July 17, 1935.

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman,
Governor of the State of New York,
Albany, New York.

Dear Herbert:

Charlie Liebman, who returned from Europe recently after a long stay there, has become very much interested in the present situation of the Jews in Germany and we have had many conferences with him. We were most anxious to find a high class American who could go over and represent us in Europe, much on the lines that Dr. Julius Goldman or James Rosenberg represented us years ago. He finally decided to go over on our behalf and expects to sail around the first of August. For personal reasons he does not want to have this a matter of public knowledge, but, of course, you can realize that we are all very much delighted that he is willing to go. He will be in contact with the English Committee and with the French Committee. He would like to have it understood that his going to and from Germany must be left to his own judgment.

Mr. Liebman has discussed with us the question of a diplomatic passport which would avoid inspection of his personal baggage and papers in passing over borders, and I am asking you whether it might be possible for you to arrange such diplomatic passport for him. His full name is Charles J. Liebman. You realize, of course, that we have had contact at various times with the State Department through the courtesy of Mr. Phillips, with whom we had contact, as you may remember, during the time when Mr. Lucas was our Secretary. He has, for instance, asked the Paris Embassy for whatever courtesies may be required by our Paris office and the Embassy in Berlin likewise has been similarly instructed by our State Department. You may also know that on the day before Professor Dodd sailed, Felix Warburg and I had a long and very pleasant private conversation with him, during which we told him that we had no intention of bothering the Embassy, but in case we had to, we wanted him to know who the Joint Distribution Committee is. I don't know to what extent the State Department is willing to give diplomatic passports, but in view of the fact that the Joint Distribution Committee is well known to the State Department, and that Mr. Liebman is a personality of the highest character, perhaps they might be willing to make an exception.

Felix Warburg discussed this matter with me and I told him that I would write you on this matter.

Very sincerely yours,

[Signature]

Paul Warburg