June 25th, 1943

Dear Governor:

I just received a copy of the letter which you sent. I am very proud of your opinion of me and I want you to know that I appreciate it very much indeed.

I read your article in the Country Gentleman on Agriculture's Post-War Job, and I thought it very interesting. My observation to Mrs. Lehman about greater publicity was not in criticism, of course. But I do think that articles such as this and your speech the other night do a great deal of good. You have a tremendous undertaking, and the people should know it. While the fighting naturally takes first place in every person's mind, there is real interest in your work. You stimulate it by public appearances, magazine articles, speeches, etc.

I have studied the proposed draft of the international agreement very carefully. I do not know your opinion of it, but it seems to me the only proper approach to the problem. I am afraid that if each nation tries to do this job on its own, each of their foreign relief offices may become dominated by their respective State Departments. The work may become involved in diplomatic moves. Unless the Member Governments agree in advance, they may run into trouble.
With warmest regards to you and Mrs. Lehman,

Sincerely,

Tom C.

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman
Director, Office of Foreign Relief and Rehabilitation
Department of State