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July 8, 1946

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Val-Kill Cottage
Hyde Park, Dutchess County
New York

*quite
all right
with me*

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Mr. Donald Carmichael has sent us the foreword which you were kind enough to write for his collection of Mr. Roosevelt's newspaper columns. We are very happy and proud to be publishing the book -- we think of it as a very human miniature in the great mass of exhaustive studies of the era which bears the President's name.

We wonder if it would be too outrageous, after your kindness to Mr. Carmichael, to make a small suggestion about the foreword. It would seem to us very useful to the book -- and a service toward unifying Mr. Carmichael's commentary with both the foreword and the President's writings -- if the foreword identified Mr. Carmichael a little more closely with the substance of the book. Personally, we were considerably moved when we met Donald Carmichael for the first time about a week ago, not by his pretention of any familiarity with the President, but on the contrary, by the devotion and genuine affection of a young man for a great figure whom he had seen only a few times. Mr. Carmichael made no pretense of an intimate memoir -- he was proud to tell us rather that once when he had been a guest at the White House you quoted his bread-and-butter letter in your broadcast.

Would it be possible for you to identify Mr. Carmichael in the first paragraph of the foreword -- perhaps simply as "a young friend of my husband"? If you would give us permission, we could make the addition in just those words. Possibly you might have another suggestion

*Frank
Cudahy*

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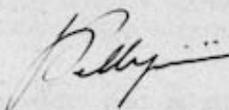
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We hope you will understand that we suggest an addition to so excellent a foreword only because we are very fond of this little book and want it to have as much meaning as possible.

Respectfully yours,

PELLEGRINI & CUDAHY



George Pellegrini

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DONALD SCOTT CARMICHAEL

10109 Lake Avenue
Cleveland 2, Ohio
July 2, 1946

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter of June 28, 1946 together with the Foreword which you have written.

I am delighted with what you have said; it sets the tone of the book in a very nice manner and briefly encompasses the scope of the columns. I am particularly glad you have made the point that the President's interests in the 1920's were also his interests of the 1940's.

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MR
There are a few minor technicalities which must be ironed out to satisfy the publishers, and I hope you will approve. In deference to the gentlemen in Beacon and Macon who first published the columns, as well as to the present publishers, would you object to the first line of your Foreword reading as follows: "Mr. Carmichael who collected these columns, etc." instead of "Mr. Carmichael who is publishing these columns, etc." Another technicality has to do with your signature. The publishers will, no doubt, place your name at the end of your writing, in which case you may wish to have your name appear as you sign letters. If possible, we should also like to include the Val-Kill address.

MR
So that you can visualize the Foreword as it will be printed, I am inclosing herewith a copy with the technicalities ironed out.

I shall appreciate word from you as to the signature, use of the address and the change in the first line, if they are not agreeable to you.

It was nice of you to do this for me and please be assured of my appreciation.

With cordial personal regards, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Donald S. Carmichael

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FOREWORD

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ELEANOR ROOSEVELT

Val-Kill Cottage
Hyde Park, Dutchess County
New York
June 28, 1946

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DONALD SCOTT CARMICHAEL

10109 Lake Avenue
Cleveland 2, Ohio
April 23, 1946

Scott Carmichael

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Your nice note of April 19th with the good tidings that you will do the foreword for FDR: Columnist is acknowledged. I appreciate ever so much your interest and kindness, and I shall look ahead eagerly to reading what you write.

With cordial regards, I am,

Very sincerely yours,

Donald S. Carmichael

Mrs. F. D. Roosevelt
Room 901
342 Madison Avenue
New York 17

April 19,
1946

My dear Mr. Carmichael,

I am very pleased with your work
and I shall do the foreword.

With all good wishes, I am,

Yours very sincerely,

DONALD SCOTT CARMICHAEL

10109 Lake Avenue
Cleveland 2, Ohio
April 9, 1946

Handwritten notes:
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Cleveland 2, Ohio
April 9, 1946
Mrs. Roosevelt
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My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Back in January 1945, I obtained copies of Mr. Roosevelt's newspaper columns in the Beacon Standard and The Macon Daily Telegraph. These were written, as you know, in 1928 and 1925 respectively. These columns are very interesting reading and are very important in ascertaining your husband's thinking in those very formative years when he was recovering from infantile paralysis. Because they are writings of Mr. Roosevelt's and because of the perspective on the public problems which he had in those years, it seemed desirable that they should be made available to historians, biographers, collectors of his works and others who might be interested therein. This seemed especially true because of the obscurity of the columns and the lack of any real information on the circumstances surrounding their publication.

Therefore, I have put together a manuscript entitled FDR - Columnist. This manuscript reprints the original columns and relates the circumstances under which your husband came to do the writing. There is also a short general introduction explaining the purpose of the book.

There is a group in the country including Fred Adams Jr., of New York, John Valentine of Chicago, and myself who are putting together a Franklin D. Roosevelt collectors' association. The purpose of this association will be to conduct research and make available materials relating to Mr. Roosevelt's career. It is our present plan to make FDR - Columnist the initial publication of our group. Originally it was planned that there would be a limited edition of the book, to be published in Chicago, such edition to be 500 copies. Since reading the manuscript, Mr. Valentine who is handling the publication, has determined to seek the assistance of a university press for the issuance of a trade edition as well.

