My dear Mr. Smallenbarger:

Of course, I think your project is not only worthwhile but one of the most important things in the world.

It is true that the key to getting on with people of other races and other creeds lies in learning to get on with our own neighbors and in the realization that men may be superficially different and yet basically very similar, and that we must make the effort to understand other people and the reasons which make them do certain things. We can not expect other people to make this effort where we are concerned unless we, who have so much to be grateful for, take the lead.

Very sincerely yours,
June 30, 1946.

Dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Our Junior High Sunday School Department is using the theme of world friendship for its summer study. We are endeavoring by the use of maps, pictures, study reports, and other methods to drive home the salient points behind world friendship and ultimate peace.

This is quite a task for the leaders—not disagreeably so, but because like all others on the subject, we lack a workable plan. Young people, we find are unlearned by the traditions of race supremacy, class and color hatreds and other stumbling blocks peculiar to the adult mind.

The problem of human relationship is most profound. For instance, a boy or a girl is more
concerned with the little spots among their friends than that of mistrusting or mistreating the peoples of other lands. Now that the world is so closely related we suddenly find ourselves face to face with world relationship before we have learned a full ethical treatment of our own closest neighbors. We have always taught our young people the greatest problem they have to learn is that of getting along with their fellowmen. The perfect formula I do not have but I have friends with poise and dignity sufficient to prove there is a way and that it can be developed. The world-wide picture presents the fact we must live in peace or else our existence will be a nightmare of horror.

I am writing to you because I know from your daily editorials, your heart is in this subject. That you consider such a project worthy of an attempt. I know you have seen the people of other lands and that you consider their friendships available for cultivation. I hope you may find a minute to drop us a line or two on the subject. This would add greatly to our interest in our project as well as having the honor of sharing thoughts with one so universally declared an ambassador of friendly relationship wherever she goes.

Yours very sincerely,

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