Mr. Adolph Held, Toastmaster
Governor Lehman Dinner Committee
Hotel Commodore
New York, New York

Dear Mr. Held:

It is indeed a privilege to join with the Labor Division of the American CRT Foundation in its tribute to Herbert H. Lehman's fourteen years of service to the people of the State of New York.

I would be with you tonight except for the problems involved in the presentation of the Executive Budget to the press tomorrow and to the Legislature on Monday. No one knows the importance of this task better than your guest of honor.

Upon the completion of his long service to our State, it is fitting that the people of the State should express their gratitude to Governor Lehman and their appreciation for his long labors in the public interest.

I know that I speak on behalf of the entire State when I say that every citizen of the State joins with me in wishing your guest of honor strength and success in the task now facing him.

Sincerely yours,

Thomas E. Dewey