The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman  
Senate Office Building  
Washington, D. C.

Dear Senator Lehman,

The Herald Tribune plans to give Mr. Bernard M. Baruch an 85th birthday salute in the Friday, August 19th issue. The page will consist of a photo layout picturing highlights of Mr. Baruch's colorful career and reprinting brief "toasts" from a small group of his friends.

Knowing of your mutual esteem, I wonder whether it would be possible for you to write a brief birthday toast to Mr. Baruch and send it along at the earliest possible moment.

Since we're going to try to make this salute sort of a "surprise-party-in-print", I'd appreciate your not mentioning this project should you meet with Mr. Baruch between now and his birthday.

Thank you so much for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

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