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Dear "Governor" Lehman,

While I do not know the exact date, I see by the newspapers that you are about to celebrate your 80th birthday. I do not want the occasion to pass without sending you my heartiest congratulations and best wishes.

It is a constant source of inspiration to your younger friends to think of your distinguished career, and to watch you continuing to pursue it so actively. It was a great privilege to serve under you in UNRRA, and, like you, I am extremely proud of our accomplishments in UNRRA, which were achieved under great difficulties.

I am now in my 15th year of consecutive service in international organizations, a career which
started in UNRRA in January 1944. While great strides and progress have been the lot of international organizations over the period, and the prestige of the U.N. is now very high, yet I can truthfully say that we could use some of the UNRRA effort in the U.N. now. I am doing our bit—a very small bit—and am happy to be in a responsible post in the U.N. Technical Assistance Program.

Please accept my congratulations on your 50th and my warm regards to you and to Mrs. Lebman. In which Mrs. Cohen joins me.

Sincerely yours,

Walter Cohen