October 25, 1946

Dear Miss Ferris:

I read this sketchily, but with a great deal of interest. The story will be very good, I think, even though the trend may be against war stories. I think it is worth trying to get to youngsters the background of the experiences which other young people have lived through, so I would have it included.

However, you know more than I do about the sense of rebellion on the part of young people.

Very sincerely yours,
Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

It was ever so good to catch even the brief glimpse of you in Lord & Taylor's. And I was delighted to hear that you have time for some reading.

The manuscript that I am sending you today is one in which I think you will be especially interested. First of all, then, what do you think of it as a possibility for one of our teen age groups?

It does present its problems to us. The situation in the bookstores is definitely against "war books", and I guess one would call this that kind. What is more, librarians tell me that the boys and girls are coming into the libraries and saying that they do not wish to take out war books. They seem to be tired of them--and who can blame them?

In other words, we are up against not a theory but a concrete situation--and whether our boys and girls will really wish a book of this kind is an open question. What do you think?

A book is coming along on "How the United Nation Works", which I shall need your advice on. And there are others, as well, in the offering.

Cordially,

Helen Ferris
Editor-in-Chief

P.S. The manuscript of YOUNG PATRIOTS by Hester O'Neill is going to you today, by first class mail. H.F.
Dearest Mrs. Roosevelt:

I deeply appreciate your reading the YOUNG PATRIOTS manuscript in these especially busy days for you. What you have expressed about it is my own feeling in regard to it. This kind of material is so genuinely important for our boys and girls in the United States that I greatly regret an emotional situation, so to speak, that does present its problems.

I am telling the publisher, therefore, that we are very much interested in the manuscript and will let them know later about a definite decision. As soon as we make that final decision, I shall let you know.

now proud we are of you, dearest Eleanor Roosevelt. Take good care of yourself. We certainly need you in many, many ways.

Devotedly,

[Signature]

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
29 Washington Square, West
New York 11, N. Y.