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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR, WOMENS' ARMY AUXILIARY CORPS:

Dear Mrs. Hobby:

Mrs. Roosevelt telephoned the Secretary of War today that she was planning to make a visit to England leaving here some time between the twelfth and fifteenth of October. She wishes to see how the British people are reacting and how they are integrated into the war effort. Also she will probably visit some of our troop camps.

She made mention of the possibility that you might be going over some time and that she would be glad if you happened to be in England during at least a part of her stay. As I understand it, she did not have in mind that you would be a member of her party, but rather that when she was visiting women's military or naval organizations that you might join her.

I have had in mind that it would be profitable for you to see what the British have done and I also realize that an absence in October presents special difficulties for you in view of the organizational phase of your Corps. However I do think that it would be an excellent thing if you were brought into more intimate contact with Mrs. Roosevelt and this seems just such an opportunity.

Do you think you could so arrange your affairs as to visit England for a week or ten days during the latter part of October?

Mrs. Roosevelt's trip is of course highly confidential, but as I have explained the situation, it should be practicable for you to talk to me over the phone about this without mentioning names or places.

(Sgd) G. C. MARSHALL

Chief of Staff.

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Memo. to Mrs. Hobby re Mrs. R's visit to England

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