What, in your mind, does Roosevelt stand for?" Both versions brought almost exactly the same responses.

1. By far the greatest number answered that he was a "friend of the poor"; "Roosevelt was for the common man"; he was a "great humanitarian"; he "fought to improve the lot of the poor"; "a friend of labor"; etc.

Four times as many gave a response which fitted into this general category as fitted into the next category.

2. Roosevelt was "a great international leader"; he "stood for world peace"; for "internationalism". Twice as many fell in this category as the next.
3. He was a "leader in the fight against infantile paralysis"; "he gave life and hope to crippled kids".
4. He "saved our country from aggressors abroad"; he was a "great wartime leader". In this last category fell about 3% of all answers.

These 4 categories embrace about 90% of all specific replies on the favorable side.

Sincerely yours,

/s/ GEORGE GALLUP

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Fund Raising in Connection With a Memorial

Between now and April 12, 1946 the following are some of the major fund raising drives to be held:

1. United Jewish Appeal, September 1945
2. National War Fund, October 1945
3. Hon. Alfred E. Smith, National Drive, October-November 1, 1945
4. Victory Bonds, October-November, 1945
5. March of Dimes, January 15-30, 1946
6. Red Cross War Fund Drive, March 1946
7. Sale of Easter Seals for Crippled Children, April 15-21, 1946

In addition to the foregoing there are innumerable local Community Chest drives, most of which will take place between now and the first of January, 1946.

In view of the drives already scheduled to occupy the field between now and April 12, 1946, the anniversary of the President's death, and because of the time necessary to prepare for a fund-raising drive, if the Memorial Committee decides that there is to be a national memorial, it is suggested that any such drive open on April 1, 1946 and continue to April 15, 1946.

If it is decided to have a national memorial and to raise funds for it, the dates during which those funds will be raised in 1946 should be announced as soon as possible.

VAL-KILL COTTAGES
HYDE PARK, DUTCHESS COUNTY
NEW YORK

July 25, 1945

My dear Mrs. Voorhorst:

I was interested in looking over your plan for a memorial to my husband but my opinion would not bear any weight as the matter is to be decided upon by the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Committee.

I am returning your enclosures and can only suggest that you bring them to the attention of that committee at 120 Broadway, New York, New York.

Very sincerely yours,

Eleanor Roosevelt
not

July 10
1945

Mr. Henry Morgenthau, Jr.,
Treasury Department,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Morgenthau:

Your long association with Franklin D. Roosevelt as close friend and neighbor and as co-worker in civic and National affairs prompts me to place before you a comprehensive plan to honor his memory through the erection and operation of a Temple of Service.

This plan has been initiated by patriotic citizens who feel that no better tribute can be paid to the late President of the United States of America and Commander-in-Chief of our armed forces than to carry forward the type of service to mankind which he so effectively sponsored.

Believing that such a Memorial will meet with general favor and that you will desire to cooperate in its fruition I am extending to you, in behalf of the originators of this movement, an invitation to serve as one of a selected list of citizens as a Charter Member of the American Memorial Foundation with a view to securing a Congressional Charter, and to select from their number a Chairman and Executive Board to carry on the work of the Foundation.

The enclosures herewith are self-explanatory. Any further information you may desire will be promptly supplied.

Very truly yours

Director of Public Relations
American Memorial Foundation

Enclosures:

Plan for Memorial Park and Temple of Service
View of site desired for Memorial Park
Reproduction of Architect's Drawing for Temple
Reproduction of photograph of Monument capped
by Four Freedoms as suggested by
President Roosevelt

July 21, 1945.

Mr. Harry Hopkins
C/o White House,
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Hopkins:

As one of the multitude who was tided over a very grave emergency by employment on the staff of the Historical Research Survey, under Dr. Luther E. Evans, I realize what it means to have such opportunities available.

With the thought in mind of providing opportunities for others and at the same time training leaders in civic and welfare work to carry on indefinitely the character of work initiated by the late President Roosevelt and so ably directed by you, I have developed a plan for a Temple of Service as outlined in the enclosures herewith.

This plan would not only provide nation-wide opportunities and advantages but would serve as a tribute to the Memory of our late President who was one of the greatest humanitarians the world has ever known.

I shall be very glad to receive from you an expression of your opinion as to the best method of placing this plan before the public and inviting cooperation in its development. It has occurred to me that close personal friends of President Roosevelt might wish to join in applying for a Congressional Charter and serve as a Board of Advisers in the development of this or some other Memorial in which the public might have an opportunity to participate, rather than leave it to Congressional Action to provide a fitting memorial.

It is rumored that over fifty bills have already been introduced in Congress providing for the appointment of Commissions and appropriation of funds to develop plans for a memorial. Perhaps if a plan originated by citizens, if sponsored in the right manner, might forestall the consideration of these various bills at a considerable saving of time and expense. Or, perhaps the sponsors of the various bills might be willing to join in sponsoring one bill providing for the purchase of the proposed site for the Temple of Service, and give the public an opportunity to sponsor the erection and operation of the Temple of Service.

