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W. Winant, Jr.

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London, W.1.

Handwritten mark

June 25, 1945.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Sometime before the death of the President I had agreed to accept for delivery to him a commemorative lamp made by a member of the British Civil Service, an inspector of schools, from a part of one of the oak beams from Chelmsford Friary at Chelmsford, Essex. This Friary was built, I am informed, about 1250. The maker of the lamp, Mr. Herbert Moorhouse, who does this sort of work as a hobby, has given a similar memento to the Lord Mayor and he is giving me, for the Embassy, a tea caddy made from various historical pieces of wood.

Mr. Moorhouse has now written me to say that the lamp is ready to be brought to me, having been fitted with a commemorative plate, and he wanted me to ask you if you would accept the lamp. I would be happy to receive it from him and have it forwarded to you, if you want me to do this.

Sincerely,

John G. Winant

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
Hyde Park,
New York.