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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt; -

When I was given the enclosed letter to read, I could not resist sending it on to you. It impressed me as a fine tribute to your husband, and one so well deserved.

The original letter was brought to me by one of our maintenance workers, whose crippled daughter received it in response to a small contribution of clothes to U.N.R.A.

Very sincerely,

Lillie V. Cronwell Exec.
Central Branch

C O P Y

14 th of October 1946

Dear Miss Helms,

Two days ago I was ask by our local Council to collect some cloth form the Unrra. Amongst the things I found your address and so will take the oppertunity towrite a few lines , thanking for everything.

We recieved the parcels only yet, so it took quite a long time, but I am very thankful to have recieved it anyway.

I am a Austrian girl, living in a village and I lead a very simple life, occasionally I go for weekend to town to visit my friends, so that we can see good plays and films.

I am sure that you only heard unpleasant things about our country, but it is not so, only we were mixed up in the war but some austrians will now find out, whow stupid the have been.

My life has always been a very hard one- My parents are simple people and it was always difficult for them to bring us up with a good education.

In school I picked up some English, therefore I am lucky to write this letter.

I would like to hear from you, as I always wanted to get into touch with this part of the world: USA. On the map it looks to big and everything must be different from Europe. I only know America's famous politicians, on the top the formerly president. All democratic working- people were thinking a great deal of him hed died to quickly, I believe all the difficulties in settling the peace, would not cause such a lot of misunderstanding if Roosevelt would be still alive. We did trust him, ever so much.

You will be somehow surprised that I am so much interested in politics but our small country depents on the decisions of the big forces, if we deserve a better life or not. So therefore we watch always what is going on at the big conferences

But the Unrra has already done a lot of good things and it is a much better feeling that many people in your country have shown such a good heart.

Before I close my letter I want to thank again and I am looking forward to the letter, I wish very much to recieve.

yours faithfully

(signed)

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