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my husband  
would have liked  
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November 19, 1946

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

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Our organization has included among its recent projects, one of helping to alleviate the plight of Greek orphans of war. Through an active campaign of solicitation we have already raised some forty scholarships providing for the education of suitable, eligible boys and girls at the various American schools in Greece. The donors of one such scholarship at Athens College have suggested that the scholarship should be named the Franklin D. Roosevelt Memorial Scholarship, as they feel that the extension of American educational advantages to a deserving Greek boy is consistent with the ideals and wishes that Mr. Roosevelt expressed during his life.

We wish you to know our intention before its consummation. The donor will instruct Dr. Homer Davis, the President of the Athens College, to select the Roosevelt candidate carefully with the wish and hope that he may some day be a boy of whom we can all be proud.

Sincerely yours,

*George H. Chase*  
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*Franklin D. Roosevelt  
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*Another Appeal?*

Yes, but who has more right to ask than those in Greece, living in shadow, instead of their age-long heritage of sunlight.

**T**HERE are sixty thousand homeless children in the small country of Greece, most of whom have lost one or both parents. They are the sons and daughters of men who gave their lives in resisting the Fascist invasion or the helpless victims of the ruthless reprisals of the Nazis and Bulgarians who burned their homes and slaughtered their parents.

The Greek War Relief Association in collaboration with the Greek Government has worked out a comprehensive plan of orphanage and home placement for these orphans. But this can, of necessity, mean little more than the bare essentials of material care.

From among these thousands of orphans there must be a number of specially gifted children. The American Friends of Greece wishes to give *them* a chance. We would like to "adopt" these orphans — carefully selected — and place them as boarders in the four American schools in Greece, to live there for the years required to complete their education. We will cover the entire expense: board and room, tuition,

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clothing, provision for the summer, etc. This plan will make it possible for these children to live normally with more fortunate ones, to receive the finest training in scholarship and character, and to leave the school equipped to be good citizens and leaders in their community.

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All friends of Greece know of these American schools. Foremost is Athens College. It represents an outstanding accomplishment in education in Greece, combining as it does American methods and ideas with Greek ideals and traditions. By the excellence of its buildings, library, campus life, sports and methods of study it is forming characters and men rather than merely imparting a formal education.

Pierce College or the American College for Women at Hellenico, near Athens, has also a significant place in education in Greece. Its six fine buildings have always been overcrowded with girl students from all parts of

Greece. It blends the best in American and Greek education in its program.

Anatolia College is beautifully situated on a forty-acre campus in the hills above the city of Saloniki. Corresponding roughly to an American high school and junior college it provides training and activities as a means of developing initiative and cooperation. It has departments for boys and girls.

The American Farm School consists of a model farm village with three hundred acres of land and some thirty-five structures, large and small, its own electric power station and a model dairy and creamery. The four-year course at the School provides a curriculum of classroom and practical work. It now has a boys' and a girls' department.

All four schools have been hard hit by the war and the enemy occupation. The problem of reconstruction and repair is a very serious one. They are engaged in campaigns for funds to enable them to resume their normal program and to accommodate as many

students as possible. Literally thousands of boys and girls have requested admission but the schools are anxious to accept worthy students who cannot pay for their education and are trying to raise scholarship funds for this purpose.

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Our plan is to make it possible for Greek orphans of war to be placed in these schools. The directors of the schools have agreed to select the boys and girls who will be the "adopted" children of the American Friends of Greece. These orphans will be taken from the towns and villages throughout Greece. The selections will be made at no expense to our association.

Here is what the friends of Greece may expect from the realization of our plan:

- 1) They will make a contribution to the staggering problem of the care of orphans of war in Greece — a legacy of the struggle for freedom in which the

Greek people fought so heroically and suffered so tragically.

- 2) They will give a chance to selected boys and girls to receive a fine education and an opportunity to learn, work and strive for a better life.
- 3) They will help prepare the future leaders of Greece — men and women who will return to their villages and towns to give direction and influence life in their communities.
- 4) They will satisfy the intense desire of Greeks for American knowledge and education. It is less expensive and far more satisfactory in many respects to carry the American education to Greece than to have these children come to America.
- 5) They will help toward the restoration of American education in Greece as the scholarships will represent income to the American schools.
- 6) They will help develop the

bodies, minds and characters of Greek children and thereby build a strong Greece which will be a bulwark for the maintenance of peace, a staunch friend of America and a growing market for American products.

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To achieve real success, our plan must make it possible for us to place in the American schools the largest possible number of deserving orphan boys and girls. Therefore, we are appealing for the maximum contributions that our members and their friends can give.

We plan to name the fellowships given to these orphans after great Philhellenes. We shall also name such scholarships for contributors giving an amount of \$5000, in a single grant or in five annual grants. While the American Friends of Greece will "adopt" all orphans who are provided for from the general fund, individual members may

"adopt" personally an orphan boy or girl by contributing \$500 annually.

We wish to emphasize that no part of the contributions received will be used for administrative expense.

The entire amount of your contribution will go directly to the care and education of the adopted children.

Surely there are enough friends of Greece in our great country who, as Ambassador Winant said, "have the grace to remember what Greece has done for us in this war, her courage to stand against the enemy in the blackest hour of the fight for freedom".

With her population reduced to poverty and her country destroyed to an incredible extent, she is unable, solely by her own means, to do the important job for her future that this project of the American Friends seeks to accomplish.

Are you willing to help?

Your contribution is tax deductible.

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