May 29, 1945

Dear Sam:

I wonder if you would talk over with Jonathan Daniels and Bob Sherwood this suggestion and then let me know your reactions.

I am not at all sure whether it would be a good thing. In this pictorial minded youth we have, it might be very valuable for young people and I do not want to refuse to have it done because I think it might be superficial if the rest of you think it could be useful.

I will be in Washington on the 8th, and while I haven't heard from Mr. Kefauver, a committee from Congress may want to see me on the memorial they plan.

Very cordially yours,

[Signature]

Sam Rosenman
Dear Sam:

Will you try to find out for me whether there is a possibility of the Veterans' Bureau using the Rogers house and estate as a hospital?

It would be a grand place and the buildings are in good order.

You might also ask Dr. McIntire about it, and if anyone wants to come up and look the place over, I'd be glad to have him stay at the cottage.

Cordially yours,
May 27, 1946

Dear Sam:

Anna tells me that she and John never got the four volumes of the Public Papers published by McMillan. I wonder if you know where there are some still available or if Grace remembers if and when they were sent to Anna or if she has a set. I am sure Franklin sent her a set.

I would, of course, be very anxious to have you get out the next volumes and naturally I would be thrilled to have it appear as your own. I think if MacMillan would do a little more promotion, it would pay and be worth you while.

I can not speak for the executors and only Basil O'Connor and Jimmy have any real opinion. You could write Jimmy and get an answer airmail in 18 days. His address is

Amphibious Group #13
Fleet Post Office
San Francisco, Calif.

Mr. O'Connor ought to be back soon.

Cordially yours,
Dear Eleanor:

A number of people have spoken to me about getting out the next four volumes of the President's Public Papers and Addresses. I think that Macmillan and Company would be interested in publishing the next set, as it did the last. If they are not, I am sure that some other responsible publisher could be found.

These volumes, as you know, contain only the published speeches, messages and letters of the President. In other words, they are all in the public domain ready to be used by anyone. There is only one exception - that is the press conferences. Each volume has about fifteen or so press conferences edited so as to avoid embarrassing statements.

If the new volumes are published, the introductions and explanatory notes, which in the existing nine volumes are of course credited to the President, cannot be so credited obviously, but will have to appear as my own.

To do the next four volumes is, as you know, a very time-consuming and difficult job, and I am not sure that I would wish to undertake it until I know a little more definitely what my own plans are. However, I should hesitate even to consider it unless you and the executors were willing that these new volumes should appear as my own work.

I wish you would consider this and perhaps discuss it with the executors, and let me know how you feel about it. I am sending a copy of this letter to Mr. Hackett, who is the only executor whose whereabouts I now know.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

Samuel I. Rosenman

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

May 31, 1945

Dear Eleanor:

Thank you very much for your letter of May twenty-ninth.

I shall be glad to take the suggestion up with Bob Sherwood, and I shall ask him to send you his views.

The last four volumes of the Public Papers and Addresses (1937, 1938, 1939 and 1940) were published in 1941.

Mrs. Eben knows that there are extra sets of the Public Papers published by Macmillan in the Archives. These were packed up with the other books that were sent to Archives.

With my kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

Samuel I. Rosenman

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
Dutchess County
New York
Sent to Arthur Smith.

THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 5, 1945

Dear Eleanor:

I am enclosing a letter which I received from Ross McIntire with reference to the Rogers Estate.

Just as soon as I receive some word from General Hines', I shall send it along to you.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

Samuel I. Rosenman

Will you please phone me when you come to Washington.

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
Dutchess County
New York
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 15, 1945

Dear Eleanor:

Dorothy and I are very grateful to you for sending us that box containing the President's playing cards which used to be on his desk.

Needless to say, it will be a highly treasured memento of many happy years of association. I only hope that as time goes on, our old association with you does not become less close.

With affectionate regards,

Very sincerely,

 Samuel I. Rosenman

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
Dutchess County
New York
THE WHITE HOUSE
WASHINGTON

June 12, 1945

Dear Eleanor:

I am sending you herewith Bob Sherwood's letter in response to yours of the twenty-ninth.

