I am sorry, I cannot return to your composition. It saw the J.P. library at J.P. but letters for the library has not had sufficient staff to sort & file the several thousands of letters, poems, musical compositions etc which were dealt with after my husband's death. If at the time you had asked for its return, I asked him had it been kept by you, but anything kept unsolicited at that time was placed in the library for future reference.

Manuccio
Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
Hyde Park, New York  

October 26, 1946

Dear Madam:

Shortly after the death of our beloved ex-president, Franklin D. Roosevelt, I sent you an original musical composition, "Elegy", which I dedicated to his memory.

After waiting for several months for an acknowledgement, I wrote you and your response, (dated September 24, 1945), informed me that the composition was probably received but, due to the excess amount of work to put in order, the Library people had not been able to trace my music. As I could well understand such a situation, I accepted the fact that I would have to wait a little longer before my work would be brought to your attention.

However, now that it is over a year since your communication, I feel that I should try to find out whether or not you have looked into this matter. I am sure it is not difficult for you to comprehend how a composer feels about his creation. You can well understand my ambition to get this composition in print.

Therefore, I should appreciate it if you would have the "Elegy" returned to me at the earliest convenience so that I can attend to having it published, myself.

With best wishes, I am

Respectfully yours,

[Signature]