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

Dear Senator Lehman:

Thank you for your letter of July tenth and that of the Bernard Gelles and Company, Cotton Exchange Building, Sixty Beaver Street, New York City, concerning their dealings with the Yugoslav Government. The letter points out their desire to obtain a contract for the sale of cotton to Yugoslavia.

I am glad to have the opportunity of reading the comments made by the Company and note that it was suggested the complaint be referred to the Economic Cooperation Administration, which I assume you have done. It would seem that the remedy sought by the firm, is either judicial or executive in its nature, rather than legislative. The Foreign Relations Committee does not have the power to correct situations growing out of failures of foreign governments to meet their obligations and commitments, except as the Congress is empowered to make such corrections within its jurisdiction through legislation. We are very much interested, however, and I appreciate your bringing the complaint to our notice.

Your letter and the accompanying communication will be kept on file for reference at such time as the Committee may consider legislation pertaining to this general subject.

Sincerely,

Chairman.

July 18, 1951.

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