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

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Dear Senator:

Representative James C. Auchincloss of New Jersey has asked me to introduce a companion bill to the one he has authored in the House to expand Federal support for beach erosion projects.

I am advised by the Beach Erosion Board, Army Corps of Engineers, that your State has previously entered into a cooperative study agreement with the Federal government. Since this is indicative of a prima facie concern on the part of your State in the beach erosion problem, I thought you might be interested in co-sponsoring this bill in the Senate.

The bill would amend the basic policy in the 1946 Act which authorizes Federal participation in the cost of protecting the shore of publicly owned property. It would do this by extending Federal assistance to restoration and protection of privately owned shores in the same ratio of one-third Federal share, two-thirds State or local share, as is defined in present law.

Inasmuch as the Federal government is already involved in protecting our shore lines in the interest of recreation and protection of a valuable natural resource, this bill is desirable as an important and logical extension of this basic concern. It would aid projects initiated by States or local subdivisions.

The Department of the Army has offered no objection to the enactment of H. R. 4470, if revised in certain respects. I understand that the House Public Works Committee will consider amendments to H. R. 4470 in view of the recommendations of the Department. The Bureau of the Budget had no objection to the submission of the Department's report.

I enclose a copy of H. R. 4470. Despite changes suggested by the Department, it is my intention to introduce an identical bill in the Senate in the belief that the Senate Committee on Public Works would be in the best position to consider carefully the technical modifications suggested by the Department.

Should your staff desire more detailed information with respect to the bill and the Army's report, may I suggest that they contact Mr. Abrahams of my office. I hope to introduce the bill on Thursday, March 22.

With all good wishes,

Sincerely,

Clifford P. Case  
U.S. Senator

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Enclosure

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