February 27th, 1941

Dear Governor Lehman,

Thank you for your letter of February 24th, and also for your kindness in enclosing letters of introduction to the various eminent persons who may be able to help me in my work. I should like to take this opportunity of explaining what, perhaps, I did not make clear during our meeting -- that the principal aim both of my organization in general and of my own section of it in particular, is the acquisition of information for transmission to England. We are naturally anxious to remove any misconceptions which prevail about our intrinsically excellent case and to present it honestly and well. But equally we are anxious not to make any pro-Allied propaganda or pressure which in any case is undesirable, and in the case of the Jews, can never have been required.

Permit me to say how grateful I am for your kindness in giving me so much of your time and for your advice upon the questions which we discussed -- advice which has already proved most valuable to me. I should like to say once more how deeply I appreciated your kindness.

Yours sincerely,

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