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Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park
Dutchess County, N. Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 6 in reference to the disposition of the James Roosevelt Memorial Library property at Hyde Park.

Some time ago it was decided that none of the real property owned by President Roosevelt would be disposed of until the U. S. Estate Tax Officers had finally fixed the value of each parcel and the plan of disposal had been submitted to and approved by the Surrogate of Dutchess County. I think that this can be done before January 1, 1947.

I am informed that under President Roosevelt's Will all personal property such as books and furniture, etc., which includes those in this Library, not selected by members of the family must be first offered to the U. S. Government before they can be disposed of. I think that this can be done before January 1, 1947.

The Library still has enough money on hand to carry it on for several months. The Town of Hyde Park has money received from Dr. Bird's estate available to purchase this Library. It is thought that the Library should continue as long as it has sufficient funds for that purpose.

The amounts of the subscriptions are so small that if the Library is forced to close, I am sure that at that time there will still be enough money on hand to refund the subscriptions to those who desire it.

Sincerely yours,

Henry T. Hackett