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My dear Mrs. Roosevelt:

Has your attention ever been called to a machinery for communication with the Senior Children of the World set up in the last dozen years by Lucy Helen Pearson? I am having this letter written on Mrs. Pearson's stationery that you may see the number and the quality of the people whom she has converted to her idea.

Mrs. Pearson has developed her machinery until today she can send a message direct by mail to the heads of thirteen thousand schools in fifty four lands. This Student Fellowship is not an organization, it is a channel which as its founder puts it is a "quick silent way to enable educators to speak and act without academic compromises, and without political, governmental, religious or racial bias."

Mrs. Pearson is most anxious to send out to her unique fellowship before the Economic Conference a plea from the President of the United States for better world understanding - something which might stir and enlist the idealism of the great body of youth she can so directly reach.

No one in the world today is listened to as is President Roosevelt. He has nobly proved his right to world attention. A brief word to youth in the interest of understanding as the basis of peace would be heeded. It might easily prove to be the match that is needed to fire the hearts of men.

If you can see your way, dear Mrs. Roosevelt, to ask the President to give to Mrs. Pearson the brief message she seeks

you will only be adding another to the innumerable contributions you are making to a better social order.

But if you do not think it wise so to do you may be sure that I shall quite understand, I know that you will understand that I am simply shooting an arrow into the air.

With affection and profound admiration to both you and the President, believe me

Faithfully yours

Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt
The White House
Washington, D. C.