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The Honorable George Bush Suite 900 10000 Memorial Drive Houston, Texas 77024

Dear George:

Thanks for your note about the Franklin Delano Roosevelt Memorial. I thought hard about that issue, and I appreciated your input.

As you know, I have instructed the Secretary of the Interior to formulate plans for the design and construction at the Memorial of an additional statue, bas-relief, or similar sculpture of President Roosevelt in his wheelchair. At my request, FDR Commission Co-Chairman Senator Daniel Inouye introduced a joint resolution to this effect in the Senate, which passed by unanimous consent on May 2nd. Congressman Maurice Hinchey has introduced a similar resolution in the House, and I look forward to its passage there, as well.

I appreciate your commitment to promoting inclusion and independence and am grateful for your counsel on this issue.

Sincerely,