CAROLYN WOLFE

1935 - 1936
May 3, 1935.

My dear Mrs. Wolfe:

Mrs. Roosevelt was greatly interested in a letter she had from Mrs. Freeman Jones, an alumnus of the National Park Seminary, Forest Glen, Maryland. She does not know this lady, but she has arranged to receive her and seven or eight of the alumnae on May 24. She read the quotation from this letter to the President, and he suggested that it should be sent to you and to the Postmaster General, as you might find her valuable in North Dakota.

"I got interested in the politics of our party when I could see a possibility of swinging this State Democratic Nationally—I started out in my car to see every farmer and his wife personally. No one had ever tried before to build up a Democratic Party in this County. Then the County Committee asked me to run for the legislature, so I had two to work for. I checked up every woman I thought intelligent enough to act as Committee woman in her precinct.

Then this last election, I was on the ticket again and had Mr. Moodie to work for. The sad story in this State you know. I do not feel that my work was wasted. I built from the very bottom and I firmly believe that is the only way our Party can be built up. I met farmers who didn’t know there was a Democratic Party out here, thought it only existed in the Eastern States. I am not discouraged as far
October 31, 1935

Dear Mrs. Wolfe:

Miss Dowson and I think it would be a very good idea to have a discussion with the President about various things of political interest, and I am hoping that you can dine with us at the White House on the night of Wednesday, December 11, at 7:45.

I am asking Mr. Farley, Miss Dowson, Mrs. Fickel, and Mrs. Woodward.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. James H. Wolfe
December 30, 1935

Dear Mrs. Wolfe:

I doubt very much if the special edition would be advisable, but it seems to me that the $51 extra on an edition would be quite possible. As I understand it, the subscription is $1 a year. It would then cost $151 a month if we guaranteed a thousand subscriptions for the Women’s Division of the Democratic State Committee of New York. I take it for granted that it would be mailed from here and that this subscription includes mailing.

I am sending your letter on to Nancy Cook and Mrs. O’Day for them to consider, but I would like to have these questions answered to forward to them.

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. James H. Wolfe
Dem. Nat. Com
Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt,
The White House,
Washington, D. C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Molly asked me to inquire how much it would cost to print an extra four pages in the Digest to carry the news of the New York Clubs. Mr. Collier has just informed me that it would cost $31 extra for the first 1,000 copies and $7 for an additional 1,000. If we could get a number of subscribers, say for instance 1,000, we could afford to get out a special New York edition without any additional cost to the New York Organization or the subscribers, over the regular subscription rate.

What we would really like to do in cases where a large block of subscriptions is guaranteed is to make a special rate of 50¢. It would, of course, mean that we would lose on the publication until our subscriptions reached a total of 20,000 or 25,000; but the reduced rate should be the quickest way to build the subscriptions to that point and perhaps the Committee could afford to charge the loss to publicity. Undoubtedly the Digest is exceedingly valuable and worthwhile to every woman who reads it.

I think it would be quite possible for any state taking the four page section to secure enough local advertisements to assist in paying the subscription cost. It seems to me that it would be possible through this arrangement for a great many states to avail themselves of the opportunity to provide members of their organization not only with a publication giving state and local news, but also the national news. Will you please advise me whether or not you think we should take the risk of offering a special edition of the Digest to the States at the special rate of 50¢ providing they can guarantee at least 1,000 subscriptions.

I think the following states would be interested in such a proposition:

Mrs. James H. Wolfe
Assistant Director
Mrs. June Pickel

December 22, 1935.
North Carolina,  
Pennsylvania,  
Ohio,  
Michigan,  
Illinois,  
Missouri,  
Kansas,  
Minnesota,  
Washington,  
Arkansas,  

and perhaps Kentucky.

At the present time we are offering a commission of 25% for fifty subscriptions or more, which brings the rate down to 75c. This, I think, should still prevail even if we get out the special editions.

Sincerely yours,

Mrs. James H. Wolfe,  
Director.

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MISS MARY W. DEWSON, Chairman, Hotel Biltmore, New York City
My dear Mrs. Wolfe:

Mrs. Scheider was telling me something about her conversation with you as to the possibilities for the Woman Speaker's Bureau. If I were you, I would not settle on any one, or even make any tentative promises, because Colonel Howe tells me that the actual campaign will be run in New York City as much as last time. That will mean we will have to have someone who will work directly with Miss Dewson and keep in touch with your office down here. I think I would wait until Mollie returns before making any definite, or even tentative, commitments.

Cordially yours,

Mrs. James H. Wolfe
February 11, 1936

My dear Mrs. Wolfe:

Mrs. Louise T. Lazell has written me of an idea which she has about sending out short five-minute speeches to women in different states. I think her idea might be very good and she might be put to writing out some sample speeches. This is just a suggestion but I thought you might like to be doing it in preparation for the future.

Nancy Cook is very anxious to get women speakers for political meetings - both partisan and non-partisan - and I told her that I think she should clear through the National Committee and not make any direct requests at this time. Have you any such list available of women who would be willing to go when Nancy has a request, or can you get it? Of course there is the question of expenses and I know that at the moment Nancy has no money.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Mrs. James H. Wolfe
February 3, 1926

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

Your note approving my idea has made me very happy. Of course I would be delighted to have you write to Mrs. Wolfe about it, and am prepared to make up any number of speeches on any of the agencies on short notice as my material is now arranged and sorted out in eager anticipation of just such an chance to use it.

Yours so very enthusiastically,

Louise T. Lazell
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MISS MARY W. DEWSON, Chairman, Hotel Biltmore, New York City
My dear Mrs. Wolfe:

I spoke to Molly some time ago about some suggestions on the actual production of the essay which I would have made about the mechanical and economical basis of certain suggestions to her which I thought was the proper thing to do. I only did this because I had had ten years experience in publishing a little paper and had to do it on an extremely economical basis.

I now understand that Mrs. Essary was offended at my interference and I hope that you will make it clear to her that I will never again make any suggestions about her work or your work.

Very sincerely yours,
December 2, 1936

My dear Mrs. Wolfe:

Thank you many times for your wonderful work in organizing the women of the country. I know you were a great help to Molly and I do hope the work can be carried on.

It was nice of you to tell me about the comments you have received on my lecture tour, and I am very happy if, in any way, I have helped the Women's Organization.

With all good wishes, I am

Very sincerely yours,

Mrs. James H. Wolfe
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NEW YORK CITY

WOMEN'S DIVISION

National Press Building,
Washington, D. C.

November 25, 1936.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

I am completing my work with the Women's Division today, starting home tonight. It has been a grand and thrilling experience working for the re-election of the President.

The by-products have been tremendously worthwhile. In the Women's Division we have had the opportunity to observe the growth of the women's interest in political affairs and their realization of the importance of participation in party activities. I personally can see a great gain during the short period I have been associated with the National Division.

With the close of the campaign, the letters began arriving asking for a new program. There is real determination to carry the Organization forward, which is indeed heartening to those of us who have been working on the program.

We have had many comments on your recent lecture tour. All of the women were delighted that you stressed the importance of the need for greater interest in civic problems. I am sure that your talks gave added impetus to the Women's Organization.

With every appreciation of the vital part you have played in the success of our Division and every good wish for the future, I remain

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

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