Dear Mrs. Roosevelt,

I got back from my furlough the other day and felt refreshed and rested. During my short leave I had an opportunity to go to Syracuse for a while and returned and saw "Tales of Manhattan", a very unusual story on the screen at Radio City Music Hall.

An announcement was made over the radio that you may go to England. I am praying that you will have a very safe journey and an enjoyable one too.

When I returned I expected to see the 99th and several units gone but it seems that they are not quite ready to leave yet. The pilots of the 99th look as though they have really mastered flying judging from the way they go into maneuvers.

While I was at home you asked me to let you know where the departing combat units go if possible. I have made an inquiry and was told that that information cannot be given out, at least not until after the units' trip has been completed.

Today, there was a graduation of quite a few enlisted men of the 99th and other units that make up the group. It was very colorful.

I have had no word about my officer candidate school, application as yet.

I am interested to find out the results of the case you discribed to me. It's the one in which a soldier was taken off a train in Richmond when he refused to sit in the colored section and his father wrote to you about it.

Mrs. Roosevelt, little though it may be, if ever there is anything I can do for you I am always at your disposal regardless of what it is and when and if necessary, no one would be the wiser.

Sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Some of the historical documents contained in this curriculum guide reflect deep-seated and disturbing racial prejudices regarding African-Americans that were common among many white Americans in the early and middle years of the twentieth century. It is important to remember that these documents must be viewed in the context of their own time. While offensive to modern readers, they help us understand the intense opposition the Roosevelts and the Tuskegee Airmen faced over the issue of allowing black men to pilot military aircraft. FDR Presidential Library and Museum.