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Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt,
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Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I am just completing a biography of my sister, Amelia Earhart. I know that she had a sincere admiration for both you and your late husband. I am asking your help in reaching a possible solution to one of the many questions surrounding her disappearance.

Do you recall that any intimation was ever made to you that the President had requested Amelia to observe and to report any illegal occupancy of certain South Pacific islands by the Japanese in 1937? The rumor that such a request was made has persisted in spite of a categorical denial by the late George Palmer Putnam. The recently publicized hypothesis that Amelia was executed by the Japanese would be more plausible if it were known that our State Department and the President especially had suspicions. Personally, I do not feel that the execution theory is sound; however, perhaps one should not dismiss it lightly. My thesis, supported by Paul Mantz, Amelia's technical advisor, and quite a number of Naval and Air Force personnel, is that lightning struck the plane, causing it to disintegrate completely.

Knowing your busy and purposeful life, I hesitate to ask you for a detailed reply, but I assure you I should be most grateful for any information you might care to give me about your friendship with Amelia.

Gratefully yours,

Muriel E. Morrissey

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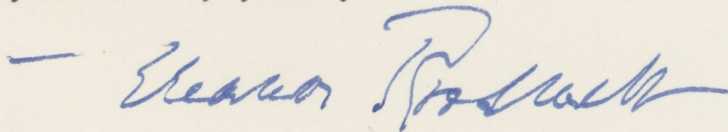
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Dear Mr. Morrisey,

Thank you very much for your letter
of November 13.

I do not agree with you. Mr. Nixon
was given every chance. The votes were
re-counted and still Senator Kennedy had
the majority. So it was the people of
the United States who decided whom they
wanted.

Very sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Eleanor Roosevelt", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.