November 27, 1936

Hon. Herbert H. Lehman,
Albany, New York.

My dear Governor:

It was characteristically generous to have taken the time in the midst of all of your arduous duties to send me a note of congratulation in connection with my appointment as Ambassador to Russia.

That the President's judgment and confidence should be confirmed by your own opinion, has real value to me, and I am very glad indeed to have your telegram.

Both Mrs. Davies and I followed the very gallant fight which you made in the Empire state. We were both hoping and praying at the Philadelphia convention that you would accede to the tremendous wish of the people not only of your own state, but of Democrats throughout the country that you would again give the great strength of your candidacy to aid in the election of President Roosevelt. The democracy of the nation owes you a great debt of gratitude, and I am sure that history will so record it.

Moreover, it is a great satisfaction to your friends, as it must be to your loved ones, to be conscious of the great service which you have rendered to your state, and also that which you are rendering to our country in the preservation of those democratic institutions to which you have so generously given of the best part of your life.
Mrs. Davies joins me in sincere congratulations upon your splendid victory and kindest remembrances to your beautiful lady and yourself.

With assurances of my esteem and regard,

I am,

Very truly yours,

[Signature]

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