Any comments you may have to offer will be deeply appreciated.

Yours very truly

Director of Public Relations
American Memorial Foundation

PROPOSED MEMORIAL PARK AND TEMPLE OF SERVICE
Commemorating the Services of
FRANKLIN DELANO ROOSEVELT
and of the
FOUNDERS, BUILDERS AND DEFENDERS OF AMERICA

OBJECTIVE:

To pay tribute to the late Franklin Delano Roosevelt and carry forward the type of service rendered by him and by the Founders, Builders and Defenders of America; to portray, preserve and perpetuate the history, tradition and folk-lore, culture and industry of America and to foster the spirit of democracy and freedom which constitute THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE;

To arouse and encourage Americans of this and future generations to fall in line behind our Flag and uphold the basic freedoms of the World - Freedom of Speech, Freedom from Want, Freedom from Fear, Freedom of Worship - and to keep step with the continual FORWARD MARCH OF AMERICA.

PROEDURE:

To establish and maintain a Memorial Park in which to erect a Temple of Service, Memorial Monuments, a Memorial Housing Unit and such other structures as may be required to effectively carry on the work of the American Memorial Foundation.

SITE:

The site selected for the Memorial Park with its Temple of Service and other units is in the heart of the Nation's Capital - a site replete with verdure, including many mighty monarchs of the primeval forest.

TEMPLE OF SERVICE:

Architectural plans for the Temple of Service provide for an exterior of pure white marble with colonnades rimming the prada on two sides and with marble steps leading down from the stage end of the building into the Memorial Park where rustic seats will afford comfortable resting places for those listening to the outdoor concerts and to the electrical transcriptions relayed from within. Designs for stained glass windows, representing each State in the Union, will be provided by outstanding artists of the respective States who will also have the opportunity to design and execute historic murals, bas relief and sculpture.

In the interior of the Temple of Service a large auditorium will be supplemented by conference halls, exhibit rooms, reading rooms, audition chambers, library and lounge. Equipment will include latest improved lighting and sound effects, complete electrical transcription facilities, dressing rooms and all modern conveniences. Facilities will be available for both spiritual and secular services that tend to foster spiritual and democratic ideals.

MEMORIAL MONUMENTS:

Distributed throughout the grounds will be monuments and statues depicting various periods of American history and noted individuals. Chief among the monuments will be a massive square pillar, each of its faces showing some especial progress. Capping this pillar a group of four angels represent the Four Freedoms.

MEMORIAL HOUSING UNIT:

Provision will be made for students in training for leadership in civic affairs, including research relating to world events with a view to presenting pageants and other entertainments the will help to develop God-given talents, regardless of age, color, race or creed.



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TEMPLE HEIGHTS - WASHINGTON, D. C.



Proposed Temple of Service

SCULPTOR DOES "FOUR FREEDOMS"
AT SUGGESTION OF PRESIDENT

By the Associated Press.

The 'Four Freedoms' have been sculptured at President Roosevelt's suggestion, by Walter Russell, New York artist, and plans are under way to send replicas to all Allied Nations and to public places in larger United States cities.

Mr. Russell said the design model had been completed in New York and that small replicas in bronze or marble would be sent to President Roosevelt within the next six or eight weeks for shipment to Allied countries. Those made later for distribution in the United States will be of stone or plaster.

The model depicts four winged figures - freedom from want, freedom from fear, freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

A site will be sought in Washington for a large statue. Private financing has been arranged the sculptor said, but details were not disclosed.

In a statement he said was authorized by the President, Mr. Russell said Mr. Roosevelt "suggested that, through the medium of the arts, a far greater number of people could be brought to understand the concept of the four freedoms. He suggested a sculptural concept and expressed the idea that four angels with upraised protecting wings, facing the four points of the compass, would be his conception of a world symbol."

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Statement authorized by President Roosevelt:

(This wording authorized by the President
must not be changed - added to - or out.)

HOW THE FOUR FREEDOMS CAME INTO BEING

While a guest of the President at Hyde Park on August second last the President suggested that through the medium of the arts a far greater number of people could be brought to understand the concept of the Four Freedoms. He suggested a cultural concept and the discussion centered on the basic idea for the erection of such a symbol.

In the final analysis he expressed the idea that four angels with upraised protecting wings, facing the four points of the compass, would be his conception of a world symbol.

The outcome of this discussion resulted in the erection of the design model, replicas of which are now being made for distribution throughout the world. A twenty foot model is now under way to be ready for unveiling by the end of 1943.

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Subsequently the sculptor depicting the progress of industry and development of the United States, using the Four Freedoms design as a cap-stone.

