WAR DEPARTMENT
THE CHIEF OF STAFF
WASHINGTON

9 September 1946

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I have the report which was submitted to you by Miss Margaret A. Fellows, and I appreciate your bringing it to my attention.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt  
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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I spent seven months working for the American Army of Occupation in Germany and I take the liberty of enclosing for you to read an account of what I observed there. In writing this I have tried very hard to report the bare facts and direct personal observations, mentioning the doubts and questions which these awakened in my mind, but not my opinions or conclusions.

It seems to me that this is the sort of thing the American people should get a chance to read. While it is a microcosm, it is an inside view such as newspaper men could not get. I wrote it up at the instance of a member of the firm for which I work and he gave it to our advertising agency to try and find a magazine or newspaper that would publish it. They were unsuccessful. I sent two letters to PM embodying special details of what I saw, and they also declined to publish them.

Naturally I avidly devour all the foreign news and I can read between the lines but all the people who have asked me about my experiences (except those who have been there or have a relative who was there) have been so astounded at what I told that I really think the average American is most inadequately informed. I have not found one who knew or dreamed that the American Army of Occupation was not armed. And this in spite of our loud boast about our free press and how the American people are the best informed in the world. I know that you yourself feel very strongly about freedom of information and therefore I make bold to send you the enclosed and to ask if you can suggest any periodical or newspaper that might be willing - and not afraid - to publish it. I wouldn't take money for it but I do feel that it contains information that should be made available. After all, the American people are paying for this show and they will have to bear whatever bad consequences there may be, but they have a right to know what is going on.

Sincerely yours,

Margaret A. Fellows

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