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Feb. 15, 1946

Dear Miss Tully:

The purpose of this letter is to invite you to cooperate in an enterprise which I hope will appeal to you as much as it does to us.

In connection with the anniversary of President Roosevelt's death, April 12, 1946, The New Republic will publish a special supplement devoted to his memory and interpreting his underlying ideals in the light of the problems of today.

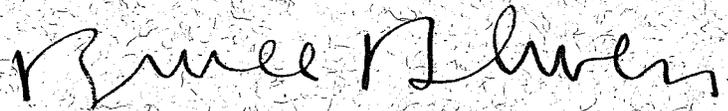
An important section of this supplement will deal with hitherto unpublished aspects of the President's life and of his administration. We know that many events will occur to you from your personal experience with President Roosevelt which will yield new light upon his character and ideas, and upon the development of the New Deal. We are extremely anxious that you should contribute to this supplement an as yet unwritten chapter or incident. We are certain that your contribution will be of great significance.

We had thought of about 800 words, but needless to say, we should welcome anything you wanted to write, at any length.

Won't you let me know by return mail that you will do this, and then get copy to us by Friday, March 22, without fail? I am not giving you a fictitious advance deadline but the actual last day on which copy must be set.

I enclose a list of those invited to contribute to this special supplement. We anticipate not only a very large sale in our regular edition but also that hundreds of thousands of copies will go into the classrooms of the public schools, in this and other countries, to be used for a long time to come.

Cordially and sincerely,



Grace Tully
c/o The White House

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March 18, 1946.

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Thank you so much for the honor you did me in inviting me to contribute.

Very sincerely yours,

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