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Dear Mrs Roosevelt

Jack and I were so touched – by your generosity and thoughtfulness – in the column you did about me – which was in the Sunday section of the Boston Globe – and in the Post about 2 days ago.

Jack was touched and grateful – as of course was I – but I must say I experienced one feeling that

4) ever needed proof of yours – so this last episode is just one more sign – but a special one for me – that you are something that is so rare – and so good for all women my age to have to emulate – a great lady.

I am at our little house in Virginia writing this. My daughter is sick in bed and I have been reading to her all morning – the strangest coincidence – a childrens book about Fala – The True Story of Fala – She is riveted by it – and as I told her I was going to write to you today – insisted on sending her own contribution – in case you wonder what this wrinkled piece of paper is – I must summon the assistance of Mr West Wade and Bruce to answer all her questions about him.

With my appreciation – and deepest good wishes always

Jacqueline Kennedy

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3) many of the voids left when you stopped being the President's Wife — and never returning to the dark side of the coin — only to the things you found commendable — it makes me feel ashamed — and that you have been imposed upon —

But it is conceited just to look at things through ones own eyes — so when I look at what you did from far away — it appears one of the most gracious gestures ever. When you admire someone, as I have always admired you, you are always happy at every additional thing they do that proves their magnanimity — No one

2) he didnt — which was extreme embarassment.

I always feel embarassed when they pester you with questions about me — which you shouldnt have to be bothered with — and which you never fail to answer charmingly and kindly — (and with good advice — I didnt really believe what you said about making new friends while in the W. House — in an article that came out just about the time of Inauguration, but I do now.)

But when you do a whole piece on a sucessor who has not filled so

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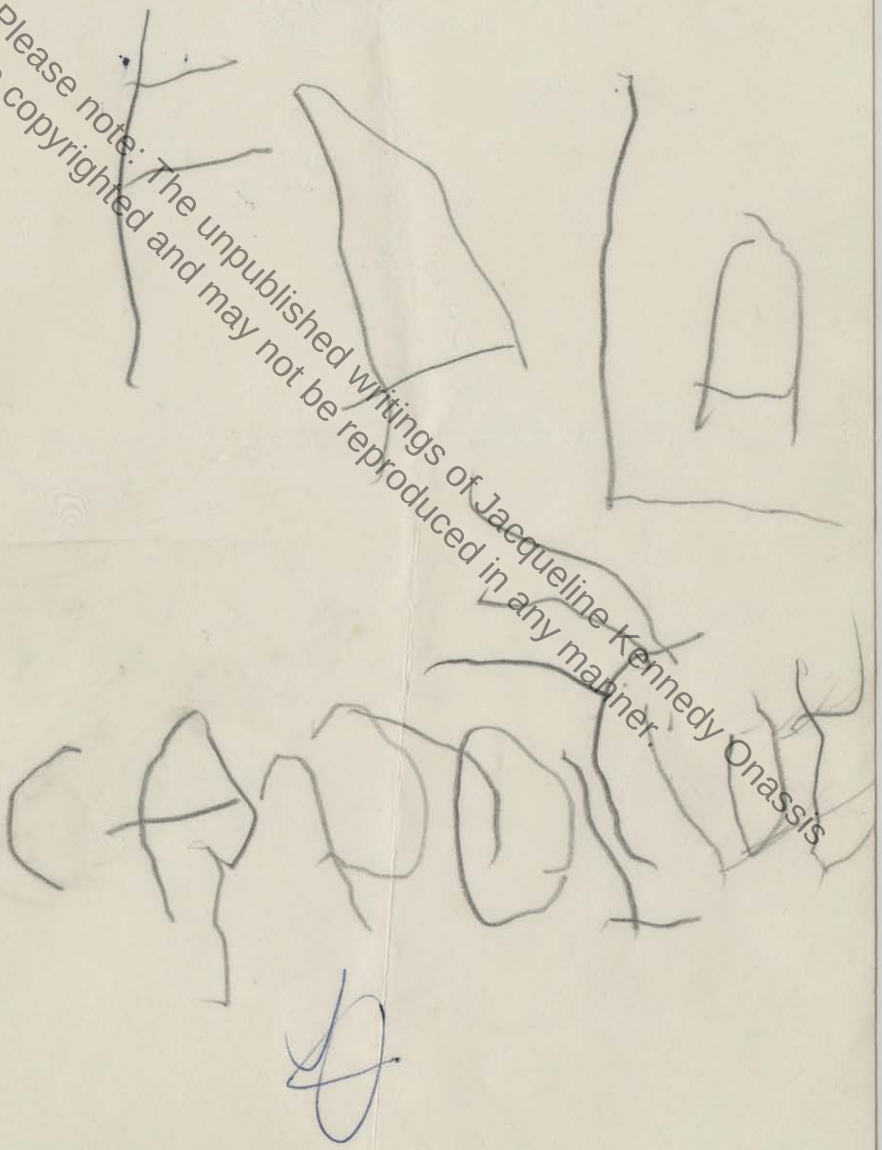

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