

*M.H.
Roosevelt*

April 12th
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My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Thanks in large measure to you the Marian Anderson concert on Sunday was one of the most thrilling experiences of our time. Only one thing marred it-- that you couldn't be there. But I understand thoroughly the reason you could not come.

We were delighted to read in the newspapers yesterday in your statement to your press conference that if you were asked to do so you would consent to present the Spingarn Medal to Miss Anderson when you speak at Richmond on July 2nd. Since Dr. Webb and I talked with you at the White House some weeks ago the desire to have you make the presentation at the close of your speech has developed. We had planned to take this up with you later when we sent you the memorandum you asked us to send in May. But in view of your statement yesterday we are writing now to tell you how happy we are to know that you will make the presentation. I know this happiness is shared by Miss Anderson.

Ever sincerely,

Secretary.

Copy to Dr Webb

Mrs. Eleanor Roosevelt
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