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Roosevelt  
store

One Christopher Street,  
New York 14.

October 17th. 1946.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

My husband, who is now in Shanghai, wrote me the following story, told him by a Chinese friend, and I feel that it is so touching a tribute to the memory of the great man who was your husband that it should be made known to you.

There is an American tea-room in Shanghai, known as the Chocolate Shop, and, after Pearl Harbor, the Japanese took it over and put in a Japanese manager. The morning news reached Shanghai of the passing away of President Roosevelt, this Japanese manager unearthed an American flag and hung it at half mast outside the shop. No American flag had been seen in Shanghai for years, and a great many people flocked to look at it.

Unfortunately word reached the Japanese authorities, and, in the afternoon, military police came and took the man away. He was never heard of again.

The impulse that moved that Japanese, and gave him the courage to pay his respects to the memory of a great American, at the risk of his life, symbolises the feeling held by countless millions of small people, even among our wartime enemies, that President Roosevelt was the one man who tried to help them to attain a better world.

I had the privilege and pleasure of meeting you when you spoke at the Pen & Brush.

Very sincerely yours,

*Judith Hart Burling*

(Mrs. Arthur H. Burling).