November 11, 1952.

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C.

Dear Senator Lehman:

In my opinion it would not be prudent for you to become an honorary member of the Negro Athlete Hall of Fame.

Although all but one of the members listed on its letter head are well known, outstanding citizens, the one that is not may embarrass the organization in the future. Unfortunately, he has a record in public affairs that is not too highly regarded.

I have inquired about the Hall of Fame, and though I usually do not approve of citizens organizing along racial lines, there seems to be nothing latently harmful about it.

I am pleased that you liked the advertisement that appeared in the Times on October 24th. I am also happy to state that it was well received throughout the country. I had felt since the beginning of the campaign that the Negro citizens should take a public statement as such about the campaign in order to show their interest, not only in civil rights, but in all issues which face our country.

Although we have lost a battle in our fight for liberalism, we have not lost the fight. It is because of true liberals like you that I am encouraged to work for what is best for all Americans. Of course, all of us must now work with the new administration. Naturally, we do not have to surrender our liberal beliefs because we shall do so. This fact alone makes democracy the greatest system of government on earth.

With kind personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Earl.