I am afraid that I do not agree with Bob however. I should hate to see the first "authorized" biography of President Roosevelt be in photographic form. I agree with what you said about the movie -- that certainly it should not come out for at least a year.

With kindest regards,

Very sincerely,

SAMUEL I. ROSENKRANZ

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Val-Kill Cottage
Hyde Park, Dutchess County
New York.
June 5, 1945

The Honorable
Samuel I. Rosenman
The White House
Washington, D.C.

Dear Sam:

It seems to me that there is considerable merit in the Simon & Schuster proposal to do a book of photographs of President Roosevelt. I am sure they would do the job well and would get as wide a distribution as any publishers could. Furthermore, I should think that such a book would be extremely valuable for distribution overseas, particularly throughout the English-speaking world.

It is my belief that the captions should, to the greatest possible extent, be in Mr. Roosevelt's own words so that the book would serve as a further instrument for the dissemination of his ideas on social progress and organization for peace on earth.

Of course, I should be glad to help with the captions if Mrs. Roosevelt should so desire. However, I should think that this work could best be done by you and me together with Jonathan Daniels, if he is available, since you are so much more familiar with Mr. Roosevelt's pre-war speeches than I am.

Enclosed is the correspondence which you sent me.

Yours,

Bob

Enc.

RES:OU
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The other day I spoke to Trude Lash over the telephone about a matter which might conceivably interest you. She agreed that it might, and suggested that I write to you about it.

After you called me on the telephone about the book of photographs of the President which was in preparation, it occurred to me that there is only one really proper way to go about publishing a book of photographs of your husband. This would be if you really wished to see such a book published. If you do, we would like to publish it con amore. As I visualize such a book, it would shape up somewhat as follows:

1) The book would contain a great many pictures of the President, but we would want you to decide which ones were to be included, and which to be excluded. We would like you to act in a supervisory capacity, giving as much or as little time as you see fit.

2) The book should have captions by someone who was very close to the President. You might feel like undertaking this task
yourself, but if you prefer not, we would like to have the text written by someone like Bob Sherwood or Jonathan Daniels.

3) All publishing profits, as well as all royalties on such a book, should be given to some fund named by you.

4) The book should be printed on the best paper available, with the finest quality possible of photo-engraving, printing and binding.

5) It should be published at as low a price as possible so that it can achieve the greatest possible distribution.

As I said above, this book should be published only if you want very much to have it appear. I do not in any way wish to 'sell' you on it. If the suggestion strikes you immediately as a good and fine one, then we would want to go ahead. If it does not, then we would not wish to.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Rye Park, New York

RLSimon: sqh
June 27, 1945

Dear Sam:

I have just received your letter of June 26, 1945. Sitting with me in my office at this moment is Mr. Koons of Basil O'Connor's office. Strangely enough we were discussing the question you asked about. I shall have a copy of the memorandum in your hands early next week. The theory involved the concept of a gift in trust created by the President over a period commencing in 1938 not evidenced by written instrument, but by his acts and statements.

It was nice to see your signature again. I only wish I were looking at you.

With kindest regards,

Faithfully yours,

HSH/H

To

Hrs. Samuel I. Rosenman
The White House
Washington, D.C.
Dear Sam:

I have just read the publicity about the Memorial Foundation in the Sunday papers and it does not thrill me at all.

I do not think you have played up at all what should be done about the papers, or the information to be gathered at Hyde Park. The other idea sounds to me extremely nebulous.

I want very much to have a talk with you and Mr. Allen and anyone else you want to gather together when next you have the time because my imagination would not be fired by anything that I read in the paper.

Very sincerely yours,
Dear Sam,

I wish the papers had carried the full release. That says what I hoped you would say and it is fine.

I do appreciate your seeing Mr. McKone.

Very sincerely yours,

Rosenman

November 28, 1945
November 24, 1945

Dear Eleanor:

The thought occurred to me that in the papers available to you you may not have seen the full release of the Memorial Committee and, therefore, I am sending you a copy thereof.

I had a long talk with Mr. McKone, who had written to you about the so-called Seaman's Bill of Rights. While the Administration has not endorsed the complete bill, it has endorsed the majority of the provisions. As I said to Mr. McKone, the provisions endorsed by the Administration form a very substantial series of rights.

