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My dear Mrs Roosevelt,

It occurred to me that you might like to have an enveloped bearing the Conference stamps.

I have the extreme good fortune to be working for the Secrétariat Général (Liaison Service) at the Luxembourg Palace. Commandant (French) R. de Maillé is the delightful and efficient director of the Service de Liaison. It is a most interesting office as all the French liaison officers attached to the various delegations receive their instructions and make their reports here. Our office is right at the top of the "escaliers d'honneur" so all the delegates have to pass by our open door.

Mr. Molotov flanked (I might say geographically bounded by numerous members of his delegation advances most solemnly. Then suddenly an intriguing headdress looms – it is the delegation from India – lift something out of the arabian nights.

Everyone is charmed by Secretary Byrnes's gracious and simple manner – "pas du tout grandiose," one of the police guards commented. The other day he came up unattended and signed autograph cards for the French guards who happened to be about. I have not seen him yet, but hope to some day.

I'm sorry to report that the French people generally are somewhat cynical about the Conference. There is a certain resignation to the inevitability of another war.

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It is just by the merest chance that I got this assignment. I happened to be in Paris as a member of a group of American teachers of French invited to spend the summer here as guests of the French Government to help promote "cultural relations". I teach French right in your neighborhood in Greenwich Village — Southerland Junior High School (P.S. 3) at Grove and Hudson sts. You probably see some of my pupils there in the 4th St. park. They often tell me they see you there with your dog.

I wonder whether you realize how deeply loved and mourned President Roosevelt is throughout the world. They tell me that in France he is called "père de la Victoire."

If there is anything I can do for you at this conference or in Paris generally you would honor and please me greatly by letting me know.

Sincerely yours,

Frances Lee McGillicuddy