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May 10, 1946

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

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Our graduates of the Class of June 1946, accompanied by their teachers and me, plan to make a pilgrimage by bus to the National Shrine to your late husband, President Franklin D. Roosevelt, on Tuesday, June 25th, 1946.

Ours is an all-Negro girls' junior high school ("The Harriet Beecher Stowe") in the heart of Harlem. Our parents, staff, and students who reverence the memory of your late husband have now centered upon you all their hopes for a better world.

I am wondering if it may be possible for you to greet them at Hyde Park on the occasion of their visit, as it would mean so very much in their lives.

We expect to visit the Memorial at two o'clock.

We await the favor of an early and, we hope an affirmative answer.

Most sincerely yours,

Suzette Burns

Suzette Burns
Principal

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Let Fairlie hope so.
Kathryn

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JHC*

Boarman
June 17, 1946

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am a young writer and artist. My first book, "BOZ, An Intimate Biography of Charles Dickens", was published in 1935 when I was scarcely 19 years of age. Due to ill health, I did no more writing until 1943.

Three of my short novels finished since then are scheduled for publication this fall. However, it is concerning my art work that I am writing you.

I have just finished a portrait of our late beloved President - a life-

size. bust portrait in colors.
This portrait has received the
praise of many persons
who know art. My desire
is to present this to the Hyde
Park Museum. Will you
accept it?

I have made the portraits
of several distinguished persons.
A sketch of Charles Dickens
was accepted by the Congressional
Library last week; and I have
just completed several pictures
of Motion Picture Stars, all of
which were contracted for.

However, the portrait of
Mr. Roosevelt I will gladly
donate.

Sincerely,
Joseph K. Boorman
1532 Her Avenue
Owensboro, Ky.

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738 Hollywood Street
Memphis 12 Tennessee
January 11 1946

Mrs. Roosevelt, you did me a great kindness
some years ago as a result of a direct personal
appeal from my aunt, the late Hattie Benson.
I did not learn about it for several years, but -
Even in my highly nervous state, I could feel
an inexplicable change - everything just a little
smoother than before at St. Elizabeth's Hospital -
as a result of whatever you said or did for
me. They pulled me through, and I now have
two fine children. I did miss war duty entirely -
but only after driving to Little Rock Navy
Recruiting office and back in a driving rain
December 12, 1941.

Probably the most memorable moment in my
life was June 1, 1933 in Dahlgren Hall, at
Annapolis, when the Commander-in-Chief
shook my hand and I heard him say
"Congratulations, Mr. Bobo." Subsequent mishaps
and shortcomings on my part can never spoil
that memory. My thanks to both of you.
Sidney Bobo.

Prime Minister as far as
I know Mr. Beveridge has
not been in London.

Therefore I am wondering
if you are entirely
correct in much of your

reformation

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June 12, 1946

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
29 Washington Square W.
New York City

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

You have greatly relieved my embarrassment by your very kind letter. (In the meantime, it seems that the license was a product of close American - British cooperation, while technically British).

