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Washington, D.C.
Sept. 2. 1946.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt, -

I know you are annoyed continually with crank letters, and requests of all kinds, and thats why I have hesitated about writing you.

I have a small elephant collection, sixty three, to be exact. and I have been wanting to ask you, many times, since the passing of our beloved late President, if you would send me one small one from his collection. if you have not disposed of them. I would prize it most highly. Mine have been given me by friends and relatives. I have one beautiful ivory one; sent from India, by my Nephew, when he was in the armed forces. The others only have sentimental value. How proud I would be add one of Pres. Roosevelt's to my small collection.

I hope you will not consider the request too presumptious, and if you cannot comply, I will understand.

You and your late husband will always be held in the highest esteem. The world would be a better place in which to live, if we had more like you.

Very respectfully yours,
Mrs. Alice E. Hensley.