I do not know that President Roosevelt ever endorsed the particular bill which Mr. McKone had in mind, although of course he was generally in favor of making some provision for merchant seamen. I doubt, however, whether he wanted to go beyond the provisions which have been endorsed by the Administration. I think that Mr. McKone is probably convinced that that is correct.

Very sincerely,

Samuel I. Rosenman

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17, New York
From: James T. Kennedy, Jr.  
The Blom Company  
9 Rockefeller Plaza  
New York City.

FOR RELEASE MORNING PAPERS OF SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 18

Announcement of the formation of the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Foundation which will establish a Franklin D. Roosevelt School of Human Relations in Washington, D. C., was made Saturday following a meeting of the foundation's executive committee in New York, according to George E. Allen of Washington, president of the foundation.

The foundation is dedicated to the establishment of an educational program for advancing the ideals and purposes of the late president.

Officers for the foundation, in addition to Allen, are Cordell Hull, Henry A. Wallace, Frances Perkins, Marshall Field, vice-presidents, with Joseph E. Davies secretary and treasurer.

Members of the foundation's executive committee are: Robert E. Sherwood, chairman; Samuel I. Rosenman, vice chairman; Philip Murray, William Green, Harry L. Hopkins, Frank G. Walker, Henry Morgenthau, Jr., William D. Leahy, Francis Perkins, George E. Allen, Franklin D. Roosevelt, Jr., and Mr. Davies.

The purpose of the school will be to provide an opportunity for students from all parts of the United States — and, in time, from all parts of the world — to study the process of liberal democracy as a vital, progressive force for the achievement of justice, security and peace, at home and throughout the world.

It is proposed that scholarships be awarded to qualified young men and women to enable them to attend the school.

In addition to the best possible course of instruction, it is hoped that the personnel and facilities of the Federal Government will be made available to aid in furthering the school's curriculum.

The school will be located in Washington, D. C., close to the seat of government. It will conduct research continuously designed to improve human relations in both domestic and international fields.

Among other immediate purposes, the foundation will seek:

1. To aid in the collection of the public and private papers of Franklin D. Roosevelt from all parts of the world, and the important papers of those associated with him during his public life, all for deposit with the Federal Government in the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library at Hyde Park, N. Y.
2. To give one or more annual awards of merit to persons in and out of public life who, by their works, have done most to promote the ideals and objectives of the late President Roosevelt.

Further details concerning the amount to be raised for establishment of the school and methods by which it will be financed will be announced later.
November 27, 1946

Dear Sam:

Thank you for your letter of November 21st. I have no plans for going to Washington until January 7th. I expect to be in New York from now until just before Christmas.

Anna and John and Franklin have not changed their minds since the meeting, but it seems to me that the papers come first as a basis and I did not feel the whole idea was well explained.

If you are to be in New York let me know ahead.

Very sincerely yours,
DEAR ELEANOR:

I am sorry you do not like the projects or publicity which were decided upon at a meeting of the Executive Committee last Thursday.

Needless to say, Mr. Allen and I and anyone else you suggest would be glad to meet with you at any time. Do you expect to be in Washington soon, or if not, what are your plans about being in New York? I am sure we can arrange some time convenient.

The Committee seemed to be unanimous on the projects. We were very careful to have both Franklin and Anna there so that they might express their views fully. They seemed to be in hearty accord not only with the projects themselves, but with the form of the statement which Mr. Sherwood and I drafted.

Bill Green, who was present, was particularly enthusiastic about the project and the statement.

Anna and John and Franklin suggested a few minor changes which were adopted. Have they changed their minds since the meeting?

I thought that this kind of a project would carry out your idea and the late President's idea of a living memorial since the purpose would be to carry on his objectives through education of young people in his way of thinking.

You will remember that I asked you to make an effort to be present yourself at the meeting in order to obtain the benefit of your views, and of course we were all sorry you were unable to make it.

With kindest regards, and hoping we can meet soon,

Very sincerely,

SAMUEL I. ROSENMAN

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