March 8, 1951

The Honorable Herbert H. Lehman
United States Senate
Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Senator Lehman:

We were most regretful that you could not be with us at our recent and very successful Fourth Annual Convention. Of course, we realized the reasons and official demands that prevented this. We were, however, gratified and helped by the presence of Commander Edelstein and Miss Elizabeth Donahue of your staff.

In the National Board meeting that followed immediately after the Convention, the strong wish was expressed by the Board members that you might join the distinguished group of persons who serve as Vice Chairmen of ADA.

It was the Board's feeling that your presence as a Vice Chairman would be of inestimable value to ADA, while in no way adding to your burdens or responsibilities save as specifically assumed. In this way, the Board felt, we might not only have the advantage of your name as Vice Chairman, but also enhance the role of any alternate of yours in general counsel and discussion.

I hope you will find it possible to accept this nomination.

Cordially yours,

Francis Biddle
National Chairman