DONALD SCOTT CARMICHAEL

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My good friend, who incidentally, assisted me greatly in preparing the book, Margaret Suckley, has read the manuscript and seems to be very well pleased with it.

I am forwarding to you under separate cover a duplicate copy of the typed manuscript. You will note that on the title page there is a bit of wishful typography reading - "Foreword by Eleanor Roosevelt". I do not expect that you will have time in days so full of more important things, to read the entire manuscript, but I hope that you will be able to read the introduction and skim through the contents. If, after you have done this, you feel disposed so to do, I feel that the addition of a few words at the beginning of the book by you will be most appropriate and most helpful to the first project of a very worthwhile association.

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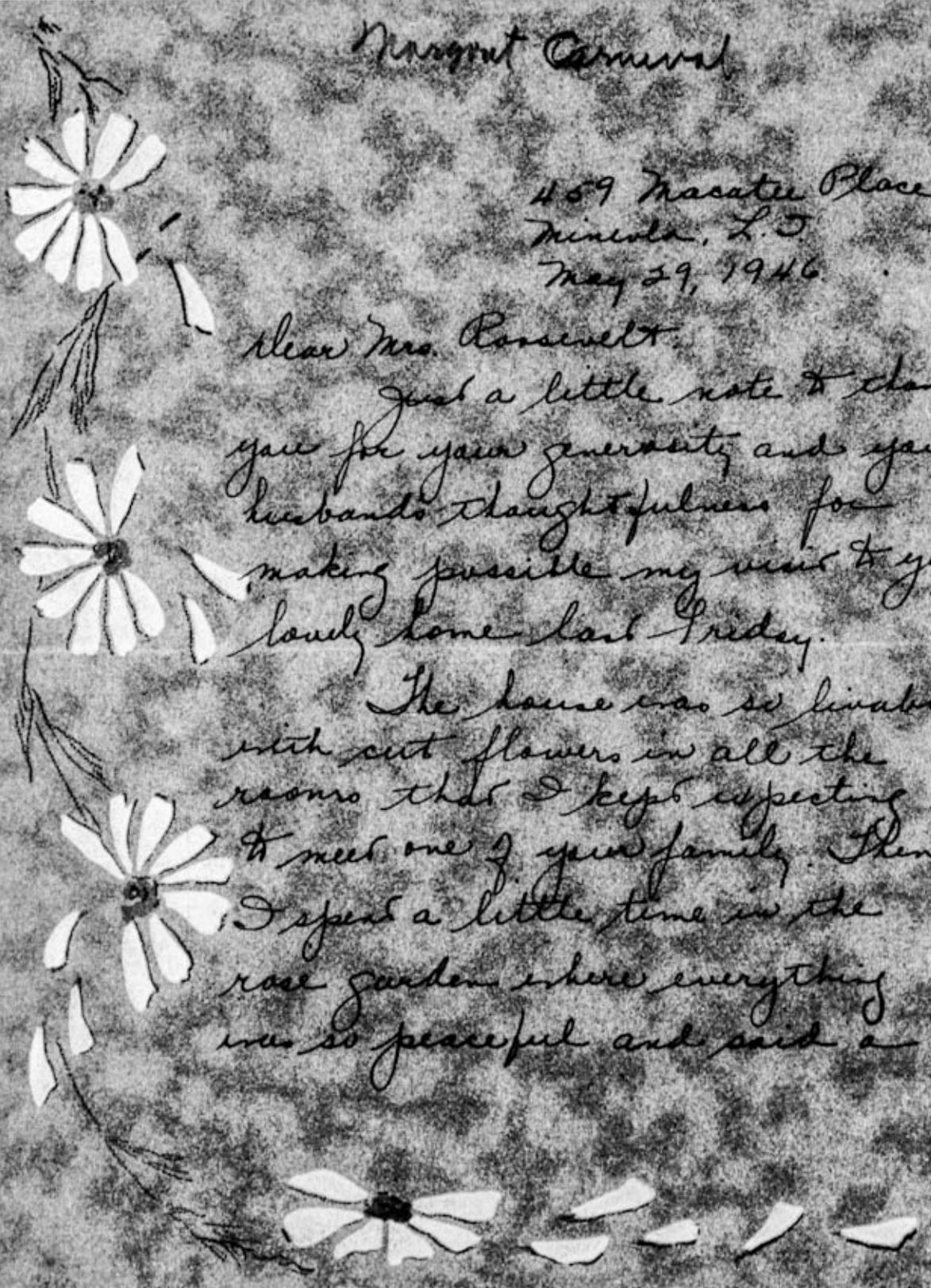
Margaret Cameron

459 Macatee Place
Minneapolis, L.S.
May 29, 1946

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Just a little note to thank
you for your generosity and your
husband's thoughtfulness for
making possible my visit to your
lovely home last Friday.

The house was so livable
with cut flowers in all the
rooms that I kept expecting
to meet one of your family. Then
I spent a little time in the
rose garden where everything
was so peaceful and said a



little prayer for the peace of the
world knowing that was what the
President worked so hard to achieve.
I then rounded out my visit
by going to the President's Library.
The collection is very interesting.
How much he must have been
loved to receive such beautiful
gifts.

Again I thank you and wish
you well with your work on the
Human Relations Commission of the
United Nations and your many other
activities.

Sincerely yours
Marguerite Carnaud