The Philippine Government will accommodate in Manila as its guests those who attend the Ceremonies, but guests will be expected to arrange their own transportation to and from Manila.
[Signature]

Please send reply to the

Resident Commissioner of the Philippines
to the United States
1617 Massachusetts Avenue, Northwest
Washington 6, D.C.

The favor of an early reply is requested.
The Government of the United States of America
and
The Government of the Commonwealth of the Philippines
request the honor of your presence
at the
Ceremonies attending the Proclamation
of the Independence of the Republic of the Philippines
and the Inauguration of
Manuel Roxas
as President of the Republic of the Philippines
and
Elpidio Quirino
as Vice President of the Republic of the Philippines
on Thursday, July fourth
One thousand, nine hundred and forty-six
in the City of Manila
July 2, 1946

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
Val-Kill Cottage
Hyde Park
Dutchess County
New York

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Please accept our thanks for the statement on Philippine Independence, which was received today. It was just what we wanted.

Sincerely,

[Signature]

SAMUEL G. BLACKMAN
CHIEF OF BUREAU
All of us in this country must rejoice now that the time has come for the Phillipines to enjoy their independence. The war has made it more difficult for the people of the Phillipines to start their experiment in self-government since there is a great deal of rehabilitation work which must be done.

I hope very much that we who have had so many years of interest in the Phillipines will continue that interest, helping with rehabilitation and enjoying in the future the closest economic and cultural cooperation.

There must be a maximum source of pride to every citizen of the United States that voluntarily and with our help these Islands are now about to carry on their own government.
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
Hyde Park, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

The Manila Bulletin is preparing a special edition in celebration of Philippine independence and has asked if you will contribute a 100-word statement to be published in it. It should be on the subject of the islands' independence and should reach us promptly so it can be airmailed to Manila. Thanking you for whatever you wish to write, I am

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

SAMUEL G. BLACKMAN
CHIEF OF BUREAU