

FRANKLIN D. ROOSEVELT

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Mr. D. H. Mudge
Edwardsville, Ill.

My dear Sir :

I have not heard what decision you have made as between the two Presidential candidates, but remembering your firm belief in the policies and ideals of Woodrow Wilson, I am encouraged to hope that you have decided as I have decided - that under Governor Smith our country stands far more chance of returning to the path blazed out for us by our greatest President, than under the materialistic and self-seeking advisers who surround the other candidate; men whose influence has already made it manifest that high ideals and a forward-looking policy - not only for this country, but for the world - would stand as little chance under Mr. Hoover as they have stood under President Harding, President Coolidge and Mr. Mellon.

To me, the contemptuous casting aside of all of President Wilson's wonderful dreams of a better world, and the substitution of crass materialism and a dollar-and-cents viewpoint of everything has been a world tragedy. I know Governor Smith and I know that in his own way his interest in humanity, his intolerance of the oppression of the weak and his desire to help those handicapped by circumstances has led him to the same belief as to what our country's attitude should be, and as to how its course should be guided, as animated President Wilson.

I would deeply appreciate it if you would write me confidentially what you have decided, addressing the letter to my house, 49 East 65th Street, New York City.

Yours very truly,

Franklin D. Roosevelt