

**A. Philip Randolph to Eleanor Roosevelt**  
August 5, 1943

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt  
White House  
Washington, D.C.

My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Just a word in these days of crisis and of storm and stress to express my deep appreciation for the great service you are rendering in your own way to the cause of democracy in general, and justice for the Negro people in particular. I need not tell you that there is a deep affection among the Negro people for you, because of your forthright and sincere advocacy in human justice.

Because of your attitude for equality and freedom for all people you are the subject of severe criticism among certain sources, but this has been so with the pioneers of human liberty.

I just wanted to send you this note, and I do not expect an answer.

Sincerely yours,

A. Philip Randolph  
International President

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