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Thursday, April 18, 1946, at six-thirty o'clock

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I am very sorry not to be able to attend this dinner in honor of Dr. Channing Tobias, at which I had hoped to be present.

I am glad that my son can be present and bring this message for me.

I have long admired Dr. Tobias' capacity for work and his capacity for achieving his ends without antagonizing those with whom he works. I wish him every success in all he undertakes and I am happy always to have an opportunity to work with him.

Eleanor Roosevelt.

Telephone: Ashland 4-8578.  
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*Tobias, C*  
October 17, 1946

PHELPS-STOKES FUND  
101 PARK AVENUE  
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With cordial good wishes, I am

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CARE Refugee Office, London,  
Clerkingwell, Middlesex,  
American Legation,  
17th Sept. 1946.

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,  
101, Riverside Drive,  
New York.

## A LETTER

Dear Madam, of

### APPEAL

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CARE Raphael O'Hara Lanier,  
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C/o Dr. Channing H. Tobias,  
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