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BROWN CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION

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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
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My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Recently I received a letter from a Yugoslavian who had been captured near the beginning of the War by the Germans, and released by the British Army in 1945. At the time of his capture, he was a Captain in the Artillery attached to the Yugoslavian general headquarters. During his captivity, I was able to send some food packages to him as I had helped to educate him after the first world war and could act "in loco parentis." His admiration for this country and particularly for Mr. Roosevelt has inspired me to send you the enclosed reference.

These sentiments are, I am sure, shared by many of his countrymen. It is to be regretted at this time, when there has been so much provocation on the part of the Yugoslavian Government, that we should forget there are such people as former Captain Goutovitch in that unhappy country.

He is no follower of Tito and as a result he has lost his position in the Army, and consequently his livelihood. His comments under these circumstances are of special significance.

Sincerely yours,

K. Brooke Anderson

K. BROOKE ANDERSON
Executive Secretary

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Enclosure



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"Your country is great and powerful not because of its area, industry, wealth, strength, and numerous races mixed into a blend of its own under the Star bespangled banner, but because it gives birth to such men as the late great President Roosevelt, the embodiment of Christian and humane virtues, a man wanted by a tired and exhausted world, the foreboding, at the same time, of a tremendously growing spiritual life, the development of which attract a great many from everywhere. The American library here in Belgrade has such interesting books on every question that it is a pleasure to have time to go there and enjoy the reading of some book, very difficult to find else. From time to time I enjoy much reading and let in this charming reading-room, my fancy going back to the time when I was with you in Louisanne and dream of those beautiful days of the past in order to forget for a short time the crudity, the reality, and the hardship of the life."

Excerpt from Mr. Andre Goutovitch's letter to Mr. K. Brooke Anderson dated July 31, 1946.