

THE WHITE HOUSE  
WASHINGTON

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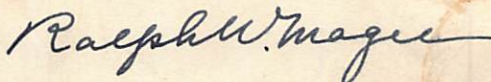
My dear Mr. Beal:

Mrs. Roosevelt and her secretary are away and in their absence I have been asked to acknowledge their mail.

I shall bring your letter to Mrs. Roosevelt's attention at the first opportunity and I know she will be deeply appreciative of your thoughtfulness in sending her a copy of *THE SPIRIT OF AMERICA*, containing some of your poems.

Mrs. Roosevelt would appreciate, too, your courtesy in wishing her to see the lyric and songs which you have composed. She would regret very much to tell you, however, that because of the great number of songs and poems which she receives it has been necessary for her to make the rule never to comment on them, nor to assist in any way with their publication.

Very sincerely yours,



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