I am returning Mr. Felix Boenheim's letter to you. I am prejudiced so far as Mr. Boenheim is concerned. He used to be a member of the Council for a Democratic Germany, being among other things the editor of the Communist "German-American". He nevertheless takes great care to appear as a non-party member. But that is not the greatest trouble with him; the trouble is just that he is not very precise, to put it mildly. In his letter to you, you have read several of the peculiar mistakes he makes. For instance, calling Mr. Bevin "Prime-Minister". Even Mr. Boenheim should know that Mr. Bevin is not the Prime Minister, but that is where emotion gets the better of him. Then, so far as I know, Mr. Severing has definitely never been in London and the rumors that he has been received by "Prime Minister" Bevin, are entirely unsubstantiated. I have never been a friend of the policy of Mr. Severing, but to make a bogey of him as the man behind the scene is another one of the propaganda items of the fusionists. Then how does Mr. Boenheim know of a promise of "the American Army of Occupation" to allocate paper for a "million leaflets". Unfortunately, Military authorities have not been too large in allocating paper and other material for liberal Socialist education and propaganda services. I have talked to men who have just returned from Berlin and they do not know of such a promise. Further, there is the alleged report given by Mr. Patrick Gordon-Walker, in Wittenburg-Baden. Mr. Boenheim's quotation is given as "based" on a report given by Gordon-Walker. I would have to see an authentic record of this report to be convinced that Mr. Patrick Gordon-Walker said what he is accused of. I have known Patrick for many years, he is Don in Oxford, in civilian life, he was taken on by the Churchill Government to direct the German Labor Desk of B.B.C. during the war, his most famous speech is the report he gave on what he found in Belsen Camp when the British entered, a report which filled several pages in "P.M." as you probably remember the day it was published and shocked the world. Patrick was one of the leaders of a group of young labor people in England who stood out for the closest British-American-Russian cooperation. If he has changed his mind as to the possibility of such a policy now, it is

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certainly not due to his ill-will, but to circumstances which we all know. Patrick is still a champion of European labor unity. But of course, democratic labor unity, not coerced totalitarian unity, and in the last instance of course it depends entirely on what kind of an interpretation you give to implement the aim of a "strong united labor movement" in Germany where your sympathies will lie. "Strong" in the sense of Mr. Boenheim's side is rather weak in the sense of a genuine truly democratic labor policy. But I am rather pessimistic to make that ever clear to him.

Very sincerely yours,

Paul Hagen
Paul Hagen

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*Mr. Hagen
do there anything
I should do about
this?*

*Eleanor Roosevelt
M.T.*

FELIX BOENHEIM, M. D.
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June 7, 1946.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The New York Times published your cable to the newly founded Social Democratic newspaper in Berlin.

I have always admired your policies and your executive actions pertaining thereto. I, therefore, feel I can take the liberty of informing you of several pertinent facts of which you may not be aware concerning the aforementioned.

You wrote "Hope for a future place is based on a strong labor movement in Germany". I should like to go one step further and say that permanent peace is possible only if a strong united labor movement is reborn in Germany. However, some leaders of the Social Democratic Party are against a unification of the labor parties and they are supported in it by the American and English armies of occupation and by the British Government. A copy of a confidential circular is in my possession. It is dated from Stuttgart on April 9th. It is sent by the social democratic party, district of Wuerttemberg-Baden. It is based on a report given by Mr. Gordon Walker, M.P. It partly reads as follows: "All questions for a positive policy have to be kept in the background in Berlin in favor of the preparations for a self-sustaining party organization." Support by the American army of occupation was promised in the form of paper necessary for printing one million leaflets. More help was promised for the future.

The aforementioned letter further claimed that the Foreign Office in London which had opposed such politics is now in full favor thereof.

I wish to inform you also regarding another fact. The former Social Democratic minister Severing was a witness for Admiral von Raeder in Nueremberg. He was asked by the defendent's lawyer whether he knew anything of the massacres

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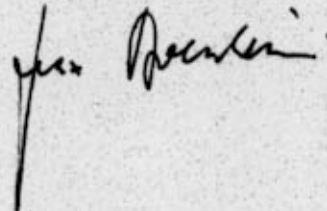
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of the Jews. He testified: "Not before V-Day". Another question was: "How many officers of the Social Democratic Party were killed in concentration camps in the period from 1933 to 1945 ?" He replied: "About 1 500". When questioned about the number of communists murdered, he gave the same figure. This would mean that only 3 000 leaders of the labor parties were killed during the Nazi regime !

As you probably know Mr. Severing plays a very important rôle in the English zone as a leader of the Social Democratic Party. He was recently received by Mr. Laski in London and it is rumored that he has been received by Prime Minister Bevin as well.

There is no doubt in my opinion that Mr. Severing has a great influence on the politics of the recently founded social democratic newspaper in Berlin.

Respectfully yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Felix Boehnheim', written in a cursive style.