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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Apartment 15-A
29 Washington Square, West
New York 11, New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

My letter to Mr. Charles T. Foo is enclosed, and it speaks for itself. With all our vaunted democracy it will not be easy for Orientals, native-born or naturalized, to find places for themselves.

I should like to tell you that we have had a Japanese girl on our staff for years and she is accepted as the rest of them, insofar as I know.

Anyway, I did my best with this letter.

Affectionately,

Charl Ormond Williams

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Mr. Charles T. Foo
110 E. McConnell Street
St. Johns, Michigan

Dear Mr. Foo:

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt sent your letter of July 20 to me on July 20 and my hope was to answer it for her immediately. However, the answer to your letter is not a very easy one to write. It is very difficult to advise one at long distances whom one does not know.

I have studied your record carefully and it seems to me that you have made a very good start in life. Since your work seems to have been in the field of journalism, I am sending you the name of a young Chinese friend of mine who I hope is still in New York City in a branch office of a Chinese daily that corresponds to the New York Times in this country. I suggest that you write him and say that you are doing it at my request. He has been in Johns Hopkins University, Washington, and New York now for about two years, and I think he will know this country well enough to give you better advice than I can. His name and address follow:

Mr. Chang Sun
Apt. 9D
255 West 108th Street at Broadway
New York 25, New York

Although you are an American citizen, I am wondering if you would not want to go to China to help in the rebirth of that old country. The years ahead for China will surely be thrilling ones, perhaps bloody ones. That that country will forge ahead in the next quarter of a century, I think is without question.

Another suggestion that might open up something for you is a letter to the Chinese Ambassador in Washington;

Ambassador V. K. Wellington Koo
Chinese Embassy
2240 Massachusetts Avenue
Washington, D. C.

I have never met the new Ambassador, but I feel sure that someone on the staff would be particularly interested in a young, Chinese-American.

I am sending this letter on to you with a feeling that I have not answered your question. There is one thing I can say to you and that is not to get discouraged. Unfortunately there are thousands upon thousands of native-born Americans who are stopped in their tracks and do not know the next step ahead. With health, strength, enthusiasm, a will to work, and to learn, all of which you seem to possess, I feel confident that you can find a place for yourself to work to the best of your ability.

Yours sincerely,

(Miss) Charl Ormond Williams
Director of Field Service
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