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My First Lady:-

Yes, dear lady that  
you shall ever be to the writer of  
"In Memoriam to Franklin Delano  
Roosevelt" and the first poem to  
"Righteousness" and the first poem to  
the Chief, the personal acknowledge-  
ment of which I have and cherish.  
It bore the latter part of the above  
named caption and while written in the  
rhythm of a poetic strain was more  
than that to the author, it was and is  
Truth in the absolute. He helped me  
and my wife in life and like Uncle Sam  
I was all for him and if there is the  
efficacy in prayer I believe there to be  
I continue to give him my best since  
he departed this earth plane for the

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Higher Regions where the truly great & good dwell. I had hoped to meet him <sup>as you</sup> esteemed self in life <sup>and</sup> I still hope to have the latter privilege, nor do I abandon the hope of at least seeing him in another life, tho perhaps from a distance. for I am not worthy to be in close proximity to him. But feeling that he is still with us in the person of his great widow I bring my grievances, as has ever been my custom, to the perpetual First Lady. Grievance is a word advisedly used <sup>as</sup> I believe you will agree with the justifiable anguish this Veteran of Two Wars holds in the matter I wish you to know about which I shall approach forthwith <sup>and</sup> with brevity so as not to tire you. By the by, perhaps you saw an article in the paper that may have read something like this - "Marine, Soldier, Now Gov - Veteran of First War Also Husband of War." Well that was the author of this communication, Mrs. Roosevelt. I guess it attained more or less national recognition for at San Bernardino where I recently put up over night en route to Topeka the girl at the U. S. O. said he mother had sent it to her from my birthplace, the old Quaker City - Philadelphia



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But to get on with the object of my letter.

My wife and I were in California for seven months up until a couple of months ago and of that time I was incarcerated in an insane asylum called Agnew for three months by the deception of a certain deputy district attorney in San Jose who is known as Pete Lindsey, a veritable liar, if you will pardon my calling a spade a spade.

While I was on emergency leave from the Navy I had an automobile accident and suffered a fractured skull and a concussion of the brain resulting in my tiring greatly and easily and my wife wanted me to have medical attention and instead I was freely placed where I got none, with unspeakable associates, the hopelessly insane, for three months and when I was taken ill I could get no help, going down to a mere shadow in weight because of the very poor and insufficient food. Dates and other data pertaining to outrages upon request, as I kept a diary during the entire episode.

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There is held in durance a grand old  
soldier of world war I for whom I should  
like to make a plea, a member of the Princess  
Pats whose regiment is ever dear to an old  
5<sup>th</sup> Marine. <sup>(Fred Lewis Lynn)</sup> Her has been kept there twelve  
years and as I was thro' the misfeasance of the  
aforementioned Pete Lindsey held there I  
was able to ascertain the truth of the prisoners  
statement that he was there and that is as he  
says "cemented in" on a false charge. I am  
able to testify he is entirely rational in every  
respect and deserves help and if redress is to  
be had for either of us it can come thro' you.

Mrs. Roosevelt, what Gen. Sherman said about  
war is right, I should know, and the same  
statement applies to insane asylums. They are  
no places for rational people and the misleading  
Lindsey must be stopped & you can do it.

Nor does the affair stop upon your release  
for as soon as an employer finds out you were  
at Agnew you are fired as happened to me at  
a farm where I obtained employment follow-  
ing the unfortunate affair. The place was know  
as Rauchito and is situated at Los Gatos and is  
owned by one Mrs. Merkel who learned of my  
incarceration (thro' Lindsey's deception to my wife) and  
dismisses me paying only half what she  
agreed to pay me in the presence of the farm



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Labor representative named Mr. English who got me the job & took my wife & myself out to her place when I was hired. That matter has until next Mothers Day to be settled for I have a year from the filing of my Complaint with the Labor Commissioner which I did about that time. I performed similar work for quite a number of people in San Jose who repeatedly called for my service & from whom I successfully concealed the Agnew affair, repetition of my service proving Mrs. Markel acted ill-advisedly & most unjustly. On the day when the matter came up before the Labor Board I was working as a bookbinder at the Rosacruzian Press and could not go to the hearing so my wife went in my place & was most scornfully treated by Mrs. Markel, who because she has a small fortune thinks she can disregard laws & people's feelings. The Chief would not have let such people as me & Lindsey get away with such

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things and I don't think you will either.

I do hope I have not tired you, dear lady, in bringing my troubles to the top as I always have and still do, as you see.

The reason I picked for the relating of this veteran's woes to the First Lady was because I re-erected a shrine in our new quarters I had in our old ones - a Shrine to the Chief as I like to refer to your late world famous husband.

Believe me to be

Ever faithfully yours

J.H. Bailey

(Betty & Shirley Bailey)