Dear Governor Lehman:

I am sending you a copy of a new book which I have just finished — "Tomorrow Without Fear." I hope that you will have a chance to read it.

It's a short book, but because I was limited to working in the evenings and on Sundays, it has taken me nearly two years to finish it. I doubt that I would have begun it if I had fully appreciated the amount of time and energy that it would take.

For more than four years I have been working closely with farmers, industrial workers, consumers, and businessmen. I have had a unique opportunity to see how closely the interests of each of these groups is bound up with the interests of the others. It seems clear that each group can prosper only if the entire economy prospers and that our economic future will be determined by our ability and willingness to work more closely and more constructively together.

As best I can, I have tried in my book to point the general direction that I believe we must take if we are constantly to increase our productive wealth and at the same time maintain the maximum of independence and freedom for all individuals. If we only avoid inflation in the next 12 months, I believe that a future of almost unlimited prosperity lies ahead of us.

The principles that I have laid down seem to me in general to follow the course that the Democratic Party as the liberal party must foster during the coming years: the achievement of the greatest possible production with increasing incomes for everyone (particularly in the middle and lower-income groups) and the strengthening in every way of our democratic free enterprise system.

If you find time to read the book, I will certainly be interested in your reaction.

Sincerely,

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